

WASHINGTON STATE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

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Section 1

Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Washington State has a total of 113 delegates and 8 alternates. (Call, I. & Appendix B.)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* ("Rules"), the *Call for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* ("Call"), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* ("Regs."), the rules of the Democratic Party of Washington State, the Washington State election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call, II.A.)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the State Party Committee, it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee ("RBC"). The State Democratic Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Democratic Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC's findings. (Regs. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State 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 caucuses for apportioning delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.
2. The "first determining step" of Washington State's delegate selection process will occur with precinct caucuses on Sunday, April 15, 2012 commencing at 1 p.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 not currently registered to vote may register to vote at the caucus or convention and then participate on the same day. This includes any 17 year old who will be eligible to vote on November 6, 2012.

- 1 b. Washington State’s voter registration or enrollment procedures, including the
2 party caucus, deadline to register to vote for purposes of determining
3 participation are in compliance with DNC rules. Voters participating in the
4 delegate selection process at the precinct caucuses will publicly declare their
5 Democratic Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded through
6 the use of caucus registration forms which will clearly state at the top of the page
7 “I am a registered voter in the precinct named above. I consider myself to be a
8 Democrat and I agree that my attendance at this caucus is a matter of public
9 record”. (Rule 2.A. & Reg. 4.3.)
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- 11 c. At no stage of Washington State’s delegate selection process shall any person be
12 required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for
13 participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no
14 circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. Optional
15 contributions may be requested, but will in no way be required. (Rule 2.D. & Reg. 4.4.)
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- 17 d. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic
18 presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any
19 other party for the corresponding elections. (Rule 2.E.)
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- 21 e. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the
22 delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E. & Reg. 4.6.)
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- 24 f. Proxy voting shall not be allowed in the delegate selection process.
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Section II Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

29 There are no filing requirements for Presidential Candidates to participate in the caucuses.
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31 B. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of
32 his or her authorized representative(s) by Thursday, March 15, 2012. (Rule 12.D.(1))
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34 C. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to
35 ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative
36 action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I.)
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Section III
Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. Congressional District-Level Delegates

1. Washington State is allocated 69 congressional district-level delegates. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B., I.I. & Appendix B.)
2. Congressional district-level delegates shall be elected by the following Caucus System:
 - a. The first tier precinct caucuses will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2012 commencing at 1:00 p.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 2008 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 Saturday, April 28, 2012 commencing at 10:00 a.m. Delegates to the congressional district caucuses are elected.
 - c. County conventions will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2012 commencing at 10 a.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 Sunday, May 20, 2012 commencing at a time and site designated by the State Democratic Chair - 69 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 2008 presidential and gubernatorial elections. (Rule 8.A.; Regs. 4.10., 4.11 & Appendix A)
 - b. The state's total number of congressional district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women. The overall variance between men and women cannot exceed one. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)

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- c. The congressional district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

Congressional District	Delegates		
	Males	Females	Total
CD 1	5	4	9
CD 2	4	4	8
CD 3	4	4	8
CD 4	2	2	4
CD 5	3	3	6
CD 6	3	4	7
CD 7	6	6	12
CD 8	4	4	8
CD 9	3	4	7
Total	34	35	69

1 4. Congressional District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements
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- 3 a. A congressional district-level delegate candidate may run for election only
4 within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. (Rule 12.H.)
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6 b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for congressional district-level delegate
7 to the 2012 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy
8 designating his or her presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed
9 pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status)
10 with the State Party no sooner than Monday, April 9, 2012 and no later than
11 Friday, May 4, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. (Rules 12.B. & 14.F.)
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13 5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates
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- 15 a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that
16 candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than Friday, May 11, 2012 at
17 12:00 p.m. a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that
18 presidential candidate. (Rules 12.D. & 12.F.)
19
20 b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),
21 must then file with the State Democratic Chair by Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 5:00
22 p.m. a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval
23 be given to at least three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate men and
24 three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women to be selected. (Rule
25 12.E.(1), Reg. 4.23.)
26
27 c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted
28 to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized
29 representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not
30 later than Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
31
32 d. National convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide
33 supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized
34 representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate at that level pledged to that
35 presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). (Rule 12.E. & Reg. 4.23.)
36
37 e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC
38 Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including
39 uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective
40 district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion
41 considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan
42 within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level
43 delegate candidates as indicated in section III.A.5.b of this Plan.
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1 6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
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3 a. Caucus/Convention Proportional Representation Plan (Rules 13.A., 13.B. & 13.D.)
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5 Washington State is a caucus/convention state. Accordingly, delegate positions
6 shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or
7 uncommitted status of the caucus participants in each district. Therefore, the
8 National Convention delegates elected at the congressional district level shall be
9 allocated in proportion to the percentage of the caucus vote won in that district
10 by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall
11 not be awarded any delegates or alternates. (Rule 13.B.)
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13 b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the
14 threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-
15 runner minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)
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17 7. Equal Division of Congressional District-Level Delegates
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19 a. In order to ensure the congressional district-level delegates are equally divided
20 between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be
21 designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting
22 presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex
23 as mathematically practicable, will continue with the next highest vote-getting
24 preferences in descending order until the gender of each position has been
25 assigned. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)
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27 b. The delegate positions shall be pre-designated so that the gender of the first
28 position to be filled by the winning presidential candidate is pre-determined.
29 Once the allocation of district delegates among presidential preference(s) has
30 been calculated, the remaining delegate positions can be assigned to the
31 presidential preference(s), in order of vote won, alternating by gender beginning
32 with male delegates.
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34 8. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic
35 National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates and
36 alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their
37 election. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)
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1 **B. Unpledged Delegates**

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3 1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials

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

7
8 (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the
9 state; (Rule 9.A.(1), Call, I.F., J., & Reg. 4.13.)

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11 (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (Rule
12 9.A.2., Call I.G.)

13
14 (3) All of Washington State's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of
15 Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.(3), Call I.H. & J.)

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17 (4) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.(4), Call I.H. & J.)

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19 (5) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state (if
20 applicable); Former Democratic Speaker of the U.S. House of
21 Representatives (Rule 9.A.(5), Call I.G., and Reg. 4.13.)

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

25
26 (1) Not later than March 1, 2012, the Secretary of the Democratic National
27 Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names
28 of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Washington State. (Rule 9.A.)

29
30 (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the
31 unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call, IV.B.1.)

32
33 (3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the
34 DNC the presidential preference of state's unpledged delegates 10 days
35 after the completion of the State's Delegate Selection Process. (Call, IV.B)

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

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- 3 1. Washington State is allotted 13 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO)
- 4 delegates. (Call, I.D., E. & Appendix B)
- 5
- 6 2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
- 7
- 8 a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official
- 9 delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-
- 10 wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders,
- 11 state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party
- 12 leaders. (Rule 9.B.(1) & Reg. 4.15.)
- 13
- 14 b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO
- 15 delegate by filing a statement of candidacy and pledge of presidential preference
- 16 or uncommitted with the State Democratic Chair no sooner than Monday, April
- 17 9, 2012, and not later than Friday, May 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. (Rules 9.B.(3), & 14.G., Reg.
- 18 4.16.)
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- 20 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
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- 22 a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that
- 23 candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than Wednesday, May 30, 2012
- 24 at 5:00 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official
- 25 delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 9.B.(3) & 12.D.)
- 26
- 27 b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),
- 28 must file with the State Democratic Chair, by Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
- 29 a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given
- 30 to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is
- 31 entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
- 32
- 33 c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted
- 34 to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized
- 35 representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not
- 36 later than Friday, June 1, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
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- 38 d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC
- 39 Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including
- 40 uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective
- 41 pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion
- 42 considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan
- 43 within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO
- 44 candidates as indicated in section III.C.3.b of this Plan.
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1 4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
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3 a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the
4 same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 9.B.(2), 10.C., 13.E. & F.)
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6 b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at
7 9:00 a.m. at a site designated by the State Democratic Chair, which is after the
8 election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates
9 and alternates. (Rule 9.B.)
10

11 c. These delegates will be selected by the members of the State Party Committee
12 representing Legislative Districts: (Rule 9.C.)
13

14 (1) Given that:

15 (a) Members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative
16 Districts are apportioned on the basis of population. (Rule 9.C.(1))
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18 (b) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through
19 open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees
20 utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 9.C.(2))
21

22 (c) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the
23 election of district-level delegates. (Rule 9.C.(3))
24

25 (d) Members of the State Party Committee shall have been elected no
26 earlier than the date of the previous presidential election. (Rule 9.C.(4))
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28 (e) Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal
29 division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the
30 Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule 9.C.(5))
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32 (2) Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official
33 level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and
34 selected as one unit. (Reg. 4.30.)
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37 5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic
38 National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected
39 Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after
40 their election. (Rule 8.D. & Call, IV.A.)
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1 **D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates**

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- 3 1. The state of Washington State is allotted 23 at-large delegates and 8 at-large alternates.
4 (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B., II. & Appendix B)
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- 6 2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
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- 8 a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a
9 statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference
10 and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including
11 uncommitted status) with the State Party no sooner than Monday, April 9, 2012,
12 and not later than Friday, May 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. PLEO candidates not
13 selected as PLEO delegates will automatically be considered candidates for the
14 at-large positions if they choose to run subject to approval by the presidential
15 campaigns. Presidential campaigns must provide a list of those at-large
16 candidates that are to be removed from the candidate list no later than ½ an hour
17 before the at-large delegates are selected. (Rules 12.B. & 14.G.; Regs. 4.21. & 4.27.)
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- 19 b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will
20 be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the members of the State
21 Party Committee representing Legislative Districts those persons not chosen will
22 then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify
23 otherwise when filing. (Rule 18.A.)
- 24
- 25 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
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- 27 a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that
28 candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than Wednesday, May 30, 2012
29 at 5:00 p.m. a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged
30 to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.D.)
- 31
- 32 b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),
33 must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 5:00
34 p.m. a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a
35 minimum, two (s) names remain for every national convention delegate or
36 alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg.
37 4.23.)
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- 39 c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted
40 to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized
41 representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not
42 later than Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
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1 d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC
2 Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including
3 uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-
4 large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative
5 action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action
6 section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of
7 approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as
8 indicated in section III.D.3.b of this Plan.
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10 4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
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12 a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential
13 preferences according to the division of preferences among district-level
14 delegates at the time of district-level selection.
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16 b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall
17 not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 13.E.)
18

19 c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the
20 percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 10%. (Rule
21 13.F.)
22

23 d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the
24 at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the
25 candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences
26 entitled to an allocation. (Rule 10.C.)
27

28 e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but
29 would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be
30 allotted one at-large alternate position. (Rule 18.B., Call, I.I. & Reg. 4.30.& 4.33.)
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32 5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
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34 a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on Sunday, June
35 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at a site determined by the State Democratic Chair, which is
36 after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected.
37 (Rule 8.D. & Call, III.)
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- 1 b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the members of the State Party
2 Committee representing Legislative Districts: (Rules 10.B. & 8.E.)
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4 (1) Given that:
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6 (a) Members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative
7 Districts are apportioned on the basis of population. (Rule 9.C.(1))
8
9 (b) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through
10 open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees
11 utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 9.C.(2))
12
13 (c) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the
14 election of district-level delegates. (Rule 9.C.(3))
15
16 (d) Members of the State Party Committee shall have been elected no
17 earlier than the date of the previous presidential election. (Rule 9.C.(4))
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19 (e) Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal
20 division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the
21 Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule 9.C.(5))
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23 a. Priority of Consideration
24
25 (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be
26 given to African Americans, Hispanics, Enrolled Native Americans, Asian
27 Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.A.)
28
29 (2) In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include
30 groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and
31 to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of
32 consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age,
33 sexual orientation or disability. (Rules 5.C., 6.A.(3), & Reg. 4.7.)
34
35 (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary,
36 to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and
37 may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the
38 Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A. & 6.C.)
39
40 (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this
41 purpose. Delegates and alternates shall each, as a group, be equally divided
42 and, to the extent possible, each as a group shall reflect the representation
43 goals established in the state's Affirmative Action Plan. (Rules 6.A.(3), 10.A. & Regs.
44 4.8 & 4.19.)
45
46 6. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic
47 National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the
48 Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call,
49 IV.A.)
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1 **E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates**

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

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6 a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.(2))

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

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12 (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same
13 presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and sex of the
14 delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same
15 political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

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17 (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate,
18 that alternate shall become the certified delegate.

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20 (b) If a presidential candidate has only one alternate, and that alternate
21 permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, thereby causing
22 the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not
23 be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding
24 Rule 18.D.(2), the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a
25 subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person
26 of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division
27 of men and women. (Reg. 4.32.)

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29 b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.(3))

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

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35 (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same
36 presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate
37 he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and from
38 the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

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40 c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary
41 replacements of delegates: the delegate chooses the alternate, except that if the
42 delegate is not available to name a replacement, then the Delegation shall choose
43 the replacement. (Rule 18.D.(1))

1 d. Certification of Replacements

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- 3 (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in
- 4 writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule
- 5 18.D.(2))
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- 7 (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate
- 8 and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing
- 9 by the Washington State's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the
- 10 Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement
- 11 is selected. (Call, IV.D.1.)
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- 13 (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary
- 14 up to 48 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled
- 15 to convene. (Call, IV.D.1. & Reg. 4.31.)
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- 17 (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 48 hours
- 18 before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case
- 19 where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the
- 20 time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified
- 21 above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall
- 22 indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on
- 23 the delegation tally sheet (Call, VIII.F.3.d., VIII.F.3.b. & Reg. 5.5.)
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- 25 e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement
- 26 shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same
- 27 sex and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the
- 28 alternate being replaced. (Rule 18.E.)
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30 2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be

31 entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Rule 18.E. & Reg. 4.33.)

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- 33 a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name
- 34 a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional
- 35 Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement
- 36 of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such
- 37 changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S.
- 38 House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the
- 39 event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall
- 40 recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the
- 41 Democratic Governors' Association. (Call, IV.D.2.a.)
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- 1 b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a
2 replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of
3 death of such delegates. In the case where the state’s DNC membership changes
4 following the DNC Secretary’s official confirmation, but prior to the
5 commencement of the 2012 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment
6 by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute
7 verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates. (Call, IV.D.2.b.)
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- 9 c. Unpledged distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant
10 to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be
11 entitled to name a replacement. (Call, IV.C.2.c.)
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- 13 d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate. (Call, VIII.F.3.d.)
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15 **F. RULES FOR DELEGATE SELECTION MEETINGS**
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17 The following rules apply to each meeting during the delegate selection process. Meetings
18 include precinct caucuses, legislative district caucuses, county conventions, congressional
19 district caucuses, and the State Convention.
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- 21 1. Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they were elected, and
22 must be of the same initial presidential preference, and, to the extent possible, of the
23 same gender and from the same electing jurisdiction as the delegate being replaced.
24 Any duly elected delegate or alternate who moves from the jurisdiction from which
25 he/she was elected, shall automatically forfeit his/her seat and an alternate shall be
26 seated in his/her place.
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- 28 2. The delegation elected by each legislative district and county shall be equally divided
29 between men and women in both the delegate and alternate categories unless there
30 are an insufficient number of nominees from one gender to fill the available
31 positions.
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- 33 3. A person need not be a delegate at one caucus level to run for a delegate seat to the
34 next caucus level.
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- 36 4. The indication of presidential preference or as uncommitted shall be considered a
37 vote at the meeting for the purpose of allocating delegates.
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- 1 5. The meeting chair shall announce a preliminary vote count and delegate allocation,
2 including the number of votes needed to qualify for the 15% threshold (except at the
3 precinct caucus level where no threshold is required). This announcement shall be
4 followed by a reasonable period of time to allow caucus participants to change their
5 presidential preference. The State Democratic Chair shall provide procedures for the
6 conduct of the caucus to ensure the maximum participation and clearly demonstrate
7 that those supporting candidates who are not meeting the 15% threshold may
8 consider switching candidates to remain active in the process.
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- 10 6. Each presidential preference, which receives 15% or more of the votes cast at a
11 meeting, (except at the precinct caucus level where no threshold is required) shall
12 receive his or her share of the delegates allotted. If no presidential preference reaches
13 the 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the highest percentage received by a
14 presidential preference minus 10%. Alternates shall be allocated in the same
15 proportion as delegates. These calculations shall be made pursuant to Rule 13 of the
16 2012 Delegate Selection Rules for the Democratic National Committee as follows:
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- 18 Step 1: Tabulate the percentage of the vote that each presidential preference
19 receives to three decimals,
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- 21 Step 2: Retabulate the percentage of the vote, to three decimals, received by each
22 presidential preference excluding the votes of presidential preference
23 whose percentage in Step 1 falls below 15%,
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- 25 Step 3: Multiply the number of delegates to be allocated by the re-tabulated
26 percentage received by each presidential preference.
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- 28 Step 4: Delegates shall be allocated to each presidential preference based on the
29 whole numbers that result from the multiplication in Step 3.
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- 31 Step 5: Remaining delegates, if any, shall be awarded to the highest fractional
32 remainders in Step 3. Ties shall be determined by lot.
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- 34 7. Delegates for each presidential preference will caucus and vote separately for the
35 number of delegates and alternates allocated to their presidential preference. Any
36 delegate allocation slot for which no person is available for election shall go unfilled.
37 All candidates for delegate must be resident, registered voters in the jurisdiction from
38 which they are elected and must be identified as to presidential preference. A
39 candidate who is not a delegate to the meeting or who is not present must signify in
40 advance, in writing individually, her/his presidential preference, that she/he will
41 serve if elected and that she/he is a Democrat and is willing to be known as such.
42 Said letter shall be delivered to the caucus convener at or prior to the caucus, shall be
43 read at the meeting by the chair and shall constitute a nomination at a precinct or
44 legislative district caucus or county convention. Alternates shall be nominated and
45 elected in the same manner.

- 1 8. Voting for delegates and alternates shall be by written ballot at the precinct caucus
2 and by signed ballot at all other meetings. A ballot to be counted must have all
3 positions filled with no duplications. The vote shall not be weighted. Except at the
4 precinct caucus, an unsigned ballot is invalid and shall not be counted in the tally to
5 determine whether a plurality has been obtained. Each meeting chair shall give clear
6 notice to delegates that they must vote for the allotted number of candidates and the
7 chair must also give adequate time to do so and ask voting delegates to check ballots
8 before turning them in. A simple plurality is required for the election of a delegate.
9 Uncontested elections may be by acclamation. The chair shall provide the ballots. A
10 quorum as defined in Section VI.H. must be present in order to select delegates to the
11 next tier of the caucus system.

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13 **G. PRECINCT CAUCUSES**

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15 1. The principal business of the precinct caucuses shall be the election of delegates and
16 alternates to legislative district caucuses (who will also serve as delegates and
17 alternates to county conventions.
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19 2. Delegates and alternates to legislative district caucuses and county conventions shall
20 be apportioned among precincts existing as of November 8, 2011 according to the
21 following formula and criteria:
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23 a. In precincts that have the same boundaries as existed on Tuesday, November 4,
24 2008, each precinct shall be entitled to elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate
25 for each seventy five (75) votes or portion thereof cast in the 2008 general election
26 for Barack Obama for President.
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28 b. In precincts where boundaries were altered after Tuesday, November 4, 2008,
29 each precinct shall be entitled to elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for
30 each two hundred and twenty five (225) registered voters (active and inactive
31 voters combined) or portion thereof, as reported by the Washington Secretary of
32 State in the November 8, 2011 public release of the statewide Voter Registration
33 Database (VRDB).
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35 c. At the discretion of the County Chair, an exception may be made to b) above and
36 a) substituted, in precincts where the boundaries of two (2) or more former
37 precincts were combined or altered after Tuesday, November 4, 2008 in such a
38 manner that the number of votes cast in the 2008 general election for Barack
39 Obama for President within the voting precinct may be precisely determined.
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1 d. At the discretion of the County Chair, an exception may be made to b) above, in
2 precincts where the boundaries of two (2) or more former precincts were
3 combined or altered after Tuesday, November 4, 2008 in such a manner that the
4 number of votes cast in the 2008 general election for Barack Obama for President
5 within the voting precinct cannot be precisely determined, but where the Obama
6 vote may be precisely determined for a group of two or more voting precincts; in
7 such cases, the number of delegates and alternates that the group of precincts
8 would have been allocated based on its combined Obama vote under a) above if
9 the group was a single precinct shall be determined, and the total number of
10 registered voters as of the November 8, 2011 VRDB for each voting precinct and
11 the combined group shall be determined; then the total registration of each
12 precinct shall be divided by the combined group registration, and each voting
13 precinct shall be allocated delegates and alternates from the group allocation
14 based upon its share of combined group registration; provided that that no
15 voting precinct in such a group shall receive fewer delegates than it would be
16 entitled to under b) above.
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18 3. Precinct caucuses throughout the state shall be held on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at 1:00
19 p.m. Notice shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance to all precinct committee
20 officers and the news media by the county chair. All caucuses shall be at a location
21 within each precinct if reasonably practicable, or within a reasonable distance there
22 from. Two (2) or more precincts may meet together to discuss and present
23 resolutions, but must caucus separately to elect delegates and alternates.
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25 4. Washington State residents who are not qualified to register to vote because of age or
26 citizenship shall be allowed to participate in the platform and resolution discussions,
27 but not vote on the election of delegates or alternates, nor may they be elected as
28 delegates or alternates.
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30 5. Voters participating in the delegate selection process at the precinct caucuses will
31 publicly declare their Democratic Party preference and have that preference publicly
32 recorded through the use of caucus registration forms which will clearly state at the
33 top of the page "I am a registered voter in the precinct named above. I consider
34 myself to be a Democrat and I agree that my attendance at this caucus is a matter of
35 public record". The registration form will also include a section for recording a
36 voter's presidential preference.
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- 1 6. Precinct caucuses shall be called to order by the precinct committee officer and
2 he/she shall serve as permanent chair, providing the precinct committee officer was
3 serving prior to Thursday, March 15, and is the sole precinct committee officer in that
4 precinct. In other precincts a person designated by the county chair shall call the
5 meeting to order and the first order of business shall be the election of a permanent
6 chair. Lacking such designation, precinct people may meet at the designated time
7 and place, elect a permanent chair and proceed with business. The permanent chair
8 shall appoint a secretary of the caucus and shall instruct the caucus in the specific
9 items of business:
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11 a. Discussion and action on issues and resolutions. Resolutions pertaining to
12 political matters at any level of government may be presented, discussed and
13 forwarded on to the County Chair.
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15 b. Election of delegates and alternates to the legislative district caucus and county
16 convention, and the purpose, objectives and numerical goals of the state
17 Affirmative Action Plan. Election of delegates shall not begin until at least 1:30
18 p.m. and the caucus cannot be closed until at least 2:00 p.m.
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20 c. Minutes of the caucus shall be prepared by its secretary and approved and
21 signed by its chair. The minutes shall include the full text of all presented
22 resolutions. The permanent chair shall transmit the minutes along with the
23 registration sheet and all ballots to the County or Legislative District Chair
24 within twenty-four (24) hours after the caucus. These precinct caucus records
25 including the names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses,
26 and presidential preference of delegates and alternates will be forwarded to the
27 State Party office within two (2) days of receipt and will be retained by the State
28 Party Chair until the conclusion of the 2012 Democratic State Convention.
29 Alternates shall be listed in the order in which they were elected.
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31 7. Each duly elected delegate and alternate shall receive at the precinct caucus a
32 “Certificate of Election” to be presented to the credentials committee at the time of
33 the legislative district caucus and county convention. Alternates shall be listed in the
34 order in which they were elected. The certificate must be signed by the permanent
35 chair of the caucus and is not transferable. The caucus chair shall transmit a list of
36 duly elected delegates and alternates with their correct addresses, zip codes,
37 telephone numbers, e-mails; and presidential preference; the original copy of the
38 caucus minutes, sign in forms, and resolutions presented, any proceeds collected to
39 cover the costs of the precinct caucuses to the County or Legislative District Chair
40 within (2) days after the caucus.
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1 **H. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CAUCUSES**
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- 3 1. The principal business of the legislative district caucuses shall be the election of
4 delegates and alternates to the 2012 Democratic State Convention and congressional
5 district caucuses and may include the selection of nominees for partisan office.
6 Legislative district caucuses may also adopt platforms.
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- 8 2. Delegates and alternates to the State Convention and congressional district caucuses
9 shall be apportioned among the legislative districts based on a formula giving equal
10 weight to the number of registered voters in January 2012, and to the average of
11 Democratic presidential and gubernatorial votes cast in the 2008 general election, as
12 indicated in Attachment 11 (*This document will not be ready until January of 2012*),
13 according to the following criteria:
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- 15 a. The number of registered voters (active and inactive voters combined) shall be as
16 reported by the Washington Secretary of State in the January 2012 public release
17 of the statewide Voter Registration Database (VRDB) excluding registered voters
18 not attributed to a specific geographic precinct.
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- 20 b. The average of the votes cast for Barack Obama for President and Christine
21 Gregoire for Governor shall be as certified by each county auditor and the
22 Washington Secretary of State excluding votes cast but not attributed to a specific
23 geographic precinct.
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- 25 c. For purposes of delegate and alternate allocation, precincts in the same county
26 and congressional district and legislative district shall be grouped together and
27 allocations determined individually for each such grouping, with the following
28 exceptions:
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- 30 (1) Precincts included in King County and the 2nd Congressional District and
31 the 39th Legislative District shall be grouped with precincts included in
32 Snohomish County and the 2nd Congressional District and the 39th
33 Legislative District.
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- 35 (2) Precincts included in Whatcom County and the 2nd Congressional District
36 and the 39th Legislative District shall be grouped with precincts included in
37 Whatcom County and the 2nd Congressional District and the 42nd
38 Legislative District.
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- 40 (3) Precincts included in King County and the 9th Congressional District and
41 the 5th Legislative District shall be grouped with precincts included in King
42 County and the 9th Congressional District and the 11th Legislative District.
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- 1 3. Legislative district caucuses shall be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012, commencing at
2 10:00 a.m., in all legislative districts that do not select delegates at a county
3 convention. The time (Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.) and the locations of the
4 legislative district caucuses shall be announced no later than Friday, April 13, 2012.
5 Notice shall be mailed or emailed, as allowed by a jurisdiction's bylaws, at least five
6 (5) days in advance to each delegate and alternate and shall include at least the
7 following information:
8
9 a. The authority giving the notice
10 b. Who is eligible to participate
11 c. Starting time, place and address of the meeting
12 d. Proposed agenda
13 e. Proposed operating rules
14 f. Officers to be elected, if any
15 g. Nominations for elective office, if any
16 h. Other pertinent, concise information to prepare the delegate or alternate for the
17 work to be accomplished
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19 4. Delegates to the legislative district caucus shall be the duly elected delegates or
20 alternates from the precincts within the legislative district. Delegates and alternates to
21 the State Convention and congressional district caucuses shall be elected as follows:
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23 a. Delegates and alternates to the state convention and congressional district
24 caucuses shall be elected at the legislative district caucuses in the following
25 legislative districts: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 21st, 25th, 27th, 28th, 29th,
26 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 41st, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and
27 48th. They may be elected in other legislative district caucuses by agreement
28 with the county central committees affected.
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30 b. A county that is wholly within a legislative district may choose its delegates and
31 alternates to the state convention and congressional district caucuses at the
32 county convention.
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34 c. A county that is in more than one legislative district may choose its delegates and
35 alternates to the state convention and congressional district caucuses at
36 legislative district caucuses during the county convention at a sub-caucus of
37 delegates from each legislative district on the date of the convention.
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39 d. A legislative district operating under (a), (b) or (c), above, must notify the State
40 Democratic Chair, by certified letter with return receipt requested, no later than
41 Friday, September 16, 2011, to allow for adequate public notice.
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- 1 5. The legislative district central committee or executive board shall select a legislative
2 district caucus credentials chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to
3 the caucus. The final credentials report shall be adopted prior to the conduct of any
4 other official business, but no earlier than 11:00 a.m. Individuals who arrive and sign
5 in after the final credentials report may participate and vote, but their presence will
6 not affect a quorum call. The Credentials Committee shall prepare a report for
7 submission to the State Party (Affirmative Action Report) which shall include the
8 demographic profile of the caucus attendees germane to the delegate selection and
9 affirmative action plan.
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- 11 6. The legislative district central committee or executive board shall select a legislative
12 district caucus rules chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the
13 caucus. It shall meet in advance of the caucus and shall propose rules for the
14 convention.
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- 16 7. The legislative district caucus chair shall transmit the Affirmative Action Report, and
17 the names, demographic profiles germane to the delegate selection and affirmative
18 action plan, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and presidential
19 preference of delegates and alternates elected at the legislative district caucus to the
20 State Democratic Chair within five (5) days of their election. Alternates shall be listed
21 in the order in which they were elected.
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23 **I. COUNTY CONVENTIONS**

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- 25 1. The business of county conventions shall include the adoption of a platform or
26 resolutions and may include the selection of nominees for partisan office. If the
27 county convention holds legislative district caucuses to elect delegates and alternates
28 to the State Convention and congressional district caucuses, those caucuses shall be
29 conducted pursuant to the applicable provisions relating to legislative district
30 caucuses at a sub-caucus meeting, not as part of the general business of the
31 convention.
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- 33 2. County conventions shall be held at the option of the county central committee or
34 executive board. All scheduled county conventions shall be held on Sunday, April 29,
35 2012, commencing at 10:00 a.m.
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- 1 3. The time (Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.) and the locations of the county
2 conventions shall be announced no later than Friday, April 13, 2012. Notice shall be
3 mailed or emailed, as allowed by a jurisdiction's bylaws, at least six (6) days in
4 advance to each delegate and alternate and shall include at least the following
5 information:
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7 a. The authority giving the notice
8 b. Who is eligible to participate
9 c. Starting time, place and address of the meeting
10 d. Proposed agenda
11 e. Proposed operating rules
12 f. Officers to be elected, if any
13 g. Nominations for elective office, if any
14 h. Other pertinent, concise information to prepare the delegate or alternate for the
15 work to be accomplished
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17 4. Delegates to the county convention shall be the duly elected delegates or alternates
18 from the precincts within the county.
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20 5. The county central committee or executive board shall select a county convention
21 credentials chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convention.
22 The final credentials report shall be adopted prior to the conduct of any other official
23 business, but no earlier than 11:00 a.m. Individuals who arrive and sign in after the
24 final credentials report may participate and vote, but their presence will not affect a
25 quorum call. The Credentials Committee shall prepare a report for submission to
26 the State Party (Affirmative Action Report) which shall include the demographic
27 profile of the caucus attendees germane to the delegate selection and affirmative
28 action plan.
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30 6. The county central committee or executive board shall select a county convention
31 platform chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convention. It
32 shall meet in advance of the convention, consider resolutions submitted by the
33 precinct caucuses and draft a proposed platform.
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35 7. The county central committee or executive board shall select a county convention
36 rules chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convention. It
37 shall meet in advance of the convention and shall propose rules for the convention.
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1 **J. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAUCUSES**

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- 3 1. The principal business of the congressional district caucuses shall be the election of
- 4 delegates and alternates to the National Convention. Each congressional district
- 5 caucus shall also elect one Presidential Elector and an alternate Elector.
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- 7 2. Congressional district caucuses shall be held on Sunday May 20, 2012 commencing at
- 8 times and sites designated by the State Democratic Chair. Notice shall be given at
- 9 least ten (10) days in advance to each delegate and alternate and to the news media
- 10 by the State Democratic Chair, who shall appoint a chair and a secretary for each
- 11 congressional district caucus. Delegates to the congressional district caucuses shall
- 12 be the duly elected delegates or alternates from the legislative district caucuses or
- 13 county conventions within each congressional district.
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- 15 3. The congressional district caucus secretary shall certify the number of delegates
- 16 present, the number of delegates for each presidential preference, an affirmative
- 17 action report of delegates and alternates, and the allocation of delegates and
- 18 alternates for each presidential preference, which shall constitute the final credentials
- 19 report.
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- 21 4. Each candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the National Convention may
- 22 use up to one (1) minute on his or her own behalf for nominating and seconding
- 23 speeches and a speech by the candidate. The one (1) minute may be allocated at the
- 24 candidate's discretion.
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26 **K. STATE CONVENTION**

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- 28 1. The Democratic State Convention shall commence on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at
- 29 9:00 a.m. in Seattle, Washington. Notice shall be given at least ten (10) days in
- 30 advance to each delegate and alternate by the State Democratic Chair. The State
- 31 Democratic Chair is authorized to appoint the temporary chair, the secretary, and the
- 32 sergeants-at-arms.
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- 34 2. There will be 1,400 elected delegates and 700 elected alternates to the State
- 35 Convention. Any county with less than ten (10) delegates may send up to ten (10)
- 36 people, with fractional votes, to the convention.
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- 38 3. State Convention delegates shall be requested to pay a \$50.00 State Convention
- 39 registration to the State Party Committee. No person shall be excluded or
- 40 disqualified at any level on the basis of non-payment of such registration or any fee.
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- 1 4. Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they were elected and shall
2 serve only for their respective legislative districts, provided that in delegations from
3 legislative districts containing more than one county, an alternate from the same
4 county as an absent delegate shall be seated prior to any other alternate from the
5 legislative district. Should no same county alternate be present, the eligible alternate
6 from within the legislative district shall be seated..
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- 8 5. The business of the State Convention shall be proposed by the State Convention
9 Rules Committee and confirmed by the State Convention, including, but not limited
10 to the election of at-large Presidential Electors and alternates, one male and one
11 female each and the nomination of any required candidates office. A platform shall
12 also be adopted. It may also include the selection of nominees for partisan office.
13 Workshops may be held at the discretion of the State Chair.
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- 15 6. Standing Committees of the State Convention.
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- 17 a. The Credentials Committee shall have the power to certify delegates as
18 submitted by the legislative districts and counties, and to recommend settlement
19 of all disputes pertaining to seating of delegates. The final credentials report shall
20 be adopted prior to the conduct of any other official business and shall include
21 the number of delegates registered for each presidential preference. It shall also
22 produce a post-convention Affirmative Action Report of delegates and
23 alternates. A member of the Affirmative Action Committee will serve on the
24 Credentials Committee.
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- 26 b. The Platform Committee shall hold hearings and shall meet and consider
27 resolutions and platforms as submitted by the various counties and/or
28 legislative districts, and draft a proposed platform and resolutions, which shall
29 be mailed or emailed to all delegates and alternates to the State Convention at
30 least ten (10) days prior to the Convention.
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- 32 c. The Rules Committee shall draft proposed rules and a proposed agenda for the
33 conduct of the Convention that shall be mailed or emailed to all delegates and
34 alternates to the State Convention at least ten (10) days prior to the Convention.
35 A member of the Affirmative Action Committee will serve on the Rules
36 Committee. The Rules Committee will ensure compliance with the party's
37 affirmative action goals.
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- 39 d. Committees shall hold an initial meeting in advance of the State Convention at a
40 time and place to be determined by the State Democratic Chair.
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- 42 e. The State Democratic Chair shall appoint the chair or co-chairs of the
43 Credentials, Rules and Platform Committees no later than December 31, 2011.
44 The appointment shall be confirmed by the State Committee at the State Central
45 Committee meeting preceding January 31, 2012. Each legislative district and
46 county organization shall elect one member to serve on each of the three
47 committees no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2012.
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Section IV
Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

1. Washington State has been allocated three (3) members on each of the three standing committees for the 2012 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of nine (9) members. (Call, VII.A. & Appendix D.)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2012 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 3, 2012. (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. 5.7.)
 - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Washington State. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (Call, VII.C.2.)

- 1 c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the
2 total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original
3 figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be
4 denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula
5 results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee
6 positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is
7 closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee
8 position. (Call, VII.C.3.)
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- 10 d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be
11 proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing
12 committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing
13 committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to
14 distribute the additional positions. (Call, VII.C.4.)
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16 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
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- 18 a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),
19 shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the
20 state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call, VII.D.1.)
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- 22 b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),
23 must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by Sunday, June 3, immediately after
24 the election of the at-large delegates and alternates, a minimum of one (1) name
25 for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The
26 delegation shall select the standing committee members submitted by the
27 presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates
28 shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot
29 awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call, VII.D.2.)
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31 4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division
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- 33 a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best
34 efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members
35 shall achieve Washington State's affirmative action goals and that their
36 respective members are equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I. & Reg.
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- 1 b. Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by gender. For
2 example, the first position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential
3 candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a
4 male, the second position for a female, and the remaining positions shall be
5 designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females. Positions for
6 presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total
7 number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions
8 on the Credentials Committee are designated by sex, the designation shall
9 continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.
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- 11 (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing
12 committee.
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- 14 (2) The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as
15 possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership
16 shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the
17 variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the
18 advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three standing
19 committees. (Call, VII.E.1.)
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- 21 (3) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee
22 shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-
23 getter(s) of the appropriate sex.

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25 5. Certification and Substitution

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- 27 a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in
28 writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3)
29 days after their selection. (Call, VII.B.3.)
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- 31 b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members,
32 except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in
33 accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section,
34 and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National
35 Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected. (Call,
36 VII.B.4.)
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Section V
The Delegation

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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., F.1. & Appendix C.)

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state’s National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on Sunday, June 3, 2012. (Call, IV.E.)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C.)
2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection. (Call, IV.E.)

C. Convention Pages

1. Three (3) individuals will be selected to serve as Washington State’s Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place on Sunday June 3, 2012. (Call, IV.F.3., Appendix C & Reg. 5.6.)
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Reg. 5.6.A.)
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Washington State’s Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call, IV.F.3. & Reg. 5.6.B.)

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4 **Section VI**
5 **General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees**

- 6 A. The Washington State Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by
7 incorporating the ‘six basic elements’ as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the
8 intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to
9 participate in the delegate selection process. (Rules 4.A. & C.)
- 10 1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Washington State should
11 be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color,
12 creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or
13 physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.(1))
 - 14 2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to the Democratic Party in
15 Washington State should be required or used which has the effect of requiring
16 prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or
17 support discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.(2))
 - 18 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Washington
19 State on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely
20 notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all
21 Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.(3))
 - 22 4. The Democratic Party in Washington State, on all levels, should support the broadest
23 possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.(4))
 - 24 5. The Democratic Party in Washington State should publicize fully and in such a
25 manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and
26 practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on
27 all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all
28 prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and
29 adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each
30 selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. (Rule 4.B.(5))
 - 31 6. The Democratic Party in Washington State should publicize fully and in such a
32 manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal
33 and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State
34 Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all
35 prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each
36 State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.
37 (Rule 4.B.(6))
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- 1 B. Discrimination on the basis of 'status' in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.
2 (Rule 5.B.)
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- 4 C. Washington State's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate
5 women, and alternate men and alternate women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation,
6 which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and
7 alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. (Rule 6.C.)
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- 9 D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or
10 uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 12.A.)
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- 12 E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party
13 rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is
14 elected. (Rule 12.I.)
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- 16 F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good
17 conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 12.J.)
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- 19 G. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who
20 have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who
21 subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic
22 Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 12.H. &
23 Reg. 4.24.)
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- 25 H. Forty percent (40%) the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection
26 process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National
27 Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention
28 participants. (Rule 15)
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- 30 I. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be
31 required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be
32 used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.A.)
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- 34 J. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for
35 convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential
36 place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official
37 Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements
38 for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.B.)
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- 40 K. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must
41 take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect
42 to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rules 1.F. & 11.B.)
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1 L. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention,
2 Washington State thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and
3 equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to
4 implement affirmative action programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to
5 the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2012
6 Democratic National Convention, and that the voters in the state will have the opportunity to
7 cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said
8 Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these
9 Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic
10 Party of the United States, and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign
11 for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees for the Democratic
12 National Convention. (Call, II.B.)
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Section VII
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 5.A.)
- b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Washington State should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or physical 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 surrogates, may cast subsequent votes. A surrogate form may be submitted if religious observance, military service, or disability prevents an attendee from participating in person. Official “Surrogate Affidavit” forms for religious observance, military service or disability may be downloaded from the State Party website (www.wa-democrats.org) or acquired in person from State Party office located at 615 – 2nd Ave. #580, Seattle, WA 98103. Surrogate affidavit forms must be received by the State Party no later than Friday, April 6, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The State Party will forward surrogate affidavit forms to the proper local party organization prior to the Sunday, April 15, 2012 precinct caucuses The precinct committee officer or caucus facilitator must sign the name of the surrogate holder to the “caucus sign-in form” at the time of the caucus and mark “surrogate” on the signature line. All surrogate 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 2012. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.7.)

1 f. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection
2 process and in all Party affairs, the Washington State Democratic Party has
3 adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for
4 African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific
5 Islanders and women. (Rule 6.A.)
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7 (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate
8 selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the
9 aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic
10 electorate. (Rule 6.A.(1))
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12 (2) This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the
13 Party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate
14 selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.(2))
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16 g. In order to achieve full participation of other groups that may be under-
17 represented in Party affairs, including members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
18 transgender (LGBT) community, people with disabilities and youth, the
19 Washington State Democratic Party has adopted and will implement Inclusion
20 Programs. Additionally, every effort will be made to include senior citizens and a
21 diversity of cultural, religious, and social backgrounds in the delegation. (Rule 7)
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23 2. Organizational Structure

24 a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic
25 Chair on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. (Rule 6.F.)
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27 b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws
28 Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's
29 Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names,
30 demographic data and contact information no later than 15 days after their
31 appointment. (Reg. 2.2.K)
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33 c. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing
34 the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the
35 Affirmative Action Plan. Each member's name and relevant demographic
36 ("status") information is attached as "Exhibit #1".
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- 1 d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
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3 (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans
4 and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
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6 (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations
7 to the State Democratic Chair.
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9 (3) Advising the State Democratic Chair on the implementation of all
10 requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
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12 (4) Advising the State Democratic Chair on the implementation of a financial
13 assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G.)
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15 (5) Advising the State Democratic Chair on matters ensuring that district lines
16 used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to
17 discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Enrolled Native
18 Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.E.)
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20 (6) Providing technical assistance to the State Party and local party
21 organizations regarding the implementation of this plan.
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23 e. Financial and staff support for the implementation of the Affirmative Action
24 section of this Plan shall be provided by the State Democratic Chair to the
25 greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a
26 priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable
27 costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
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29 3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin on Friday, September 16,
30 2011, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the
31 delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F.)
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33 **B. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process**
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- 35 1. Well publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate
36 districts beginning in September 2011. These workshops will be designed to
37 encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising
38 potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These
39 workshops will be held in places which are easily accessible to persons with physical
40 disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education
41 workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall
42 be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various
43 organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. (Rules 3.A., 3.C. & 3.D.)
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- 1 2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee comprised of
2 individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before
3 groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
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- 6 3. The State Party’s education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within
7 the Democratic Party’s constituencies and making sure that information about the
8 delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses
9 representing specific constituencies.
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- 11 4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise
12 explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection
13 process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and
14 delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the
15 State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative
16 Action Plan, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the
17 state’s delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Democratic Chair will
18 distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than Friday, January 6, 2012.
19 (Rule 1.H.)
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- 21 5. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote
22 as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 2.C.)
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24 **C. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**
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- 26 1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the
27 state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to
28 become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate
29 selection process and where to get additional information. The foregoing information
30 will also be posted on the State Party website. The Party organization, official,
31 candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively
32 publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and
33 alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rules 3.C. and 3.D.)
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- 35 2. Newspapers, radio, television, and the internet will be utilized to inform the general
36 public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process.
37 Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a
38 delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers,
39 radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair. Regular releases during
40 the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and
41 wire services should complete timely coverage. A listing of media outlets which will
42 receive this information is included in “**Exhibit #2**” as part “**A**” (“Major Daily
43 Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations”) and part “**B**”- (“Other ‘Non-Minority’
44 Media Outlets.”). (Rules 4.B.(3) & 6.D.)
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- 1 3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's
2 constituencies.
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4 a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority
5 newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian Americans
6 and Pacific Islanders, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Spanish-
7 speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and
8 women's organizations, student newspapers, gay and lesbian press, disability
9 press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the
10 Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative
11 Action Plan.
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13 b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity
14 effort. A list of "Constituent and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups"
15 is included as part "C" of "Exhibit #2". For purposes of providing adequate
16 notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the
17 conduct precinct caucuses, legislative district caucuses, county conventions,
18 congressional district caucuses and the State Convention shall be effectively
19 publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of
20 minority groups. (Rule 6.D.)
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22 4. Not later than Friday, September 16, 2011, a press kit shall be made and provided to
23 each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will
24 include:
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26 a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
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28 b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each
29 district;
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31 c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2012 Convention; and
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33 d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate
34 candidates.
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1 **D. Representation Goals**
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3 1. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans,
4 Hispanics, Enrolled Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in
5 the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established
6 as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. (Rule 6.A.)
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8 2. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the
9 LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic
10 electorate and furthermore, the State Party has chosen to establish these percentages
11 as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation.
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13 3. Methodology Used to Determine Representation and Inclusion Numerical Goals for
14 Washington State’s 2012 Democratic National Convention Delegation
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16 a. Introduction
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18 (1) Washington State has submitted numerical goals for all groups identified by
19 the DNC for its 2012 Democratic National Convention Delegation. It has
20 divided these goals into 2 parts – “Representation Goals”, which include
21 racial minority groups that are a part of traditional affirmative action
22 analyses (i.e., African Americans, Asian Pacific Americans; Hispanic
23 Americans, and Native Americans); and “Inclusion Goals” for LGBT
24 Americans, People with Disabilities, and Youth between the ages of 17 and
25 24.
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27 (2) Washington State has decided that for all of these constituencies, goals for
28 any group should represent a minimum of 3 members in the delegation,
29 similar to the notion that all states have a minimum level of 3 members in
30 Congress, and all legislative districts within the State of Washington have 3
31 members in the State Legislature. Washington State has determined that all
32 of these constituencies are of importance to the success of Democratic Party
33 candidates for office, and that no group should be left out of the numerical
34 goals for its delegation so as to foster unity and inclusion, as opposed to
35 racial and constituent divisiveness.
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37 (3) Washington State also notes that the goals are not singular and discrete,
38 which means that individuals who share a common identification among
39 various goals are included in the count for each goal. For example, a 21-
40 year old African American woman in the delegation will be counted toward
41 the even split of males and females in the delegation, and would also be
42 counted toward the African American and Youth goals.
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1 (4) Washington State notes further that it was successful in meeting and
2 exceeding its affirmative action goals for 2008, and as such, it will only
3 increase its numerical representation goal where it is warranted, but will
4 not decrease the goal either for any group or overall, for representation of
5 its delegation. Those previous goals have been proven to be reasonable and
6 achievable for 2012.
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8 b. Methodology for Representation Goals
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10 (1) Washington State used 2010 census data as a baseline for establishing
11 representation goals for racial minority groups in its delegation. In doing
12 so, it maintains its minimum number of goals for the delegation in
13 recognition of the presence of all groups within the State of Washington.
14 Washington State does not have Party registration unlike many other states,
15 which makes it difficult to determine the representation of each group's
16 participation even by area. Instead, Washington has used plus factors to
17 add to the total percentage representation for 3 of the groups (African
18 Americans and Enrolled Native Americans), and has ensured
19 representation equal to the census data for Asian Pacific Americans and
20 Hispanic Americans. The factors applied to each group are as follows:
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22 (2) African Americans
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- 24 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 5% / 7 in
25 the Delegation.
26 (b) Percent in Census: 3.6%
27 (c) Plus Factors: Strong presence of Democratic Party elected officials in
28 state and local government. Strong Democratic Voters in areas where
29 African Americans are concentrated. 2004 Exit Polling Information
30 indicates African American preferences for Governor and U.S. Senator
31 at 61% and 74% for Democratic Nominees. Exit Polling Data in
32 Washington State not available for 2006 U.S. Senate, or for subsequent
33 elections. However, national exit polling data shows 95% African
34 American preference for Obama over McCain in 2008.
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1 (3) Asian Pacific Americans
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3 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 8% / 11 in
4 the delegation.

5 (b) Percent in Census: 7.8% (Asian & Asian Pacific Islander)

6 (c) Plus Factors: Strong presence of Democratic Party elected officials in
7 state and local government. Strong Democratic Voters in areas where
8 Asian Pacific Americans are concentrated. 2004 Exit Polling
9 Information indicates Asian Pacific American preferences for Governor
10 and U.S. Senator at 70% and 68% for Democratic Nominees. Polling
11 Data not indicated for 2006 U.S. Senate. Exit Polling Data in
12 Washington State is not available for 2006 U.S. Senate or for
13 subsequent elections. However national exit polling data shows 62%
14 Asian and Pacific Islander American preference for Obama over
15 McCain in 2008.
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17 (4) Hispanic Americans
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19 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 11% / 14
20 in the delegation.

21 (b) Percent in Census: 11.2%

22 (c) Factors: Emerging presence of Democratic Party elected officials in
23 state and local government. 2004 Exit Polling Information indicates
24 Hispanic American preferences for Governor and U.S. Senator at 52%
25 and 58% for Democratic Nominees. 2006 Exit Polling Data for 2006
26 U.S. Senator indicates Hispanic American preference for the
27 Democratic Party nominee at 65%. Exit Polling Data in Washington
28 State is not available for subsequent elections. However national exit
29 polling data shows 67% Hispanic American preference for Obama over
30 McCain in 2008. Hispanic Americans is the group showing the largest
31 population gain between the 2000 and 2010 Census (Note: 8.8%
32 estimate for 2008 cycle). Key target populations for voter registration
33 and voter identification in 2012.
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1 (5) Enrolled Native Americans
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3 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 2.5% / 4
4 in the delegation.

5 (b) Percent in Census: 1.5%

6 (c) Factors: Emerging presence of Democratic Party elected officials in
7 state and local government. Emerging financial contributor to
8 Democratic Party and candidates. Represented Democratic Party
9 presence in the State Legislature. 2004, 2006 and 2008 Exit Polling
10 Information does not include information for Enrolled Native
11 American voters. Recognition of historical issues regarding duality of
12 citizenship and tribal sovereignty and identification.
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14 (6) Overall Combined Effect of Proposed Goals for All Racial Groups
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16 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 26.5% / 36
17 in the delegation.

18 (b) Percent in Census: 34% (Includes 5.2% "Some other race alone", and
19 4.7% persons reporting 2 or more races)

20 (c) Plus Factors: Strong and emerging presence of Democratic Party
21 elected officials in state and local government. Strong Democratic
22 Voters in many areas where Communities of Color are concentrated.
23 2004 Exit Polling Information indicates preferences for White
24 Americans for Governor and U.S. Senator at 48% and 54% for
25 Democratic Nominees. 2006 Exit Polling Data for 2006 U.S. Senator at
26 57%. Exit Polling Data in Washington State is not available for
27 subsequent elections. However national exit polling data shows
28 People of Color consistently and significantly preferred Obama over
29 McCain in 2008, while only 43% White voters preferred Obama over
30 McCain. (NOTE: In Washington State, however, 57% of White voters
31 preferred Obama over McCain). Indicators demonstrate that People of
32 Color vote for Democratic Party candidates at a significantly higher
33 percentage when compared to White voters.
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1 c. Methodology for Inclusion Goals

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

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18 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 6% / 7 in
19 the delegation. (2 of which shall be people of color)
20 (b) Percent in Census: 5.7% (Estimate from 2005 Williams Institute report)
21 (c) Factors: Emerging presence of Democratic Party elected officials in
22 state and local government. Six members of this constituency are in
23 the Legislature. In one state legislative district (43rd), 2 of 3 members
24 are LGBT Americans. In that same legislative district, very strong
25 preference shown for Democratic Candidates. Exit Polling Data almost
26 non-existent, with the exception of 2004 Presidential Election in which
27 voters identified as "Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual" indicated a 77%
28 preference for Democratic nominee, as compared to 46% of voters who
29 did not so identify. Issue of discrimination due to sexual orientation a
30 key contributing factor for the lack of information, both by the victims
31 and by government policies and practices (sexual orientation not
32 included in census surveys). There is an active Caucus constituency
33 within State Party.
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35 (3) People with Disabilities

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37 (a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 3% / 3 in
38 the delegation. (Assigned based on factors below)
39 (b) Percent in Census: No single consistent indicator; fluctuates based on
40 definition used.
41 (c) Factors: Active Caucus constituency within State Party. Included with
42 baseline representation of delegates as discussed in introduction.
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(4) Youth (Ages 17 to 24)

(a) Percent in Democratic Electorate and Number of Delegates: 3% / 3 in the delegation. (Assigned based on factors below)

(b) Percent in Census: 11.5%

(c) Factors: A subset of young Democrats (17 to 35), but more an entry age part of the group. 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 35. 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.

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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	African Americans	Hispanics	Enrolled Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBT Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth (Age 17-24)
% in Democratic Electorate	5%	11%	2.5%	8%			
Numeric Goals for Delegation	7	14	4	11	7	3	3

4. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and unpledged) shall be compared with the State Party’s goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process which 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))

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

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1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Washington State Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 6.H.)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by Friday, March 30, 2012 which indicates the specific steps he or she 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 between men and women. 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 VIII 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 2012 Democratic National Convention* (Regs., Sec. 3.), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2012 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A.)
2. Under Rule 20.B. of the *2012 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 20.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 2012 Democratic National Convention. (Call, Appendix A. & Reg., 3.1.)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2012 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 2012 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 2012 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 2012 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of fifteen Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A.), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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

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

- 1 2. A challenge to the state’s Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the
2 Washington State Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws
3 Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State
4 Party. (Reg. 3.4.B.)
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- 6 3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regs.,
7 which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.
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9 **C. Challenges to Implementation**

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- 11 1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan
12 has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a
13 timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the
14 Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above).
15 However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or
16 interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection
17 process. (Reg. 3.1.C.)
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- 19 2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is
20 initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the
21 Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation
22 occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten
23 (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and
24 Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the
25 challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request
26 must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day
27 period. (Regs. 3.4.C., E., & H.)
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- 29 3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the con-
30 vention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state
31 delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative
32 action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on
33 delegation composition or primary results. (Rule 6.B.) The procedures are the same for
34 challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a
35 Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to
36 the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C.)
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- 38 4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation
39 challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and
40 Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which
41 should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.
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**Section IX
Summary of Plan**

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 2012 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Washington State’s delegate selection process will occur with precinct caucuses on Sunday, April 15, 2012 commencing at 1 p.m.

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

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	69	0	5/20/12	Selected at the congressional district caucus by delegates elected at the legislative district caucuses. <i>Statement of candidacy to the State Democratic Chair by Friday, May 4, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.</i>
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	16	None	None	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 8.A. of the 2012 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	13	**	6/3/12	Selected by the members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative District <i>Statement of candidacy to the State Democratic Chair by Friday, May 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.</i>
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	23	8	6/3/12 6/3/12	Selected by the members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative District <i>Statement of candidacy to the State Democratic Chair by Friday, May 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.</i>
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	121	8		

* Unpledged 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 2012 *Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

** Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates. [Applicable to most states.]

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

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 4 Standing committee members will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates as
 5 summarized below:
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Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
3	9	Sunday, June 3, 2012	Presidential candidates must submit standing committee member names to the State Democratic Chair by Sunday, June 3, immediately after the election of the at-large delegates and alternates. Candidates must be resident, registered voters in the State of Washington.

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

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 10 The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on Sunday, June 3,
 11 2012.

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 13 3 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on Sunday, June 3, 2012.

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 15 **D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline**

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 17 Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State
 18 Democratic Chair by Thursday, March 15, 2012.
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E. Timetable

Date	Activity
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Tuesday, March 1 st	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Democratic Chair. (VII.A.2.a)
Saturday, March 26 th Sunday, March 27 th	Rules and Affirmative Action Committees meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
Sunday, March 27 th	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are <i>tentatively approved</i> for public comment by the Rules and Affirmative Action Committees.
Tuesday, March 29 th	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
Wednesday, April 27 th	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
Friday, April 29 th Saturday, April 30 th	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
Monday, May 2 nd	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
Friday, September 16 th	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media. (VII.A.3) (VII.C.4)
Friday, November 9 th	Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts. (VII.B.4)
Saturday, December 31 st	The State Chair shall appoint the chair or co-chairs of the State Convention Credentials, Rules and Platform Committees. The appointment shall be confirmed by the State Committee at the State Central Committee meeting preceding January 31, 2012. (III.J.5.e)

Date	Activity
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Tuesday, January 31 st	Each legislative district and county organization shall elect one member to serve on each of the State Convention Credentials, Rules and Platform Committees. (III.J.5.e)
Thursday, March 15 th	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party. (II.B)
Friday, March 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Washington State's 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.) (VII.E.2) o "Surrogate Affidavit" forms must be received by the State Party no later than 5:00 PM. (VII.A.1.d)

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Date	Activity
2012	
Monday, April 9 th	District Level Delegate and Alternate Statement of Candidacy forms available from the State Party office. (III.A.4.b)
Sunday, April 15 th	Precinct Caucuses 1:00 p.m. (III.A.2.a)
Saturday, April 28 th	Legislative District Caucuses 10:00 a.m. (III.A.2.c)
Sunday, April 29 th	County Conventions 10:00 a.m. (III.A.2.b)
Friday, May 4 th	District Level Delegate and Alternate Statement of Candidacy forms due at the State Party office by 5:00 p.m. (III.A.4.b)
Friday, May 11 th	State Party provides a list of candidates for District Level Delegate and Alternate to respective campaigns by 12:00 p.m. (III.A.5.a)
Thursday, May 17 th	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved candidates for District Level Delegate and Alternate to the State Party by 5:00 p.m. (III.A.5.b)
Sunday, May 20 th	Congressional District Caucuses (The principal business of the Congressional District Caucuses shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the National Convention.) At times and sites designated by the State Democratic Chair. (III.A.2.d)
Friday, May 25 th	Pledged PLEO and At-Large Delegate or Alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party by 5:00 p.m. (III.C.2.b) (III.D.2.a)
Tuesday, May 29 th	State Party certifies elected District Level Delegate and Alternate to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee. (III.A.8)
Wednesday, May 30 th	State Party provides list of Pledged PLEO and At-Large Delegate or Alternate candidates to the respective presidential candidates by 5:00 p.m. (III.C.3.a) (III.D.3.a)
Thursday, May 31 st	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved candidates for Pledged PLEO Delegate candidates to State Party. (III.C.3.b)
Saturday, June 2 nd	State Convention in Seattle, Washington 9:00 a.m. (III.K.1)
Sunday, June 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Election of PLEO Delegates ○ Presidential candidates provide approved list of At-Large Delegates and Alternate candidates to the State Party ○ Members of the State Party Committee representing Legislative Districts select At-Large Delegates and Alternates ○ Presidential candidates must submit standing committee member names to the State Democratic Chair by Sunday, June 3, immediately after the election of the at-large delegates and alternates. ○ National Convention delegation meeting ○ Delegates select National Convention standing committee members and delegation chair ○ State Democratic Chair names convention pages
Wednesday, June 6 th	State Democratic Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Standing Committee Members. ○ The Delegation Chair ○ The Pages
Wednesday, June 13 th	State Democratic Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The presidential preference of state's Unpledged Delegates. ○ The state's pledged PLEO Delegates ○ The state's At-Large Delegates and Alternates