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**Attachments to the Delegate Selection Plan**
Section I
Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

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

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

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

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

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Washington State will use a proportional representation system based on the results of precinct caucuses for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

2. The “first determining step” of Washington State’s delegate selection process will occur at precinct caucuses on Saturday, March 21st, 2020 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

3. Voter Participation in Process

   a. Participation in Washington State’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Those who wish to participate in the caucus and convention process who are eligible to register to vote but not currently registered to vote may register to vote at the caucus or convention and then participate on the same day. Under Washington law, 16 and
17 year olds may pre-register to vote. Any 17 year old who will turn 18 on or before Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020, may pre-register to vote and also participate in their precinct caucus.

b. Washington State’s voter registration or enrollment procedures deadlines, including the party caucus, to register to vote for purposes of determining participation are in compliance with DNC rules. Voters participating in the delegate selection process to elect delegates to the precinct caucuses will publicly declare their Democratic Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded through the use of caucus registration forms that will clearly state at the top of the page “I am a registered voter, or a pre-registered 17 year old who will turn 18 on or before November 3, 2020, residing in the precinct named above. I consider myself to be a Democrat and I agree that my attendance at this caucus is a matter of public record”. (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.A)

c. In order to access and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and delegate selection contests and procedures, Democratic voters will have the option of casting their precinct caucus vote by absentee ballot or voting process pursuant to procedures that will be made available to campaigns and interested organizations and posted on the State Party website at least 60 days in advance of the precinct caucuses. The procedures will permit absentee ballots to be used for the convenience of the Democratic voter and will not require justification.

d. At no stage of Washington 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. Optional contributions may be requested, but will in no way be required. (Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)

e. No persons 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 elections. (Rule 2.E)

f. No person shall vote in more than one meeting that is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)

5. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the state’s delegate selection process have been scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings will begin and end at reasonable hours. The State Party has selected the dates and times of all official meetings and events, and will ensure that proper facilities are selected. Meetings have been scheduled with consideration for religious observations that could significantly affect participation. (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.5)
Section II
Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access
There are no filing requirements for Presidential Candidates to participate in the caucuses. (Rule 1.A.7 & Rule 1.A.8)

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, February 28, 2020. (Rule 13.D.1)

2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the State delegation achieves the affirmative action and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided to the extent practicable between men and women. (Rule 6.I & Rule 7)

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

A. Congressional District-Level Delegates

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

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

   (a) The first tier precinct caucuses will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 commencing at 10:00 a.m. Delegates are elected to the legislative district caucuses and county conventions. The size of each legislative district delegation is determined by a formula giving equal weight to the number of active registered voters in each legislative district and an average of the Democratic presidential and gubernatorial vote in the 2016 general election. Resolutions and platform issues are forwarded for consideration at the appropriate legislative district caucus or county convention.

   (b) The second tier legislative district caucuses are on Sunday, April 26, 2020 commencing at 1:00 p.m. Delegates to the congressional district caucuses are elected.

   (c) County conventions will be held on Sunday, May 3rd, 2020 commencing at 1:00 p.m. County platforms are adopted and resolutions are passed on issues of concern to the body.

   (d) The third tier congressional district caucuses are held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 commencing at a time and site designated by the State Democratic Chair – 58 congressional district-level delegates are elected at this level based upon the will of those delegates properly credentialed and registered at the meeting.

3. Apportionment of Congressional District-Level Delegates

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

      1. Given that the State Party believes that congressional district-level delegates should be allocated in a way that best reflects the distribution of Democratic voters in Washington State, in the absence of formal voter party registration, the State Party has traditionally used presidential and gubernatorial performance from the previous Presidential election year to determine the number of Democratic voters in a region. (Rule 8.A, Call Appendix A, Reg. 4.10 & Reg. 4.1
b. The number of men and the number of women in each congressional district’s delegations will not vary by more than one. If practicable, the number of men and the number of women in the state’s total number of district-level delegates will not vary by more than one. Any gender non-binary delegates elected shall not be counted as either a male or female at any stage of the process. (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)

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

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*unless one or more gender non-binary delegates are elected
See section (d) below and section 7 infra.

(d) A gender non-binary candidate for delegate, a candidate that does not identify with either gender, shall be declared if they receive more votes than the number of votes received by a candidate of a binary gender that is a candidate that has always identified as either male or female. If the current advantage gender who would be declared elected but for the higher votes of the gender non-binary candidate, then the following shall apply: When a gender non-binary candidate is declared elected the current advantaged binary gender of the district shall change to the other binary gender, that is if a self-identified male would have been elected, the next elected delegate switches to female or vise-versa, and shall remain so unless and until another gender non-binary candidate is elected in the same district.
(e) The Legislative District caucuses will also use the formula that gives equal weight to the vote for the democratic candidates in the most recent Presidential and Gubernatorial elections to allocate delegates by districts. (Rule 8.B)

4. Congressional District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

(a) A congressional district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. (Rule 13.H)

(b) An individual can qualify as a candidate for congressional district-level delegate or alternate to the 2020 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) which must be received by the State Party by no sooner than Monday, March 23, 2020 8:00am and no later than Monday, May 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23)

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

a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), not later than Friday, May 22, 2020 at 5:00pm, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate 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 Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 5:00pm 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. 4.24 & Reg. 4.25)

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 Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

d. National convention delegate 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 (including uncommitted status). (Rule 13E & Reg. 4.24)
e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective congressional district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action 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 as indicated in section III.A.5.b of this Plan.

6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

Washington State is a caucus/convention state.

(a) Accordingly, national delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the precinct-level caucus participants in each district. Therefore, the national convention delegates elected at the congressional district-level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the caucus delegates won in the precinct caucuses of that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates. (Rule 13.B)

(b) Within a congressional district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold becomes one-half the percentage vote that was received by the highest vote getter (Rule 13.F)

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 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 G.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 are not permitted to vote on the first ballot of the Presidential nomination unless the nomination is not in doubt, based on the pledged delegates elected nationwide.

1. Automatic Delegates: Party Leaders and Elected Officials

   (a) The following categories (if applicable) 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 Washington State’s Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.2, Call I.H & Call I.J)

   iii. Our Democratic Governor; (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)


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

   1) Not later than March 6, 2020, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in Washington State. (Rule 9.A)

   2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call IV.B.1)

   3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state’s Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State’s Delegate Selection Process. (Call IV.C)

2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state’s entire convention delegation, the entire delegation includes all pledged and automatic delegates. (Rule 6.C)
C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates

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

2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements

   a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. (Rule 9.B.1 & Reg. 4.15)

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

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

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

   b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.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 Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

   d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action 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 district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan.

4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates


b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the site of the Washington State Democratic Convention held June 13, 2020, after the election of congressional district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. (Rule 10.A)

c. These delegates will be elected by the elected members of the WSDCC representing Legislative Districts: (Rule 10.B)

(1) Given that:

(a) Members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative Districts are apportioned in a way that each pair of such members represents a district of equal population. (Rule 10.B.1 & 4.18.A)

(b) 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, 2018, in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B)

(c) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of congressional district-level delegates. The district level delegates will be elected on the CD Caucus on Saturday, May 30, 2020 and the PLEO delegates will be elected at the State Convention location on Sunday, June 14th 2020. (Rule 10.B.3)

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

(e) The applicable Membership of the State Party Committee is comprised of two elected members from each legislative district, of differing genders, including men, women, and non-binary individuals, complying with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C)
Alternates are not elected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit.

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

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

2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
   a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) which must be received by the State Party no sooner than Monday, March 23, 2020, and not later than Friday, June 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Statements of candidacy may be delivered in-person to the State Party office (615 – 2nd Ave., #580, Seattle, WA 98104), mailed to the office (PO Box 4027, Seattle, WA 98194), faxed to the office (206-583-0301), or emailed (partyaffairs@wa-democrats.org). A delegate or alternate candidate may modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 13.A, Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.22, Reg & Reg 4.23)
   b. PLEO candidates not elected as PLEO delegates will automatically be considered candidates for the at-large positions if they choose to run subject to approval by the presidential campaigns.
   c. 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 members of the State Party Committee representing 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), not later than Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate at that time. (Reg 4.24.D & Reg. 4.31.C)
   b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, not later than one (1) hour before the at-large delegates are selected a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, two (2) names remain for every national convention delegate or alternate
position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25.)

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 one (1) hour before the at-large delegates are elected.

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 at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

   a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the allocation of delegates at the precinct level caucuses held on Saturday, March 21st, 2020 (Rule 11.C)

   b. Preferences that 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 the half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)

   d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of election of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 11.C)

   e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. (Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.34 & Reg. 4.36)

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

   a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on Sunday, June 14, 2020 one hour after the election of PLEO delegates has been completed, but no earlier than 10:00 a.m., at a site determined by the State Democratic Chair, which is
after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been elected. (Rule 8.D & Call III)

b. These delegates and alternates will be elected by the elected members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative Districts: (Rule 8. E & Rule 11.B)

(1) Given that:

(a) Members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative Districts are apportioned in a way that each pair of such members represents a district of equal population. (Rule 9.C.1 & Reg. 4.17.A)

(b) 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, 2018, in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18 B)

(c) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of congressional district-level delegates. (Rule 10.B.3)

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

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

6. Priority of Consideration

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

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

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

d. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rule 6.C.1 & Rule 11.A & Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.20)

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

E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

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

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

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

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

(a) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a differing 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 18.D.2, the State Party Committee representing Legislative Districts shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a differing gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.36)

(b) 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)
(1) 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.

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

Certification of Replacements

(1) 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)

(2) 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 Washington State Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call IV.D.1)

(3) 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. 4.35)

(4) 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)

d. 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. 4.37)
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 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of automatic delegates. (Call IV.D.2.b)

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

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

F. Rules for Delegate Selection Meetings

The following rules apply to each meeting during the delegate selection process, to the extent relevant to the meeting. Meetings include precinct caucuses, legislative district caucuses, county conventions, congressional district caucuses, and the State Convention.

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

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

2. Within the parameters and within one of the categories listed above, an alternate who received more votes shall be seated before an alternate who received fewer votes at the same meeting. When filling a seat for which alternates elected at different meetings are equally eligible, the position shall be filled by lot from among the equally eligible alternates.
3. At precinct caucuses, the names of all voters in that precinct casting their ballots by absentee and the presidential preference or uncommitted preference indicated by each on their absentee ballot shall be available at each caucus for the purpose of verifying that voters casting ballots in person have not also voted absentee. Absentee votes shall be included in all vote counts except that if a voter has voted absentee and also casts a ballot at the precinct caucus only the in-person ballot may be counted. A person who appears at a caucus and then departs may not continue their participation by absentee ballot.

4. The indication of presidential preference or as uncommitted shall be considered a vote at the meeting for the purpose of allocating delegates.

5. The meeting chair shall announce a preliminary vote count and delegate allocation, including the number of votes needed to qualify for the 15% threshold (except at the precinct caucus level where no threshold is required). This announcement shall be followed by a reasonable period of time to allow caucus participants to change their presidential preference. The State Democratic Chair shall provide procedures for the conduct of the precinct caucus to ensure the maximum participation and clearly demonstrate that those supporting candidates who are not meeting the 15% threshold may consider switching candidates to remain active in the process.

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

   Step 1: Tabulate the percentage of the vote that each presidential preference receives to three decimals,

   Step 2: Retabulate the percentage of the vote, to three decimals, received by each presidential preference excluding the votes of presidential preference whose percentage in Step 1 falls below 15%,

   Step 3: If all candidates fall below 15%, the threshold shall be one-half of the percentage of the highest vote-earning candidate.

   Step 4: Multiply the number of delegates to be allocated by the re-tabulated percentage received by each presidential preference.

   Step 5: Delegates shall be allocated to each presidential preference based on the whole numbers that result from the multiplication in Step 3.
Step 6: Remaining delegates, if any, shall be awarded to the highest fractional remainders in Step 3. Ties shall be determined by lot.

7. Delegates for each presidential preference will caucus and vote separately for the number of delegates and alternates allocated to their presidential preference. Any delegate allocation slot for which no person is available for election shall go unfilled. All candidates for delegate must be resident, registered voters or pre-registered 17 year olds who will turn 18 on or before Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in the jurisdiction from which they are elected and must be identified as to presidential preference. A candidate who is not a delegate to the meeting or who is not present must signify in advance, in writing individually, her or his presidential preference, that they will serve if elected and that they are a Democrat and are willing to be known as such. Said letter shall be delivered to the caucus convener at or prior to the caucus, shall be read at the meeting by the chair and shall constitute a nomination at a precinct or legislative district caucus or county convention. Alternates, when chosen at a caucus level, shall be nominated and elected in the same manner.

8. Voting for delegates and alternates shall be by signed ballot at all delegate selection meetings. A ballot to be counted must have all positions filled with duly nominated candidates with no duplications be voted for a number of males and females differing by no more than one and, to the extent unequal reflecting the current binary gender advantage, if any, of the jurisdiction or presidential preference. The vote shall not be weighted. Except at the Legislative district caucus, an unsigned ballot is invalid and shall not be counted in the tally to determine whether a plurality has been obtained. Each meeting chair shall give clear notice to delegates that they must vote for the allotted number of candidates and the chair must also give adequate time to do so and ask voting delegates to check ballots before turning them in. A simple plurality is required for the election of a delegate or alternate. Uncontested elections may be by acclamation. The chair shall provide the ballots. A quorum as defined in Section VI.H. must be present in order to select delegates to the next tier of the caucus system.

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

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

G. Precinct Caucuses

1. The principal business of the precinct caucuses shall be to serve as the allocation step for National delegates, and to elect the delegates and alternates to legislative district caucuses (who will also serve as delegates and alternates to county conventions).
2. Delegates and alternates to legislative district caucuses and county conventions shall be apportioned among precincts existing as of Tuesday, November 5, 2019 according to the following formula and criteria:

   a. In precincts that have the same boundaries as existed on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, each precinct shall be entitled to elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each seventy five (75) votes or portion thereof cast in the 2016 general election for Hillary Clinton for President.

   b. In precincts where boundaries were altered after Tuesday, November 8, 2016, each precinct shall be entitled to elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each two hundred and twenty five (225) registered voters (active and inactive voters combined) or portion thereof, as reported by the Washington Secretary of State in the November 5, 2019 public release of the statewide Voter Registration Database (VRDB).

   c. At the discretion of the County Chair, an exception may be made to b) above and a) substituted, in precincts where the boundaries of two (2) or more former precincts were combined or altered after Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in such a manner that the number of votes cast in the 2016 general election for Hillary Clinton for President within the voting precinct may be precisely determined.

   d. At the discretion of the County Chair, an exception may be made to b) above, in precincts where the boundaries of two (2) or more former precincts were combined or altered after Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in such a manner that the number of votes cast in the 2016 general election for Hillary Clinton for President within the voting precinct cannot be precisely determined, but where the Clinton vote may be precisely determined for a group of two or more voting precincts; in such cases, the number of delegates and alternates that the group of precincts would have been allocated based on its combined Clinton vote under a) above if the group was a single precinct shall be determined, and the total number of registered voters as of the Tuesday, November 5, 2019 VRDB for each voting precinct and the combined group shall be determined; then the total registration of each precinct shall be divided by the combined group registration, and each voting precinct shall be allocated delegates and alternates from the group allocation based upon its share of combined group registration; provided that that no voting precinct in such a group shall receive fewer delegates than it would be entitled to under b) above.

3. Precinct caucuses throughout the state shall be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Notice shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance to all precinct committee officers and the news media by the legislative district chair, the county chair, or another party designee as so designated for this task by the State Democratic Party Chair.
4. All caucuses shall be at a location within each precinct if reasonably practicable, or within a reasonable distance there from. Two (2) or more precincts may meet together to discuss and present resolutions, but must caucus separately to elect delegates and alternates.

5. Washington State residents who are not qualified to register to vote because of age or citizenship shall be allowed to participate in the platform and resolution discussions, but not vote on the election of delegates or alternates, nor may they be elected as delegates or alternates. Washington residents aged 16 or 17 may pre-register to vote, and those who will be 18 on or before general Election Day 2020 may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates.

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

7. Precinct caucuses shall be called to order by the precinct committee officer and they shall serve as permanent chair, providing the precinct committee officer was serving prior to Friday, February 28, 2020, and is the sole precinct committee officer in that precinct. In other precincts, a person designated by the legislative district chair shall call the meeting to order and the first order of business shall be the election of a permanent chair. In legislative districts with whole counties contained within the legislative district boundaries, the legislative district chair may delegate temporary precinct chair appointment authority to the county chair of any such county. Lacking such designation, precinct people may meet at the designated time and place, elect a permanent chair and proceed with business. The permanent chair shall appoint a secretary of the caucus and shall instruct the caucus in the specific items of business:

a. The permanent chair shall read the names of the voters who have cast absentee ballots and the total absentee votes for each preference at the beginning of the caucus. At any time during the caucus if a point of order is raised asserting that one or more in-person voters also voted absentee the permanent chair and secretary will compare the absentee voter list with the persons present and, if appropriate, invalidate absentee votes reported as having been cast by an individual who is also present and voting at the caucus.

b. Discussion and action on issues and resolutions. Resolutions pertaining to political matters at any level of government may be presented, discussed and forwarded on to the County Chair.
c. The election of delegates and alternates to the legislative district caucus and county convention, and the purpose, objectives and numerical goals of the state Affirmative Action Plan. Election of delegates shall not begin until at least 10:30 a.m. and the caucus cannot be closed until at least 11:00 a.m.

d. Minutes of the caucus shall be prepared by its secretary and approved and signed by its chair. The permanent chair shall electronically transmit, using the procedure provided by the State Party, the minutes along with the names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and presidential preference of delegates and alternates to the designated area coordinator within two (2) hours after adjournment of the caucus. Exceptions to this procedure must make arrangements with the State Party office in advance. The area coordinator shall be responsible for transmitting these results to the county or legislative district chair, whichever is so designated, within one hour of receipt. These records will be electronically forwarded by the county or legislative district chair to the State Party office within one hour of receipt and the State Party chair will cause them to be retained until the conclusion of the 2020 Democratic State Convention. Alternates shall be listed in the order in which they were elected.

e. Minutes of the caucus shall be prepared by its secretary and approved and signed by its chair. The permanent chair shall transmit the minutes along with the registration sheet and all ballots to the county or legislative district chair within twenty-four (24) hours after the caucus. These precinct caucus records including the names, mailing address, telephone numbers, email addresses, and presidential preference of delegates and alternates will be forwarded to the State Party office within two (2) days of receipt, shall be securely retained by the State Party Chair until the conclusion of the 2020 Democratic State Convention and shall be available for verification of the reported caucus results in the event of a request for recount. Alternates shall be listed in the order in which they are elected.

8. Each duly elected delegate and alternate shall receive at the precinct caucus a “Certificate of Election” to be presented to the credentials committee at the time of the legislative district caucus and county convention. Alternates shall be listed in the order in which they were elected. The certificate must be signed by the permanent chair of the caucus and is not transferable. The caucus chair shall transmit a list of duly elected delegates and alternates with their correct addresses, zip codes, telephone numbers, e-mails; and presidential preference; the original copy of the caucus minutes, sign in forms, and resolutions presented, and any proceeds collected to cover the costs of the precinct caucuses to the County or Legislative District Chair within (2) days after the caucus.

H. Legislative District Caucuses

1. The principal business of the legislative district caucuses shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic State Convention and congressional district caucuses. Legislative district caucuses may also adopt platforms and resolutions.
2. Delegates and alternates to the State Convention and congressional district caucuses shall be apportioned among the legislative districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the number of registered voters in November 2019, and to the average of Democratic presidential and gubernatorial votes cast in the 2016 general election, as indicated in (This document will not be available to prepare, as the data is not available, until November of 2019), according to the following criteria:

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

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

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

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

   (2) Precincts included in King County and the 9th Congressional District and the 5th Legislative District shall be grouped with precincts included in King County and the 9th Congressional District and the 11th Legislative District.

3. Legislative district caucuses shall be held on Sunday, April 26, commencing at 1:00 p.m., in all legislative districts that do not select delegates at a county convention. The time (Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.) and the locations of the legislative district caucuses shall be announced no later than Thursday, April 16, 2020. Notice shall be mailed or emailed, as allowed by a jurisdiction’s bylaws, at least ten (10) days in advance to each delegate and alternate and shall include at least the following information:

   1. The authority giving the notice
   2. Who is eligible to participate
   3. Starting time, place and address of the meeting
   4. Proposed agenda
   5. Proposed operating rules
   6. Other pertinent, concise information to prepare the delegate or alternate for the work to be accomplished
4. Delegates to the legislative district caucus shall be the duly elected delegates or alternates from the precincts within the legislative district. Delegates and alternates to the State Convention and congressional district caucuses shall be elected as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. County conventions shall be held at the option of the county central committee or executive board. All scheduled county conventions shall be held on Sunday, May 3, 2020, commencing at 1:00 p.m. with the exception of those jurisdictions who have requested to hold their County conventions concurrent with their legislative district caucuses.

3. The time (Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.) and the locations of the county conventions shall be announced no later Friday, April 17, 2020. Notice shall be mailed or emailed, as allowed by a jurisdiction’s bylaws, at least six (6) days in advance to each delegate and alternate and shall include at least the following information:

   A. The authority giving the notice
   B. Who is eligible to participate
   C. Starting time, place and address of the meeting
   D. Proposed agenda
   E. Proposed operating rules
   F. Other pertinent, concise information to prepare the delegate or alternate for the work to be accomplished

4. Delegates to the county convention shall be the duly elected delegates or alternates from the precincts within the county.

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

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

J. Congressional District Caucuses

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

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

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

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

K. State Convention

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

2. There will be 1,400 elected delegates and 700 elected alternates to the State Convention. Any county with fewer than ten (10) delegates may send up to ten (10) people, with fractional votes, to the convention. In addition to the elected delegates, the following shall be automatic delegates to the State Convention (but not the Congressional District Caucuses): all state committee members, all DNC members residing in Washington State, county chairs, county first vice chairs, legislative district chairs, legislative district first vice chairs,
Democratic Members of Congress from Washington State, Democratic Statewide Elected Officials, and Democratic State Senators and Representatives.

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

4. Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they were elected and shall serve only for their respective legislative districts and presidential preference, provided that in delegations from legislative districts containing more than one county, an alternate from the same county as an absent delegate shall be seated prior to any other alternate from the legislative district. Should no same county alternate be present, the eligible alternate from within the legislative district shall be seated.

5. The business of the State Convention shall be proposed by the State Convention Rules Committee and confirmed by the State Convention. A platform shall also be adopted. It may also include the selection of nominees for partisan office. Workshops may be held at the discretion of the State Chair.


a. The Credentials Committee shall have the power to certify delegates as submitted by the legislative districts and counties, and to recommend settlement of all disputes pertaining to seating of delegates. The final credentials report shall be adopted prior to the conduct of any other official business and shall include the number of delegates registered for each presidential preference. It shall also produce a post-convention Affirmative Action Report of delegates and alternates. A member of the Affirmative Action Committee will serve on the Credentials Committee.

b. The Platform Committee shall hold hearings and shall meet and consider resolutions and platforms as submitted by the various counties and/or legislative districts and draft a proposed platform, information about which shall be mailed or emailed to all delegates and alternates to the State Convention at least ten (10) days prior to the convention. At its first meeting the Platform Committee shall adopt procedures for determining what resolutions are properly submitted to the Convention, which shall include at least all resolutions adopted by County Conventions and submitted in a timely manner to the Washington State Democratic Party.

c. The Rules Committee shall draft proposed rules and a proposed agenda for the conduct of the Convention that shall be mailed or emailed to all delegates and alternates to the State Convention at least ten (10) days prior to the Convention. A member of the Affirmative Action Committee will serve on the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will ensure compliance with the party’s affirmative action goals.
d. Committees shall hold an initial meeting in advance of the State Convention at a time and place to be determined by the State Democratic Chair.

e. The State Democratic Chair shall appoint the chair or co-chairs of the Credentials, Rules and Platform Committees no later than Tuesday, December 31, 2019. The appointment shall be confirmed by the State Committee at its next meeting. Each legislative district and county organization shall elect one member to serve on each of the three committees no later than Friday, March 13, 2020.

8. Credentials Challenge.

a. Any affected participant may file a challenge. The challenge must comply in form and substance with the requirements of the Rules Governing Challenges attached as an Appendix B and is filed by certified mail with return receipt requested with the State Chair and postmarked no later than ten (10) days after the meeting at which the challenged delegate or alternate was elected. A challenge relating to a delegate elected at a Legislative District Caucus or County Convention shall be initially reviewed by the State Convention Credentials Committee or the State Rules Committee, as appropriate based on the timing of the challenge.
Section IV
National Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

1. Washington State has been allocated four (4) members on each of the three standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of twelve (12) members. (Call VII.A & Call Appendix D)

2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.A.3)

3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G)

B. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting

   (A) The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Washington State’s National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on Sunday, June 14, 2020. (Call VII.B.1)

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

2. Allocation of Members

   (A) The members of the standing committees allocated to Washington State shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state’s delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)

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

   (C) Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential 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 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 Sunday, June 14, 2020, immediately after the election of the at-large delegates and alternates, a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among the 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’s affirmative action, outreach, and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided to the extent practicable 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 to one of the binary genders. 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 gender non-binaries but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary person 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.

1. A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.

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

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

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 committee meets. (Call VII.B.4)
Section V
The Delegation

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

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting

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

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

C. Convention Pages

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

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

3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Washington State’s Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)
Section VI
Presidential Electors

A. Introduction

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

B. Selection of Presidential Electors

1. Congressional District Electors

   a. A Presidential Elector and an alternate Elector shall be elected by the State Central Committee (SCC) members residing in each Congressional District at the fall quarterly meeting of the SCC during a Presidential election year.

   b. Each candidate for Elector must pledge formally in writing and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States prior to nomination.

   c. Each candidate for Elector may use up to one (1) minute on their own behalf for nominating and seconding speeches and a speech by the candidate. The one (1) minute may be allocated at the candidate’s discretion.

   d. The 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 State Central Committee (SCC) members at the fall quarterly meeting of the SCC following the selection of Congressional District Electors.

   (b) The election of the at-large Presidential Electors shall be used, if necessary, so that the Elector delegation is equally divided to the extent practicable. The Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party shall announce prior to the vote how many candidates of any gender shall be elected.
(c) 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 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.

f. Each SCC member shall have two votes.

   (1) If a candidate receives a majority on the initial vote, they shall be elected.

   (2) If no candidate receives a majority on the initial vote, the top-four vote getters (of the gender[s] needed to balance the Elector-delegation) shall compete in a runoff election. A majority is required to elect.

   (3) If one candidate receives a majority on the initial vote, the top-two vote getters (of the gender[s] needed to mitigate any unequal division in the Elector-delegation) shall compete in a runoff election. A plurality is required to elect.

g. The alternate at-large Electors shall be the Chair and the next highest ranking officer of a gender necessary to maintain or achieve equal division among the electors as a whole.

h. 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 an Elector (or alternate Elector) is removed, the Executive Committee shall select an alternate elector from among the members of SCC.

   (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, for 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.

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 and that they
understand that a failure to do so is a failure to execute their duty as an elector. (Call
VIII)

Section VII
General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

A. The Washington State Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by
incorporating the ‘six basic elements’ as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention
of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate

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

2. Neither test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in
Washington State should be required or used that has the effect of requiring prospective or
current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone, or support discrimination
based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.2)

3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Washington State on all
levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested
persons. Such meetings must be held in places reasonably accessible to all Party members
including People with Disabilities, and large enough to accommodate all interested persons
expected to attend. (Rule 4.B.3)
4. The Democratic Party in Washington State, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.4)

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

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

B. Discrimination on the basis of ‘status’ in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)

C. The individuals in Washington State’s delegation shall be equally divided to the extent practicable between delegate men and delegate women, not including those delegates who identify as gender non-binary, and alternate men and alternate women, not including those alternates who identify as gender non-binary. 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. (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. All delegates, alternates, and standing committee members at all levels of the delegate allocation and selection process must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in any level of caucus or Convention in good faith. (Rule 12.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg 4.26)
H. Forty percent (40%) 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, as well as Presidential Electors. (Rule 16)

I. 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 17 & Reg. 4.32)

J. 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)

K. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 1.F. & Rule 12.B)

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

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

N. Proxy voting shall not be allowed in legislative district and congressional district levels of the delegate selection process. WSDCC members, representing legislative districts, may assign a proxy if they are unable to attend the meetings for selecting PLEO and at-large delegates and alternates. Said proxy must be assigned to a legislative district officer elected by the PCOs of the legislative district, with priority given to the chair or first vice chair, to ensure properly distributed elected geographic representation. One individual may not hold more than one proxy at a time.
O. Minority reports may be presented in addition to the majority report of any committee if supported by the signatures of ten percent (10%) of the members of that committee.

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

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

Section VIII
Affirmative Action, Outreach and Inclusion Plan

A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

1. Purpose and Objectives

a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Washington State. (Rule 6.A);

b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 6.B);

c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Washington State should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”); (Rule 4.B.1)
d. For the purpose of delegate allocation among the presidential candidates, each eligible caucus attendee must be present and have signed the “Caucus Sign-in” form with their name, signature and presidential preference. Only those present, and legitimate absentee attendees on the list of remote participants may cast subsequent votes. Official absentee or remote voting forms without restriction may be downloaded from the State Party website or acquired from the State Party office (615 – 2nd Ave., #580, Seattle, WA 98104). The State Party must receive absentee votes no later than Friday, March 13, 2020. The State Party will forward absentee ballot or remote voting participant names and totals to the proper local party organization prior to Saturday, March 21, 2020 precinct caucuses. The precinct committee officer or caucus facilitator must check in the name of the surrogate holder to the “Caucus Sign-In Form” at the time of the caucus and mark absentee voter on the signature line. All surrogate vote forms must be returned with the “caucus sign-in” in order to be considered valid.

e. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability, Washington State has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2020. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 48)

f. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Washington State Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the Washington State Democratic Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including LGBTQ Americans, people with disabilities, and youth. Additionally, every effort will be made to include senior citizens, new citizens eligible to vote, and a diversity of cultural, religious, and social backgrounds in the delegation. (Rule 6.A. & Rule 7)

(1) 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)

(2) For the purpose of certifying convention participants, “Youth” is defined as any participant 36 years old and younger. (Reg. 5.3.A)

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

a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on Friday, March 1, 2019. (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 no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.J)

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

d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:

   (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.

   (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.

   (3) Advising the State Democratic Chair on the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.

   (4) Advising the State Democratic Chair on the implementation of a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G)

   (5) Advising the State Democratic Chair on matters ensuring that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Enrolled Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.E)

   (6) Providing technical assistance to the State Party and local party organizations regarding the implementation of this plan.

   (7) Ensuring that access for all and ADA requirements are met.
e. Financial and staff support for the implementation of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan shall be provided by the State Democratic Chair to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.

3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F)

B. EFFORTS TO EDUCATE ON THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

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

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

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

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

5. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 2.C)

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

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

3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party’s constituencies.
   a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women’s organizations, disability press, student newspapers, LGBTQ press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.
   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 precinct caucuses, legislative district caucuses, county conventions, congressional district caucuses and the State Convention shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D)

4. Not later than Monday, September 16, 2019, the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists, and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
   A. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state’s delegate selection process;
   B. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
   C. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2020 Convention; and
D. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

D. Representation and Inclusion Goals

NOTE: THROUGHOUT THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ANALYSIS AND GOAL-SETTING, THE METHODOLOGY USED IN FOR THE 2016 PLAN IS REFERENCED, WITH DATES DENOTED WITH**.

THIS IS OLD DATA, AND DATA CURRENT FOR SETTING 2020 GOALS IS STILL UNAVAILABLE FROM THE DNC. MUST BE PULLED, ANALYZED AND THE DATA WE ANTICIPATE THIS DATA WILL BE REPLACED FOR THE FULL AA PLAN BEFORE APRIL 5, 2019. HOWEVER, THE PLACEHOLDERS ARE GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE THINK THE FINAL NUMBERS WILL BE.

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


   a. Introduction

      (1) Washington State has submitted numerical goals for all groups identified by the DNC for its 2020 Democratic National Convention Delegation. It has divided these goals into two parts—“Representation Goals”, which include racial minority groups that are a part of traditional affirmative action analyses (i.e., African Americans, Asian Pacific Americans; Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans); and “Inclusion Goals” for LGBTQ Americans, People with Disabilities, and Youth, with a sub-goal between the ages of 17 and 24.

      (2) Washington State has decided that for all of these constituencies, goals for any group should represent a minimum of 3 members in the delegation, similar to the notion that all states have a minimum level of 3 members in Congress, and all legislative districts within the State of Washington have 3 members in the State
Legislature. Washington State has determined that all of these constituencies are of importance to the success of Democratic Party candidates for office, and that no group should be left out of the numerical goals for its delegation so as to foster unity and inclusion, as opposed to racial and constituent divisiveness.

(3) Washington State also notes that the goals are not singular and discrete, which means that individuals who share a common identification among various goals are included in the count for each goal. For example, a 21-year old African American woman in the delegation will be counted toward the even split of males and females in the delegation, and would also be counted toward the African American and Youth goals.

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

b. Methodology for Representation Goals

(1) Washington State used 2013 data tables from the American FactFinder website of the U.S. Census Bureau as a baseline for establishing representation goals for racial minority groups (African Americans, Asian Pacific Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, and Enrolled Native Americans) in its delegation. For each group under the Representation Goals, the data represents Race alone or in combination of other races. In recognition of the historic importance these groups have played in the success of the Democratic Party’s candidates, Washington has used plus factors to add to the total percentage representation for each group. The factors applied to each group are as follows:

(2) African Americans

(a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 6% / 7 in the Delegation.

(b) Percent in Census: 5%

(c) Plus Factors: Strong presence of Democratic Party elected officials in state and local government. Strong Democratic Voters in areas where African Americans are concentrated. 2004 Exit Polling Information indicates African American preferences for Governor and U.S. Senator at 61% and 74% for Democratic Nominees. Exit Polling Data in Washington State not available for 2006 U.S. Senate, or for subsequent elections. However, national exit polling data shows 93% African American preference for Obama over Romney in 2012**.
(3) Asian Pacific Americans

(a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 11% / 13 in the
delegation.

(b) Percent in Census: 10.5% (Asian & Asian Pacific Islander)

(c) Plus Factors: Strong presence of Democratic Party elected officials in state and
local government. Strong Democratic Voters in areas where Asian Pacific
Americans are concentrated. 2004 Exit Polling Information indicates Asian
Pacific American preferences for Governor and U.S. Senator at 70% and 68%
for Democratic Nominees. Polling Data not indicated for 2006 U.S. Senate. Exit
Polling Data in Washington State is not available for 2006 U.S. Senate or for
subsequent elections. However national exit polling data shows 73% Asian
and Pacific Islander American preference for Obama over Romney in 2012****.

(4) Hispanic/Latino Americans

(a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 12.5% / 15 in the
delegation.

(b) Percent in Census: 12%

(c) Factors: Emerging presence of Democratic Party elected officials in state and
local government. 2004 Exit Polling Information indicates Hispanic American
preferences for Governor and U.S. Senator at 52% and 58% for Democratic
Nominees. 2006 Exit Polling Data for 2006 U.S. Senator indicates Hispanic
American preference for the Democratic Party nominee at 65%. Exit Polling
Data in Washington State is not available for subsequent elections. However
national exit polling data shows 71% Hispanic American preference for
Obama over Romney in 2012**. Hispanic Americans is the group showing the
largest population gain between the 2000 and 2010 Census (Note: 8.8%
estimate for 2008 cycle). Key target populations for voter registration and
voter identification in 2020.

(5) Enrolled Native Americans

(a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 3.5% / 4 in the
delegation.

(b) Percent in Census: 3%

(c) Factors: Emerging presence of Democratic Party elected officials in state and
local government. Consistent financial contributor to Democratic Party and

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

(a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 33% / 39 in the delegation.

(b) Percent in Census: 30.5%

(c) Plus Factors: Strong and emerging presence of Democratic Party elected officials in state and local government. Strong Democratic Voters in many areas where Communities of Color are concentrated. 2004 Exit Polling Information indicates preferences for White Americans for Governor and U.S. Senator at 48% and 54% for Democratic Nominees. 2006 Exit Polling Data for 2006 U.S. Senator at 57%. Exit Polling Data in Washington State is not available for subsequent elections. However national exit polling data shows People of Color consistently and significantly preferred Obama over Romney in 2012****, while only 41% White voters preferred Obama over Romney. (NOTE: In Washington State, however, 55% of White voters preferred Obama over Romney). Indicators demonstrate that People of Color vote for Democratic Party candidates at a significantly higher percentage when compared to White voters.

c. Methodology for Inclusion Goals

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

(2) LGBTQ Americans

(a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 6.5% / 8 in the delegation.
(b) Estimated Percent of Population: 6% (Estimate rounded up from 5.7% based on 2005 Williams Institute report; subsequent reports provide differing estimates of between 4% and 7.5%.)

(c) Factors: Emerging presence of Democratic Party elected officials in state and local government. Seven members of this constituency are in the Legislature. The City of Seattle elected its first mayor from the LGBTQ community in 2013. In that same legislative district, very strong preference shown for Democratic Candidates. Exit Polling Data almost non-existent, with the exception of 2004 Presidential Election in which voters identified as “Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual” indicated a 77% preference for Democratic nominee, as compared to 46% of voters who did not so identify. Issue of discrimination due to sexual orientation a key contributing factor for the lack of information, both by the victims and by government policies and practices (sexual orientation not included in census surveys). There is an active Caucus constituency within State Party.

(3) People with Disabilities

(a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 10% / 12 in the delegation. (Assigned based on factors below)

(b) Percent in Census: WA disability estimate is 13.8%. Because of uncertainty with the definition, inclusion goal set at 10%

(c) Factors: Active Caucus constituency within State Party. Included with baseline representation of delegates as discussed in introduction.

(4) Youth (Ages 17 to 36)

(a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 10% / 12 in the delegation with a sub-goal of 4 in the delegation for youth between 17 and 24. (Assigned based on factors below)

(b) Percent in Census: Estimate 25%, balanced with limited experience.

(c) Factors: Varying data breakpoints on most census and polling data. Entire young Democrats group has been represented on convention delegations, but at the older end of the spectrum up to age 36. The inclusion goal is to get the youngest voters involved in a meaningful way. Note the age 17 represents those under 18 who will be eligible to vote by the November election. National exit polling data shows youngest voters and first-time voters significantly preferred Obama over McCain in 2008 and Obama over Romney in 2012**.
d. Conclusion

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

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<th>LGBTQ Americans</th>
<th>People with Disabilities</th>
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<td>% in Democratic Electorate</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>12.5%</td>
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<td>6.5%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Numeric Goals for Delegation</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>12 (*Sub-Goal of 4 for Youth Aged 17-24)</td>
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*Numbers based off the 2016 DSAAP Guidelines provided by the DNC

Updated numbers for 2020 under determination by AA committee

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

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

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation


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

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

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

Section IX
Challenges

A. Jurisdiction & Standing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (Rule 20.A & Reg. 3.4.A)

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

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

C. Challenges to Implementation

4. 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)

5. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period. (Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H)
6. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or caucus results. (Rule 6.B.) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C)

7. 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.
A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

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

The “first determining step” of Washington State’s delegate selection process will occur with precinct caucuses on Saturday, March 21, 2020 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

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

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Delegates</th>
<th>Alternates</th>
<th>Date of Selection</th>
<th>Selecting Body</th>
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<tr>
<td>Congressional District-Level Delegates</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5/30/2020</td>
<td>Selected at the congressional district caucus by delegates elected at the legislative district caucuses. National delegates will be selected by attendees separated into groups by presidential preference. The congressional district caucuses will be the second in a two tier process which started with the legislative district caucuses.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>**</td>
<td>6/14/2020</td>
<td>Selected by the members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative District. A statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) within the State Party.</td>
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<tr>
<td>At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>6/14/2020</td>
<td>Selected by the members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative District. A statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) within the State Party.</td>
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<td>TOTAL Delegates and Alternates</td>
<td>107</td>
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* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.
Alternates are not elected at the pledged PLEO level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and elected as one unit.

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

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

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<th>Members Per Committee</th>
<th>Total Members</th>
<th>Selection Date</th>
<th>Filing Requirements and Deadlines</th>
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<td>4</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Sunday, June 14, 2020</td>
<td>Presidential candidates must submit standing committee member names to the State Democratic Chair by Sunday June 13, 2020, immediately after the election of the at-large delegates and alternates. Candidates must be resident, registered voters in the State of Washington.</td>
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C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

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

D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by Friday, February 28, 2020. (Rule 11.B & 14. E)

E. Timetable (Reg. 2.2.B)

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<tr>
<td>Thursday, February 14, 2019</td>
<td>Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Friday, March 1, 2019</td>
<td>List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Saturday, March 2, 2019</td>
<td>Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tuesday, March 5, 2019</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thursday, April 4, 2019</td>
<td>Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sunday, April 7, 2019</td>
<td>State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Friday, May 3, 2019</td>
<td>Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Monday, August 5, 2019</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>September 4, 2019</td>
<td>Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters.</td>
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<td>September 16, 2019</td>
<td>Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>November 1, 2019</td>
<td>Media plan for promoting caucus process goes live</td>
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<td>December 31, 2019</td>
<td>State chair appoints chairs of convention standing committees</td>
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<td>Friday, February 28, 2020</td>
<td>Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party</td>
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<td>Tuesday, March 10, 2020</td>
<td>Deadline for each legislative district and county organization to have elected members to standing committees</td>
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<td>Saturday, March 21, 2020</td>
<td>Precinct Caucuses are held</td>
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<td>Saturday, March 21, 2020</td>
<td>First day to submit statement of candidacy for national delegate</td>
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<td>Monday, March 23, 2020</td>
<td>All physical paperwork from precinct caucuses must be returned to state office</td>
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<td>Thursday, April 16, 2020</td>
<td>Last day for call for LD caucuses to be mailed</td>
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<td>Wednesday, April 22, 2020</td>
<td>Last day for call for county convention to be mailed</td>
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<td>Sunday, April 26, 2020</td>
<td>Legislative District Caucuses held</td>
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<td>Sunday, May 3, 2020</td>
<td>County convention (unless held concurrently with LD Caucus)</td>
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<td>Sunday, May 3, 2020</td>
<td>Last day to submit statement of candidacy for national delegate</td>
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<td>Wednesday, May 13, 2020</td>
<td>Chair gives campaigns list of CD level candidates for national delegate</td>
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<td>Tuesday, May 26, 2020</td>
<td>Last day for campaigns to submit list of approved district level candidates for national delegate</td>
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<td>Saturday, May 30, 2020</td>
<td>Congressional District Caucuses held</td>
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<td>Friday, June 5, 2020</td>
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<td>Monday, June 8, 2020</td>
<td>Last day for PLEO and at large candidates to submit statement of candidacy for national delegate</td>
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<td>Wednesday, June 10, 2020</td>
<td>Last day for campaigns to submit list of approved PLEO and at large candidates for national delegate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Friday-Sunday, June 12-14, 2020</td>
<td>State Convention</td>
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<td>Sunday, June 14, 2020</td>
<td>Selection of PLEO delegates, at large delegates, and alternates</td>
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<td><strong>(TBD 2020 September State Committee Meeting)</strong></td>
<td>Selection of electors</td>
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<td>November 3, 2020</td>
<td>General Election</td>
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APPENDIX A
DEFINITIONS

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

A. Affected Groups. Affected Groups include African American, Hispanic/Latino, Enrolled Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Americans.

B. Challenge. An objection to the seating of one or more apparently elected delegates timely and properly submitted in accordance with the Rules Governing Challenges in Appendix B.

C. Meeting. Any caucus, sub-caucus or convention held pursuant to these rules, including any Legislative District Caucus, County Convention, or the State Convention.

D. Other Constituencies of Concern including, women; youth (considered separately to include both those between the ages of 17 and 24 and those between 17 and 36); lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, asexual, intersexual, omnisexual, pansexual, gender-fluid and the like (LGBTQQ+); ethnic groups; persons with high school education or less; persons over 65; veterans; and persons impacted by economic inequity, such as or including non-living wages and/or lack of access to housing.

E. People with Disabilities. Anyone who has a permanent physical or mental impairment, or temporary condition in which the impairment will last throughout the period for which these rules apply, which substantially limits one or more major life activities (e.g., communication, ambulation, self-care, education or employment). Examples of disabilities include, but are not limited to, impaired vision or hearing, paraplegia, epilepsy, heart disease, diabetes, AIDS, or mental illness, to the extent that the disability substantially limits major life activities.

F. Registered Voter. Includes all registered voters and any 17 year old who will be eligible to vote on November 6, 2018.


J. Status. Race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, or disability.

Appendix B
Rules Governing Challenges

1. Overview. Challenges are initiated by filing a Statement of Challenge with the Director of Party Affairs at the State Party Office and, if relevant, with a copy to the County and/or District Chair of the jurisdiction in which the event(s) giving rise to the Challenge occurred. Upon receipt of a Statement of Challenge a Credentials Review Committee ("CRC") consisting of the co-Chairs of the WSDCC Rules Committee, the State Director of Party Affairs Director, and the State Party Parliamentarian, will review the Challenge and will forward it to the State Convention Credentials Committee, the WSDCC Rules Committee, one or more County or Legislative Credentials Committees or decide the matter themselves, as appropriate under these Rules Governing Challenges. In deciding whether and to what committee to forward a Challenge, the CRC shall be guided by these general principles: Challenges which require little or no factual investigation and little or no rules interpretation should be decided by the CRC to minimize the burden on Credentials Committees around the State. Challenges which require significant factual investigation or which depend wholly on factual determinations should be forwarded to the Credentials Committee of the relevant jurisdiction to determine the facts for the convenience of witnesses and to benefit from local knowledge of circumstances surrounding the events in question. Challenges wholly dependent on an interpretation of the Delegate Selection Rules or other State Party document should be decided by the WSDCC Rules Committee or the CRC to promote consistency in interpretation of rules across the state. Challenges presented for the first time fewer than 21 days before the State Convention should be determined by the Standing Committee on Credentials of the State Convention.

2. Jurisdiction. The Rules Committee ("RC") of the WSDCC shall have jurisdiction over all Challenges to implementation or execution of any aspect of the DSAAP except to the extent jurisdiction is explicitly given by these rules to the State Convention Credentials Committee ("SCCC") or to a Legislative District Credentials Committee ("LDCC") or County Credentials Committee ("CCC").

3. Credentials Review Committee. The Co-Chairs of the RC, together with the State Director of Party Affairs and the State Party Parliamentarian shall constitute the Challenge Review Committee ("CRC"). In the event that these Rules are used in a Presidential year and there is more than one bona fide Presidential Candidate seeking to elect delegates from Washington to the National Convention then at least two of the members of the CRC must refrain from endorsing or otherwise committing to any candidate in the Presidential Race until after the State Convention; provided, however, that in lieu of two members remaining neutral the CRC may elect to require that no more than two of its members may be committed to the same candidate. In the event that the CRC is unable or unwilling to comply with this provision the co-Chairs of the RC shall not be members of the CRC and the Chair of the WSDCC shall fill the result vacancies by
appointing two members of the RC who will enable the CRC to comply with this

4. The SCCC shall have jurisdiction over any Challenge initiated fewer than 21 days before the State Convention together with any Challenges initiated more than 21 days before the State Convention but not resolved by the RC or the CRC.

5. All Challenges shall be initiated by submitting a Statement of Challenge to the Director of Party Affairs at the Office of the Washington State Democratic Party, with a copy to each of the other members of the CRC and to the Chair of the Legislative District or Districts in which the alleged violation upon which the Challenge is based is alleged to have occurred. If the alleged violation is alleged to have occurred at a Legislative District sub-caucus held entirely within a county, a copy should also be sent to the Chair of the County or Counties in which the alleged violation is alleged to have occurred.

6. To be timely and complete, a Statement of Challenge shall be verified by the notarized signature of each challenging party and shall include the following:

(a) The name, address, email address and telephone number of each challenging party and the name, address and telephone number of each challenging party’s attorney, if any, or agent of record.

(b) A statement by each challenging party that the challenging party has not participated in the affairs of another political party during the preceding 12 month period.

(c) The name, address, email address and telephone number of each delegate or alternate whose credentials are challenged, or a statement that such information is unavailable to the challenging parties; or, where delegates or alternates have not yet been selected, the name, address and telephone number of each challenged party.

(d) A plain, concise and specific statement, in separately numbered paragraphs, of each alleged violation of the DSAAP or, if relevant, of an order of the RC or CRC.

(e) A plain, concise and specific statement, in separately numbered paragraphs, of how each challenging party has been injured with respect to his or her participation in the delegate selection process by each alleged violation.

(f) A plain, concise and specific statement, in separately numbered paragraphs, of the relief requested and the reason therefore. If a challenging party proposes that they be seated, the challenge shall include a plain, concise and specific statement of the reasons why that party has a right to be seated, superior to that of the delegate or alternate whose seat they seek; and a plain, concise and specific statement of how the challenging party has complied with all applicable laws, rules and regulations and has participated in the delegate selection process.

7. The CRC may take one of four actions:

(a) Dismiss the challenge if required by Rule 9 provided that if the challenge is not
dismissed pursuant to Rule 9 the CRC shall provide a reasonable opportunity to the challenged parties to respond;

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 27, 2019

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

Dear Lorraine and James,

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

Sincerely,

Tina Podlodowski Chair
Washington State Democratic Party
February 27, 2019

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

Dear Lorraine and James,

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

Sincerely,

Tina Podlodowski
Chair
Washington State Democratic Party
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