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Section I: Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

- 1) Washington State has a total of 111 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.*)

- a) As defined in Washington [RCW 29.A.08.140](#), in order to vote in any election in Washington state a person must:
 - i) Submit a registration application that is received by an election official no later than eight days before the day of the primary, special election, or general election. For purposes of this subsection (1)(a), "received" means: (i) Being physically received by an election official by the close of business of the required deadline; or (ii) for applications received online or electronically, by midnight, of the required deadline; or
 - ii) Register in person at a county auditor's office, the division of elections if in a separate location from the county auditor's office, a voting center, a student engagement hub, or other location designated by the county auditor no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary, special election if the county is conducting an election, or general election.
- b) Washington state does not have Party Registration. In order to participate in the Democratic Presidential Primary:
 - i) All registered voters receive a postage paid ballot mailed to their home 18 days prior to the March 12 primary date, regardless of political affiliation or prior electoral involvement. Each ballot will contain a Republican and a Democratic presidential primary ballot (this ballot may be the opposite side of the same piece of paper).
 - ii) Voters wishing to participate in the Democratic Presidential primary must *only* fill in the ballot for the Democratic Primary and sign the affiliated oath, created by the Washington State Democratic Party, attesting that they are a Democrat.
 - iii) Voters will then sign their ballot as they normally would. Only those ballots indicating participation in the Democratic Primary will be counted by the State.
 - iv) Voters will seal their ballot in a security envelope, and on the outside of the envelope will indicate which primary (Republican and Democratic) their ballot is for. Voters must select the Democratic party on this envelope and sign the oath provided by the State Party.
 - v) Voters may then deposit their ballots into any mailbox, postage paid, or any drop-box located across the state. It is counted so long as it is post marked on election day, or deposited into a drop-box no later than 8:00pm on election day.
 - vi) Voters may receive a replacement ballot up until the day of election at their local auditors office.
- c) To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the general election will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. *(Reg. 4.3.C)*
- d) At no stage of State's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. *(Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)*
- e) No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election. *(Rule 2.E)*

- f) Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate selection process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. *(Rule 2.F)*
- g) No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)*

2) The Washington state Democrats, under leadership of our new Secretary of State has pursued the following actions in increasing our voter security and combat election subversion:

- a) Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; *(Rule 2.H.1)*
- b) Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; *(Rule 2.H.2)*
- c) Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems; *(Rule 2.H.3)*
- d) Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; *(Rule 2.H.4)*
- e) Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; *(Rule 2.H.5)*
- f) Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; *(Rule 2.H.6)*
- g) Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately, with votes verifiable by voters; *(Rule 2.H.7)*
- h) Provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election administration and counter disinformation; *(Rule 2.H.8)*
- i) Actively engaging with state and local officials to implement fair and honest election policies and practices; and *(Rule 2.H.9)*
- j) Support adequate funding for state and local election administration. *(Rule 2.H.10)*

3) In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process *(Rule 2.1 and 2.1.1)*, the Washington State Democratic party maintains a year-round volunteer team of former and current lawyers trained on the election laws of the State who are available to assist voters throughout the cycle. Washington has, since Democrats retook the state legislature in 2017 enacted or maintained processes that:

- a) Expanded access to voting, including by moving exclusively to a fully postage paid, absentee, mail-in balloting system, with automatic voter-registration, and early registration for 16 and 17 year olds; *(Rule 2.1.1.a)*

- b) Ensured that voting locations, in Washington’s case, drop boxes and home mail-boxes are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number. In 2022 Washington had 647 drop boxes statewide, with plans to expand in 2024; *(Rule 2.1.1.b)*
 - c) Eliminated onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements by allowing registration online, pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds, and providing automated signature update requests in the event that a signature mismatch is expected due to signature drift; *(Rule 2.1.1.d)*
 - d) Facilitate military and overseas voting. *(Rule 2. 1.1.f)*
- 4) As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, Washington State has implemented:
- a) Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; *(Rule 2.1.2.a)*
 - b) Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; *(Rule 2.1.2.b)*
 - c) Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served their time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; and *(Rule 2.1.2.c)*
 - d) Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process. *(Rule 2.1.2.d)*
- 5) Washington, with full mail-in voting, same day-registration and no restrictions on Party affiliation primarily faces difficulty in communicating the processes of the Presidential Primary, not in the suppression of voting through institutions. In 2020, and planned for 2024, the State Party, in coordination with our new Democratic Secretary of State, will work to implement a comprehensive education campaign regarding the selection and completion of the proper parties’ ballot, and the correct way to fill out the outside of the ballot to ensure a vote is counted. While the institutions in place do not provide barriers to participation, as a primary state, voter education on how to ensure their ballot is properly counted is a primary goal, and one that we are undertaking actively with our Secretary of State. *(Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)*

D. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

- 1) The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the state’s delegate selection process must be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings must begin and end at reasonable hours, and meetings dates and times have or will consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation in setting the schedule for its process. *(Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)*
- 2) The selection of Legislative District delegates to the Washington State Convention, who will select Congressional District Level Delegates to the National Convention, will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024.
- 3) The selection of Congressional District Level Delegates to the National Convention will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

- 4) The selection of At-Large and PLEO delegates will occur on Sunday, June 9, 2024.
- 5) All delegate selection votes will be conducted virtually and will not require an individual 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 on December 1, 2023. The forms must be received no later than Friday, January 5, 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 5, 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. In addition to this base allocation, any district that satisfies at least one of the below criteria will elect an additional 5 delegates (fulfilling multiple criteria does not result in additional delegates beyond the first 5):
 - a) In 2022 both Democratic candidates running for the Washington House of Representatives won, and any Senate candidate, if they ran, also won.
 - b) In 2022 if Senator Patty Murray won more votes in the Legislative District boundaries than Tiffany Smiley during the General Election.
 - c) In 2020 if President Joe Biden won more votes than Donald Trump in what would become the district boundaries after the 2020 redistricting process.
- 3) Districts may also receive up to 10 additional delegates by reaching or exceeding their Affirmative Action goals within their delegation, as outlined in section III.B.2.
- 4) No district may receive more than 15 bonus delegates in total. The number of bonus delegates a district receives does not change the number of alternates a district is awarded. Total elected delegates among all districts will be 980 plus the number of bonus delegates awarded above.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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 Legislative District organization will vote on all Legislative District level candidates within their Legislative District, but will be required to vote in such a manner so as to maintain the presidential preference proportion of individual Congressional Districts.
- 8) Eligibility and filing requirements to run for Legislative District-level delegate:
- a) A legislative district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are a resident. All individuals who run for legislative district-level delegate must attest to the same oath as specified on the presidential preference primary ballot declaring an individual is a Democrat.
 - b) An individual can qualify as a candidate for legislative district-level delegate to the 2024 Democratic Washington State Convention by filing a statement of candidacy, considered their self-nomination, 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, March 31, 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.
 - c) Statements of candidacy may only be submitted to the State Party through a virtual portal provided and publicized by the State Party.
 - d) This portal and the information submitted in it (apart from contact information) will be publicly viewable to so as to familiarize themselves with the candidates running for Legislative District-level delegate.
- 9) Legislative District organizations are encouraged to hold candidate forums amongst delegate candidates. Provided that:

- a) All forums are conducted after the filing deadline for Legislative District-level delegate (March 31, 2024).
- b) All forums are open to all candidates and eligible voting members.
- c) All forums provide any accessibility accommodations necessary for their delegate candidates or voting members to participate fully.
- d) Such forum has had, by prior vote of the eligible voters of the Legislative District, rules passed governing the conduct of such forum, provided that the rules allow for equal participation amongst all candidates.

10) Conduct of Legislative District-level delegate elections:

- a) All aspects of the election of Legislative District-level delegate's will be administered by the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee or their designees.
- b) All individuals that submit statements of candidacy will appear on a virtual ballot. Their placement will be determined by the following:
 - i) First all candidates within a Congressional District will be displayed together.
 - ii) All candidates within a Congressional District will further be subdivided by presidential preference.
 - iii) Candidates will then be further subdivided by their gender category.
 - iv) Finally, candidates will be arranged alphabetically within these sub allocations.
- c) Virtual ballots will be distributed to each member of each Legislative District who had been seated as a member and whose information was received by the State Party by April 1, 2024. These ballots will contain the following:
 - i) Some means with which to uniquely identify the voter casting a ballot.
 - ii) Notice that all votes are taken within a representative capacity and are, thus, publicly auditable.
 - iii) Any requisite links for the voter to find additional information regarding the individuals they are voting on.
 - iv) Any necessary instructions so as to assist the voter in casting an equally divided ballot.
- d) In order to be counted, voters must adhere to the following when casting their ballots:
 - i) Provide the specified means of uniquely identifying the voter.
 - ii) Cast votes for no more and no fewer than the number of delegate seats to be elected in each sub-allocation of first Congressional District and then Presidential preference.
 - iii) Votes within Congressional District and Presidential preference sub-allocation must be equally divided to the extent practicable, meaning voting for a difference of no more than one between Male and Female category individuals.
- e) To ensure the Legislative District-level binary-gendered delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) delegate positions won by binary-gendered candidates within each district will be determined after the

number of gender non-binary candidates also winning delegate positions, if any, is known. Each Legislative District has a designated binary-gender advantage that determines the gender of the first binary delegate elected starting with male, and alternating in each instance a binary gender is required to have an advantage in a Legislative District election. Legislative District 1 is designated as the “first” district possible for allocating a binary gender advantage and districts proceed sequentially through Legislative District 49. A gender non-binary candidate for delegate shall be declared elected if they receive more votes than the number of votes received by the binary-gendered candidate with the fewest votes who would be elected if there were no non-binary candidates running. The first binary-gendered delegate elected by the presidential preference winning the most delegates in the Legislative District must be of the same gender as the advantaged gender in that district. Thereafter the gender of binary-gendered delegates elected by that preference will be alternated, skipping over gender non-binary delegates elected, until all delegates allocated to that preference have been elected. Thereafter the alternation shall continue through the other presidential preferences, from the preference winning the most delegates to the preference winning the least, until all delegate positions have been filled.

- f) After all delegate positions have been filled, those individuals receiving the highest votes will be seated as alternates in the same fashion as the delegates were seated, until all alternate positions have been filled.

B. Commitment to Affirmative Action within Legislative District Delegations

- 1) The Washington State Democrats Affirmative Action Committee will set Affirmative Action goals for Legislative Districts based on their demographic makeup and the growth trajectory of that district. These are outlined in Appendix **XX**.
- 2) Each district that reaches certain milestones will receive bonus delegates as outlined below:
 - a) If a district reaches at least 85% (rounding down) but less than 100% of their Affirmative Action goal, the Affirmative Action Committee may award 5 “bonus” delegates.
 - b) “Reaching” 85% is defined as either achieving at least 85% (rounding down) in each category, or by meeting 100% in all but a single category.
 - c) If a district meets or exceeds 100% of their Affirmative Action goals it will 10 receive bonus delegates .
- 3) Bonus delegate seats will be considered as “vacant” upon creation and filled, subject to these rules vacancy filling procedures, as outlined in.
- 4) Any bonus delegates awarded in such a way will not be permitted to participate in the selection of National Convention Delegates and will only have voice and vote in those

portions of the State Convention that do not participate in the selection of National Convention Delegates or Electors.

C. State Convention

1) Time, Place, and Appointment of Officials

- a) The 2024 Democratic State Convention shall commence on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 9:00 AM. The State Convention shall provide methods for people to attend in-person or virtually.
- b) The State Chair will appoint the temporary Convention Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant(s)-at-Arms.

2) Number of Delegates and Organization of Delegations

- a) There will be 980 elected delegates plus the number of bonus delegates as outlined in sections III.A.2 and III.B.2 and 500 elected alternates to the State Convention.
 - i) If the number of attendees from 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 on the day of the Convention, 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:
 - (1) Have been approved by at least a majority of the delegation at a delegation meeting.
 - (2) Clearly define individual amendments, as the Convention Platform and Rules Committee will be unable to divide the question.
 - (3) Provide a written explanation on the necessity of the amendment.
 - (4) Provide the contact information for at least one (1) individual who can speak to the committee on behalf of the amendment provided.
- d) All actions conducted by the Delegation must be facilitated and submitted by the Delegation Chair, including but not limited to the submission of all amendments and Resolutions, motions presented to the Convention floor, points of order, and challenges.
- e) All Resolutions and amendments to the proposed platform must be submitted, by a districts Delegation Chair, no later than Friday, May 4, 2024, at 5:00pm PT.
- f) All amendments to the proposed rules must be submitted, by a districts Delegation Chair, no later than Friday, June 7, 2024, at 5:00pm PT.

4) Seating of Alternates

- a) Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they were elected and shall serve only for their respective Legislative Districts. Alternates shall be seated in the following order:
- i) An alternate opposite the gender advantage of the Convention Delegation, in total, if one exists;
 - ii) An alternate opposite the gender advantage of the seated Delegates, if one exists;
 - iii) An alternate of the same gender and from the same county;
 - iv) An alternate of a different gender and from the same county;
 - v) An alternate opposite the gender advantage of the Convention Delegation, in total, from a different Legislative District, within the same county;
 - vi) An alternate opposite the gender advantage of the seated Delegates from a different Legislative District, within the same county.
- b) Within one of the categories listed above, the alternate who received more votes shall be seated before an alternate who received fewer votes at the same meeting. When

filling a seat for which alternates elected at different meetings are equally eligible, the position shall be filled by lot from among the equally eligible alternates.

- c) In the event that an LD is unable to elect all its alternate positions when delegates are elected resulting in vacant alternate positions, or vacancies in alternate positions arise due to resignation such vacancies may be filled by alternates elected by subsequent affirmative vote of the entire delegation of elected delegates until 24 hours prior to credentialing beginning for the State Convention.

5) Business of Convention

- a) The business of the State Convention shall be proposed by the State Convention Rules Committee and confirmed by the State Convention.
- b) Workshops, trainings, or other similar programming may be held at the discretion of the State Chair.
- c) The State Convention shall adopt permanent rules governing the conduct of its business at the beginning of the Convention and, until the adoption of such permanent rules, the Convention and the activities attendant thereto shall be governed by temporary rules set forth in the Call to the State Convention.

6) Standing Committees of the State Convention

- a) Each Legislative District delegation shall elect one member from each of the three standing committees: Credentials, Platform, Rules. These committee members elections will be transmitted to the State Party, by the Legislative District Chair, via PartyAffairs@wa-democrats.org no later than Friday, March 1, 2024. Any district that does not elect and transmit members to these committees by March 1, 2024 forfeits their seats on these committees.
- b) Credentials Committee:
 - i) The Credentials Committee shall be composed of one (1) member from each Legislative District delegation.
 - ii) Shall be chaired by the Chair of the Washington State Democrats or their designee(s).
 - iii) Have the power to certify delegates.
 - iv) Recommend settlement of all challenges that are submitted after the jurisdiction over challenges are transferred from the WSDCC Rules Committee to the Convention Credentials Committee.
 - v) The Credentials Committee will ensure compliance with the party's Affirmative Action Goals.
 - vi) The final Credentials Report shall be adopted prior to the conduct of any other official business during the Convention.

- vii) Challenges must be decided by the entire Credentials Committee. If Legislative District representatives have not yet been elected, then challenges will be decided following the procedures outlined in Appendix **XX**.
- c) Platform Committee
 - i) Be composed of:
 - (1) The WSDCC Resolutions Committee.
 - (2) One (1) elected delegate from each Legislative District delegation.
 - ii) The Platform Committee will be Chaired by the Chair (or Chairs) of the WSDCC Resolutions Committee.
 - iii) Propose a Platform drafted by the WSDCC Resolutions Committee.
 - iv) Consider all amendments submitted by the Legislative District delegations.
 - v) Consider and recommend an action on all Resolutions submitted by the Legislative District delegations, in accordance with the WSDCC Rules for Resolutions (Appendix **XX**).
- d) Rules Committee:
 - i) The Rules Committee shall:
 - (1) Be composed of:
 - (a) The WSDCC Rules Committee;
 - (b) One (1) elected delegate from each Legislative District delegation;
 - (c) One (1) appointed member of the WSDCC Affirmative Action Committee.
 - (2) Be Chaired by the Chair (or Chairs) of the WSDCC Rules Committee.
 - (3) Draft proposed rules for the conduct of the Convention, in accordance with this plan.
 - (4) Draft a proposed agenda for the conduct of the Convention, which shall be mailed or emailed to all delegates and alternates of the State Convention at least ten (10) days prior to the Convention.
 - (5) Ensure compliance with the party's Affirmative Action Goals.
 - e) Committees shall hold at least one initial meeting in advance of the State Convention at a time and place to be determined by the WSDCC Chair.
 - f) All Committee Meetings will be held virtually and open to the public unless it is necessary for such to meet at the site of the State Convention within 48 hours of the Convention beginning so as to complete any outstanding business.

Section IV: Selection of National Convention Delegates & Alternates

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

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

- c) Those delegates elected in the first step process at the Legislative District level will then participate in a Congressional District Caucus on May 18, 2024. CD Caucuses will be administered in the following manner:
 - i) CD Caucuses will be composed of the delegates elected at the LD Caucuses, as defined in this plan.
 - ii) Any individual who is registered to vote and 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 CD-level delegate. All individuals may self-nominate through May 12, at which point all valid candidates for Congressional District Delegate will be provided to presidential campaigns for right of review.
 - iii) CD Caucuses may involve a candidate forum hosted by and at the discretion of the Washington State Democrats Congressional District Representative to the States Executive Committee. Candidate forums must include the following:
 - (1) Accessibility accommodations to allow any candidates or members to be seen and heard.
 - (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 May 18, 2024, no later than 10:00am PT, all delegates within a Congressional 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 May 18, 2024.
 - v) Those individuals who receive the most votes will be seated as delegates to the National Convention, alternating between gender categories in order to maintain equal division within the CD delegation and throughout the total CD-level delegate allotment.
- 3) Apportionment of Congressional District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a) Washington State’s congressional district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2020 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial elections. (*Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A*)
 - i) Utilizing 2020 electoral results provides the closest proximity to the modern electoral framework utilized in Washington state. Using any information from presidential cycles prior to 2016 would not include turnout and registration information while automatic voter registration, youth pre-registration, same-day registration, and the state-run presidential preference primary were in effect, which may produce a less inclusive picture of Democratic turn-out in the electorate.

- b) The number of men and the number of women in the state’s total number of congressional district-level delegates will not vary by more than one. (*Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9*)
- c) The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table, assuming no gender non-binary delegates or alternates:

District	Delegates			
	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
Total	30	30	Even	60

- 4) Congressional District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a) A congressional district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. All individuals who run for congressional district-level delegate must attest to the same oath as specified on the presidential preference primary ballot declaring an individual is a Democrat. (*Rule 13.H*)
 - b) An individual can qualify as a candidate for congressional district-level 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 between Friday, April 12 and Sunday, May 12, 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.
 - ii) This portal and the information submitted in it (apart from contact information) will be publicly viewable so as to allow voters to familiarize themselves with the candidates running for congressional district-level delegate.

- 5) Presidential Candidate Right of Review for Congressional District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a) The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than Wednesday, May 15, 2024, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.D & Rule 13.F)*
 - b) Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by Friday, May 17, 2024, by 3:00pm PT, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate and three (3) separate individuals for each alternate position to be selected. *(Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.23 & Reg. 4.24)*
 - c) Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate 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, May 17, 2024, by 3:00pm PT.
 - d) National convention delegates candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.23)*
 - e) 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 congressional district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved congressional district-level delegate candidates and congressional district-level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.1 & Reg.4.10.C)*

- 6) Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
 - a) The State presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates selected at the Congressional district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates.

- b) Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*
- c) Congressional district-level delegates will be elected by the elected LD-level delegates to the Washington State Democratic Convention. These individuals will be pledged to a specific candidate in a proportion equal to that LD's presidential vote share, following the caveat that a candidate must reach the 15% threshold in order to receive delegates within an LD. The selection of LD-level delegates is outlined in Section III, *Legislative District Delegate Selection & State Convention*.

7) Equal Division of Congressional District-Level Delegates

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

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

B. Automatic Delegates

1) Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials

- a) The following categories shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:

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

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

- 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)*
 - b) 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 between Wednesday, May 23, 2024, and 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 Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10.C)*
- 4) Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
- a) The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. *(Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F)*
 - b) Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at 9:00am on Sunday, June 9, 2024 via virtual ballot, which is after the election of congressional district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. Election of PLEO delegates will be administered in the following manner:
 - i) PLEO delegates will be elected by members of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee elected from Legislative District organizations, in compliance with Rule 10.B as outlined in section D.5.c of this plan.
 - ii) All PLEO delegates will appear on the same virtual ballot, arranged first by Gender category, then by office category (with big city mayors & State-wide elected officials listed first, followed by state legislative leaders second, state legislators third, and so on), then alphabetically.

- iii) To ensure the PLEO level binary-gendered delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the PLEO level will have a designated binary-gender that determines the gender of the first binary delegate elected delegate. This will be the opposite gender of the final binary allocation made in the congressional district level elections, in descending order from CD01 to CD10. A gender non-binary candidate for delegate shall be declared elected if they receive more votes than the number of votes received by the lowest vote getting otherwise elected candidate of the district's then advantaged binary gender. The first binary-gendered delegate elected by the presidential preference winning the most delegates must be of the same gender as the advantaged gender. Thereafter the gender of binary-gendered delegates elected will be alternated, skipping over gender non-binary delegates elected, until all delegates allocated to that preference have been elected. Thereafter the alternation shall continue through the other presidential preferences, from the preference winning the most delegates to the preference winning the least, until all delegate positions have been filled. (*Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10*)
- iv) In the event of a tie for a PLEO position the outcome will be determined by lot.
- c) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (*Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A*)

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- 1) The state of Washington State is allotted 20 at-large delegates and 8 at-large alternates. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.32*)
- 2) At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a) An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged At-Large 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 between Wednesday, May 23, 2024, and 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.
 - b) Statements of candidacy may *only* be submitted to the State Party through a virtual portal provided and publicized by the State Party. At-Large delegate candidates will use an independent portal, containing only At-Large candidates.
 - c) This portal and the information submitted in it (apart from contact information) will be viewable to those voters eligible to vote for At-Large delegates so as to familiarize

themselves with the candidates running for At-Large delegate. (*Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.21, Reg. 4.22, & Reg. 4.29*)

- d) The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the member of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee elected from Legislative Districts, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (*Rule 19.A*)

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 an At-large 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 Sunday, June 9, at 10:00am 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 Sunday, June 9, at 10:00am 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 At-large delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. (*Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10.C*)

4) Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a) At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the results of the state-wide primary vote.
- b) Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (*Rule 14.E*)
- c) If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. (*Rule 14.F*)
- d) If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. (*Rule 11.C*)
- e) If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. (*Rule 19.B, Call 1.1 & Reg. 4.31*)

5) Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a) The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur immediately following the election of PLEO delegates on Sunday, June 9 via virtual means.
- b) These delegates and alternates will be selected by members of the State Democratic Central Committee elected from Legislative District organizations (*Rule 10.B, Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B*)
 - i) provided that:
 - (1) Members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative districts are apportioned in such a way that each pair of such members represents a district of approximately equal population. (*Rule 10.B.1 & Reg. 4.18.A*)
 - (2) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through open processes by elected and appointed Democratic precinct committee officers no earlier than December 1, 2022, in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (*Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B*)
 - (3) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of congressional district-level delegates. (*Rule 10.B.3*)
 - (4) Members of the State Party Committee shall have been elected no earlier than December 1, 2022, which is subsequent to the calendar year of the previous national convention. (*Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18.B*)
 - (5) Membership of the State Party Committee is equally divided to the extent practicable between men and women, without counting those members who identify as gender non-binary, complying with the equal division requirements of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States (*Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C*)
 - c) Priority of Consideration
 - i) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. (*Rule 6.A.3*)
 - ii) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. (*Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8*)
 - iii) The election of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. The election of at-large alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may

be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. *(Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*

iv) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. *(Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.19)*

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)*
 - d) Certification of Replacements
 - i) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 19.D.3)*
 - ii) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. *(Call IV.D.1)*
 - iii) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. *(Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.33)*
 - iv) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. *(Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)*
 - v) A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. *(Rule 19.E)*
- 2) Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: *(Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.35)*
- a) Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. *(Call IV.D.2.a)*
 - b) Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC

member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. *(Call, IV.D.2.b)*

c) 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

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

- 5) Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred in a state shall reflect the Presidential preferences so established. *(Call VII.G.3)*
- 6) The State Chair shall certify the temporary standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. Substitutions in a state's list of temporary members may only be made up to ten (10) days prior to the time the standing committee meets. Substitute temporary standing committee members will be selected at a meeting of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee in accordance with the provisions outlined above. *(Call VII.B.3 and Call VII.G.4)*

C. Standing Committee Members

1) Selection Meeting

- a) The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Washington State's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on Friday, June 21, 2024. *(Call VII.B.1)*
- b) All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. *(Call VII.B.1)*

2) Allocation of Members

- a) The members of the standing committees allocated to Washington State shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. *(Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)*
- b) The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Washington State. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. *(Call VII.C.2)*
- c) Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential

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

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

3) Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a) Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. *(Call VII.D.1)*
- b) Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by Wednesday, June 19, 2024 a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. *(Call VII.D.2)*

4) Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a) Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Washington State's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. *(Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10)*
- b) The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as self-identified. For example, the first binary position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a male, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a female, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to those who identify as non-binary, but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.
- c) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
- d) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance

between men and women in any committee and among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)*

- e) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). *(Call VII.E.1)*
- f) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

5) Certification and Substitution

- a) The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. *(Call VII.B.3)*
- b) No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected but not later than 48 hours before the 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, before the election of the At-Large electors.
- b) Candidates for Elector must be nominated by one of the members of the Legislative District State Central Committee Representatives residing within their electors Congressional District at the meeting on June 21. No second is required.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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 after the conclusion of the election of Congressional District Electors. 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.

3) Certification

- a) Following the election of Electors, in compliance with [RCW 29A.56.360](#), the State Party will submit to the Secretary of State no later than Tuesday August 20, 2024 the names of all electors nominated.

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)*
- 2) In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the State Party will take the following steps to ensure the persons selected are bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States:
 - a) Electors will be checked for their participation in the *Democratic* presidential primary of 2024.
 - b) Electors must sign an oath stating their commitment to upholding the Democratic Parties values and for voting for the nominee of the Democratic Party.
 - c) Electors, by penalty of law as enforceable found in *Chiafalo v. Washington*, will be mandated to cast their vote for the nominee of the Democratic Party. If any attempt is made to vote for a different nominee, the individual elector will be replaced automatically by an alternate.
 - d) If an Elector indicates intention to vote against the nominee of the Democratic Party, or for any other reason, they may be removed through the following procedures:
 - i) Removal of an Elector
 - (1) The Executive Committee of the State Democratic Party may remove an Elector (or alternate Elector) through a majority vote prior to the certification of the election of Electors by the Washington Secretary of State if grounds exist to believe that the Elector (or alternate Elector) will violate their pledge to elect Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States. The exact date will depend on state law or policies, if any, promulgated by the Washington Secretary of State.
 - (2) If an Elector (or alternate Elector) is removed, the Chair of the State Democratic Party shall inform the Washington State Secretary of State that the individual no longer represents the will of the voters for the Presidential nominee of the Democratic Party of the United States and that the alternate elector will serve as the Elector.
 - (3) If a Congressional District Elector (or alternate Elector) is removed, the Executive Committee shall select an alternate elector from among the members of SCC residing in that Congressional District. If an at-large Elector is removed, then the

State Chair or the next highest-ranking State Party officer of the same gender as the removed Elector shall automatically become the new Elector.

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

Section VIII: General Provisions & Procedural Guarantees

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

practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. *(Rule 4.B.6)*

- B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
- C. Washington State’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
- G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. *(Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.25)*
- H. 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. *(Rule 16)*
- I. At no level of the Caucus and Convention process outlined in this document shall proxies be permitted. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.30)*

- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.A)*

- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.B)*

- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, except the filing of presidential candidates as allowed by rule 15.D, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs or as otherwise allowed. *(Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)*

- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention, the State Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in Washington State, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. *(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)*

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

2) Organizational Structure

- a) An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on March 1, 2023. The Chair may appoint a new committee or use a previously organized body appointed by the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 6.F)*
- b) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information of the members no later than 15 days after their appointment. *(Reg. 2.2.J)*
- c) The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. See Appendix **XX** for a list of Affirmative Action Committee members.
- d) The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - i) Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 6.F)*
 - ii) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.
 - iii) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. *(Rule 6.G)*
 - iv) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. *(Rule 6.E)*
 - v) Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making the State Party staff and volunteers available on a priority basis and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.

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

B. Representation Goals

- 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

- 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

such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process.
(Rule 6.A.3)

C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

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

and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters who wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. *(Rule 2.C)*

- 7) The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning September 5, 2023, that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for voter registration and deadlines for changing party affiliation, or who are unaware of the process for running for delegate, so that all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*

D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

- 1) The State Party shall direct special attention to publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process, and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party communications and on the State Party's website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. *(Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
- 2) The State Party shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan (**see Attachment 2.i**) for using all available and appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television, to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be posted/released throughout the state's delegate selection process to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)*
- 3) A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a) Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
 - b) The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of declaring the candidacy for a delegate position, and the means by which the Delegate selection process and Convention shall be conducted shall be effectively publicized to encourage the

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

- 4) Not later than September 5, 2023, the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
 - a) Materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
 - b) A summary explaining the role of the 2024 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
 - c) A summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
 - d) A map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

- 1) Presidential candidates shall assist the State Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (*Rule 6.H*)
- 2) Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by the time when they file their nominating petition to appear on the Washington state presidential primary ballot which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Washington State's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. (*Rule 6.H.1*)
- 3) Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (*Rule 6.H.2*)
- 4) Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the congressional district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state's affirmative action,

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

F. Outreach and Inclusion Program

- 1) The State Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs.
- 2) As such, the State Democratic Party has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.
- 3) The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities. The State Party will provide every requested accommodation for a disability, including but not limited to providing closed caption or ASL interpretation for any virtual or in-person meeting where it is requested by a delegate at least 14-days prior to the meetings occurrence, requiring masks and vaccinations (defined as a minimum of two shots + at least one booster administered in the last year), utilizing only accessible venues for meetings held in-person, and publicizing accessibility options available to delegates.
- 4) In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will work with our Affirmative Action Committee and 15 individually chartered constituency caucuses to disseminate information and bring in new individuals to the process.

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

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

- 2) A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the State Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within 15 calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (*Reg. 3.4.B*)
- 3) A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the RBC Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. Challenges to Implementation

- 1) A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (*Reg. 3.1.C*)
- 2) An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has 21 days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above 21-day period. (*Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H*)
- 3) Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (*Rule 6.B*) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (*Reg. 3.4.C*)
- 4) Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

Section 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	60	-	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*	19	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	111	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)

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.

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

The National Convention Delegates will convene a meeting directly prior to the State Convention, on June 21, 2024. At this meeting they will elect the members of the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees. Each election will be held individually and sequentially.

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
4	12	June 21, 2024	Approved candidates will be provided by the presidential candidate on June 19 and the committee members are selected on June 21, 2024.

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

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

4 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on Friday, June 21, 2024.

D. Selection of Presidential Electors

12 Presidential Electors (10 from the Congressional Districts and 2 At Large) will be selected by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee members elected from Legislative Districts on June 21, 2024.

E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

No later than Friday, January 5, 2024, at 5:00pm PT Presidential candidates seeking to be added to Washington state’s presidential preference primary ballot must have delivered no fewer than 1,000 unique signatures of Washington state voters supporting their candidacy, and a \$2,500 administrative processing fee.

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by Friday, January 5, 2024.

Presidential candidates must file their full participation statement, as outlined in section IX.E.2, with the State Party by Friday, January 5, 2024.

All deadlines refer to the time at which the State Democratic Chair or their designee receives a presidential candidate’s submission.

F. Timetable

Date	Activity
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.
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 1	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters.
2024	
January 5	Delegate 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 5	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.
January 5	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
January 5	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 deadline for filing the statement of candidacy for National Convention delegate and pledge of support forms with State Party.
May 15	State Party provides a list of congressional district-level National Convention delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 17	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved congressional district-level National Convention delegate candidates to State Party.
May 18	Election of Congressional District Level National Convention delegates.

Date	Activity
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 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 candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
June 9	Pledged PLEO delegates selected by State Central Committee Members elected from Legislative Districts.
June 9	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate and At-large candidates to State Party.
June 9	Following selection of pledged PLEO delegates, LDSCC members select at-large delegates and alternates.
June 19	Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for Standing Committee Members to State Party.
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 Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
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 Delegates.

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2024 Legislative District Delegate Allocations

District	Del	Alt	District	Del	Alt
LD 01	25	10	LD 29	25	10
LD 02	20	10	LD 30	25	10
LD 03	25	10	LD 31	20	10
LD 04	20	10	LD 32	25	10
LD 05	25	10	LD 33	25	10
LD 06	20	10	LD 34	25	10
LD 07	20	10	LD 35	25	10
LD 08	20	10	LD 36	25	10
LD 09	20	10	LD 37	25	10
LD 10	25	10	LD 38	25	10
LD 11	25	10	LD 39	25	10
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LD 19	20	10	LD 47	25	10
LD 20	20	10	LD 48	25	10
LD 21	25	10	LD 49	25	10
LD 22	25	10			
LD 23	25	10			
LD 24	25	10			
LD 25	25	10			
LD 26	25	10			
LD 27	25	10			
LD 28	25	10			

Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street SE
Washington, DC

March 1, 2023

Dear Jim Roosevelt, Minyon Moore, the Rules and Bylaws Committee & the Party Affairs team,

It is my pleasure to be writing you today, as the newly elected Chair from Washington state, to indicate Washington's intent to hold the binding step of our presidential preference contest on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**.

Washington state is proud to be one of the only entirely mail-in states in the nation, and we will be utilizing our entirely mail-in, state-administered, presidential primary to determine presidential delegate allocations and preference, in accordance with DNC rules, regulations, and the 2024 Call to Convention.

Please feel free to reach out to myself, or our Party Affairs Director, Drew Estep, with any questions,

Yours Democratically,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shasti Conrad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shasti Conrad,

Chair

Washington State Democratic Central Committee

District	Name	AfAm	Hispanic	AAPI	Native American	Disabled	LGBT	Youth	
3	Yvette Joseph				X				
9	Geoff Collins						X		
10	Satin-Desiree Arnett	X							
11	Rick Polintan			X		X			
22	Talauna Reed	X							
23	Ted Jones								
33	Brittany Furgason			X				X	
37	Alec Stephens	X							
41	Clarence Gunn	X							
42	Sander Stone							X	
44	Kay Acholonu			X					
Benton	Sabastian Marichalar		X					X	
Chelan	Will Boyd							X	
Chelan	Alma Chacon		X						
Pierce	Drena Sellers	X							
Thurston	Vanessa Malapote		X						
Wahkiakum	James Bucklin								
Whitman	Alyssa Wolfe							X	
Special Member	Jeffrey Robinson					X	X	X	
Special Member	David Kim			X				X	
Total:	-		5	3	4	1	2	2	7
Percentage	-		25	15	20	5	10	10	35
WA Goal	-		5	11	8	1	15	7	32

Washington Democrats Approve Delegate Selection Plan

Seattle, WA - At the Washington State Democratic Party's Central Committee meeting on May 6, state committee members from every legislative district and county in Washington voted overwhelmingly to approve a new selection process for the Party's 2024 State and National Conventions. Following public comment on the plan, which began on March 29, Washington Democrats approved a plan that provides for a selection process much more likely to result in a state convention delegation reflective of the diversity of Washington state as a whole than in prior election cycles.

The plan will now be transmitted to the Democratic National Committee for review prior to May 31, and will be implemented in collaboration with local Democratic Party organizations across the state on September 5th. An overview of the plan is available [here](#); additional questions regarding the plan can be directed to partyaffairs@wa-democrats.org.

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Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street SE
Washington, DC

May 11, 2023

Dear Jim Roosevelt, Minyon Moore & the Rules and Bylaws Committee,

I am pleased to be writing to you today on behalf of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee to certify to you and the RBC that our Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan was approved this prior Saturday, May 6, by an overwhelming majority vote of the WSDCC.

This vote was conducted after a 30-day public comment period, where the DSAAP appeared prominently on our website from March 29 to April 30, with specific guidance on how to provide comments. In total we received 159 comments.

A copy of the public comments made is included within the appendices of our plan for your review.

We look forward to collaborating with you on our Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and await your feedback,

Yours Democratically,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shasti Conrad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shasti Conrad

Chair

Washington State Democratic Central Committee

Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street SE
Washington, DC

May 11, 2023

Dear Jim Roosevelt, Minyon Moore & the Rules and Bylaws Committee,

We are writing today, as the Co-Chairs of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee's Affirmative Action Committee, to certify that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee was in full compliance with Rule 6.F.

Our Affirmative Action Committee, as well as the two of us, have reviewed the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan extensively both before and after public comment, as well as the numerical goals established.

We look forward to your feedback on our plan and building a more inclusive and representative party.

Yours Democratically,

Satin-Deseree M. Arnett
Affirmative Action Committee Co-Chair & 10th Legislative District State Committee Member

Date: May 11, 2023

David Young Kim
Affirmative Action Committee Co-Chair & Washington State Democrats Treasurer

Date: May 11, 2023

Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street SE
Washington, DC

July 24, 2023

Dear Jim Roosevelt, Minyon Moore & the Rules and Bylaws Committee,

We are writing today, as the Co-Chairs of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee's Affirmative Action Committee, to certify that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee's Affirmative Action Committee composition upholds the DNC's Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7.

A copy of our roster of members can be found in Appendix 3, on page 56 of our proposed Plan.

Please let us know if you have any questions,

Yours Democratically,

Satin-Deseree M. Arnett

Affirmative Action Committee Co-Chair & 10th Legislative District State Committee Member

Date: July 24, 2023

David Young Kim

Affirmative Action Committee Co-Chair & Washington State Democrats Treasurer

Date: July 24, 2023

2024 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Media Plan

- 1) Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include:
 - a) Information on eligibility to vote
 - b) How to become a candidate for delegate
 - c) The time and location (whether in person or virtual) of each stage of the delegate selection process
 - d) Where to get additional information.
 - e) The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party's communications and on the State Party's website.
- 2) The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. These communications will occur in December with the distribution of the January WSDCC Call to Meeting as well as publicized through the State Party Website as early as December 1, 2023.
- 3) Regular releases will be made to attempt for earned media in newspapers, radio, television, and the internet to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage.
- 4) Internet advertising will begin first in the early phases of publishing information documents related to becoming a delegate, in early December and January, and will continue through the duration of the nomination process.
- 5) Newspapers will be utilized in communicating information regarding the Legislative District Caucuses as April 6th approaches, in coordination with the local district parties.
- 6) Radio and Television will be utilized as necessary to supplement these two primary forms of outreach where deemed necessary by the WSDCC Affirmative Action Committee with consultation with the WSDCC Communications Director to reach communities where these forms of communication are a necessary component of outreach.
- 7) The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places (whether virtual or in-person) and rules for the conduct of Legislative District caucuses, congressional district caucuses and the State Convention shall be effectively publicized, multilingual where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups.

8) Not later than Friday December 1, 2023, the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists, and targeted constituencies.

Information to be posted on the website will include:

- a) a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
- b) a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
- c) a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2024 Convention; and
- d) materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

Overview of Delegate Filing

The 2024 WSDCC DSAAP calls for the utilization of an online filing system, that upon approval will need to be contracted and developed. As such, it is not possible, at this time, to comply with the request for filing forms requested in Appendix section 7.

To maintain compliance with Rule 1.A.7-8, instead this explanation provides a basic overview of the items that will be requested when filing online, as outlined in the 2024 WA DSAAP, IV.A.4.

Candidates must provide when they file:

1. The address at which they are registered to vote
2. Their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference
3. A signed pledge of support for the presidential (or uncommitted) candidate
4. A signed commitment that the candidate is a Democrat

Additionally, candidates will be asked to provide the following information to allow the voters electing them to familiarize themselves with the candidate:

1. A headshot of the individual
2. A candidate statement
3. Relevant demographic information to promote Affirmative Action

No fees will be collected or required for delegates to file or utilize the above virtual system.

Candidates will have the ability to modify the above information up until the time of their election.

Specific Washington State Statutes Governing Presidential Primaries

Chapter 29A.56 Revised Code of Washington

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ELECTIONS

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

29A.56.010

Intent.

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

The people of the state of Washington declare that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

29A.56.020

Date.

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

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

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

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

(4) If an alternate date is approved under this section, the secretary of state shall adopt rules under RCW [29A.04.620](#) to adjust the deadlines in RCW [29A.56.030](#) and related provisions of this chapter to correspond with the date that has been approved. [[2003 c 111 § 1402](#); (2011 c 319 § 1 expired January 1, 2013); (2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 2 expired January 1, 2005); (2003 3rd sp.s. c 1 § 1 expired July 1, 2004). Prior: [1995 1st sp.s. c 20 § 1](#); 1989 c 4 § 2 (Initiative Measure No. 99). Formerly RCW [29.19.020](#).]

NOTES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

29A.56.030

Ballot—Names included.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTES:

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

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

29A.56.040

Procedures—Ballot form and arrangement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTES:

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

29A.56.050

Allocation of delegates—Party declarations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTES:

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

29A.56.060

Costs.

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

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

NOTES:

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

29A.56.300

States' agreement—Presidential election—National popular vote.

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

ARTICLE I - Membership

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

ARTICLE II - Right of the People in Member States to Vote
For President and Vice President

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

ARTICLE III - Manner of Appointing Presidential Electors
In Member States

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV - Other Provisions

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

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

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

This agreement shall terminate if the electoral college is abolished.

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

ARTICLE V - Definitions

For purposes of this agreement:

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTES:

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

29A.56.310

Date of election—Number.

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

29A.56.320

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

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

NOTES:

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

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

29A.56.330

Counting and canvassing the returns.

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

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

29A.56.340

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

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

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

29A.56.350

Compensation.

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

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

29A.56.360

Slate of presidential electors.

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

[[2013 c 11 § 57](#); [2003 c 111 § 1429](#). Prior: [2001 c 30 § 1](#). Formerly RCW [29.27.140](#).]

29A.56.410

Governor's proclamation calling convention—When.

Within thirty days after the state is officially notified that the Congress of the United States has submitted to the several states a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States to be ratified or rejected by a convention, the governor shall issue a proclamation fixing the time and place for holding the convention and fixing the time for holding an election to elect delegates to the convention.

[[2003 c 111 § 1430](#); [1965 c 9 § 29.74.010](#). Prior: 1933 c 181 § 1, part; RRS § 5249-1, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.010](#).]

29A.56.420

Governor's proclamation calling convention—Publication.

The proclamation shall be published once each week for two successive weeks in one newspaper published and of general circulation in each of the congressional districts of the state. The first publication of the proclamation shall be within thirty days of the receipt of official notice by the state of the submission of the amendment.

[[2003 c 111 § 1431](#). Prior: [1965 c 9 § 29.74.020](#); prior: 1933 c 181 § 1, part; RRS § 5249-1, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.020](#).]

29A.56.430

Election of convention delegates—Date.

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

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

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

29A.56.440

Time and place for convention.

The convention shall be held not less than five nor more than eight months from the date of the first publication of the proclamation provided for in RCW [29A.56.420](#). It shall be held in the chambers of the state house of representatives unless the governor shall select some other place at the state capitol.

[[2003 c 111 § 1433](#). Prior: [1965 c 9 § 29.74.040](#); prior: 1933 c 181 § 1, part; RRS § 5249-1, part. Formerly RCW [29.74.040](#).]

29A.56.450

Delegates—Number and qualifications.

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

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

NOTES:

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

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

29A.56.460

Delegates—Declarations of candidacy.

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

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

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

29A.56.470
Election of delegates—Administration.

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

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

29A.56.480
Election of delegates—Ballots.

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

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

NOTES:

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

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

29A.56.490
Election of delegates—Ascertaining result.

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

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

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

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

NOTES:

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

29A.56.500

Meeting—Organization.

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

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

29A.56.510

Quorum—Proceedings—Record.

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

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

29A.56.520

Certification and transmittal of result.

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

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

29A.56.530

Expenses—How paid—Delegates receive filing fee.

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

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

29A.56.540

Federal statutes controlling.

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

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

29A.56.600

Convention.

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

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

29A.56.610

Nomination by convention—Dates.

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

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

NOTES:

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

29A.56.620

Convention—Notice.

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

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

29A.56.630

Nominating petition—Requirements.

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

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

NOTES:

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

29A.56.640

Certificate of nomination—Requisites.

A certificate evidencing nominations made at a convention must:

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

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

29A.56.650

Multiple certificates of nomination.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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

BRAD HENDRICKSON

Secretary

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3 29A.04.206; adding a new section to chapter 29A.56 RCW; decodifying
4 RCW 29A.56.010; and repealing RCW 29A.56.030.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 29A.04.206 and 2005 c 2 s 3 are each
amended to read

2 as follows:

3 (1) The rights of Washington voters are
protected by its
4 constitution and laws and include the following fundamental
rights:

5 ~~((1))~~ (a) The right of qualified voters to
vote at all
6 elections;

7 ~~((2))~~ (b) The right of absolute secrecy of the
vote. No voter
8 may be required to disclose political faith or adherence
in order to
9 vote;

10 ~~((3))~~ (c) The right to cast a vote for any
candidate for each
11 office without any limitation based on party
preference or
12 affiliation, of either the voter or the candidate.

13 (2) Nothing in subsection (1)(b) or (c) of this section
alters or
14 supersedes RCW 29A.56.020 through 29A.56.050,
which govern
15 presidential primary elections.

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

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

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

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

RE: Qualifying Form for Presidential Candidates

Dear Chair Conrad,

Section II. Of the 2024 Washington State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan states the following:

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)*

In compliance with Section II.B., this letter certifies the campaign of _____ as a Democratic candidate for President of the United States in 2024.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip Code: Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: E-mail: _____

Web Site Address: _____

Sincerely,



PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PETITION FOR WASHINGTON STATE PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS

To the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee:

We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Washington, or pre-registered Washington voters who will turn 18 years of age on or before November 5, 2024, residing at the addresses set forth opposite our respective names, respectfully request that the name of:

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

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

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

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

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