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Section I

Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. District of Columbia has a total of 43 delegates and 2 alternates. (Call I & Appendix B)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (“Rules”), the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (“Call”), the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of District of Columbia, the District of Columbia election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call II.A)
3. Following the State Party Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the State Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. District of Columbia will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of District of Columbia’s delegate selection process will occur on 6/2/2020, with a Primary. The Presidential Primary Election has been combined with the DC Primary Election of local officials as listed below:

- Councilmember At-large – 2 positions [DC Code specifies that one of the two positions must be held by a non-majority party or Democratic Party]
- Councilmember, Ward 2
- Councilmember, Ward 4
- Councilmember, Ward 7
- Councilmember, Ward 8
- DC Delegate to Congress

C. Voter Participation

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

a. Residents of the District of Columbia register to vote by filling out a “Voter Registration Card” provided by the District of Columbia. Voter registration cards are available at the DC Democratic State Committee Office 1250 H Street, NW, the Frank Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, N.W., and 1 Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW 2nd floor, as well as at local libraries and post offices. Voters declare their Party preference on the Voter Registration Card which is a public record. The District of Columbia allows voters to register on election day and then vote. (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.B)

b. Voters declare their Party preference on the Voter Registration Card which is a public record. (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.A)

c. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the general election will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. (Reg. 4.3.C)

d. At no stage of District of Columbia’s delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. (Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)

e. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election. (Rule 2.E)

f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate election process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. (Rule 2.F)

g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)

2. The District of Columbia Board of Election and Ethics will conduct the Primary in the District of Columbia. Optical scanning machines are in all voting precincts and are the predominate voting machines available. In all precincts, there are touch screen voting machines. The majority of the voters use the optical screen machines, 85%-90% in the past elections. The Board of Elections uses touch screen machines that have a provable backup system which can print out the results, creating a paper record. The Democratic Party of the District of Columbia is working with Board of Elections' officials to ensure that the District of Columbia conducts its elections in accordance with Democratic Party rules and standards outlined below.

a. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; (Rule 2.H.1)

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

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

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

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

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

g. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately. (Rule 2.H.7)

3. In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process, The DC Democratic State committee works with the District of Columbia Board of Election and Ethics who will conduct the Primary in the District of Columbia. In-person early voting commences 2 weeks prior to election day. Qualified electors need not bring any ID to vote but must know certain identifying information to receive a ballot. Ballot counts are conducted by DC Board of Elections and Ethics pursuant to the standards set forth in DC Law. (Rule 2.I and 2.I.1)

- a. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee, same-day voter registration, and voting by mail; (Rule 2.I.1.a)
- b. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines; (Rule 2.I.1.b)
- c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; (Rule 2.I.1.c)
- d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; (Rule 2.I.1.d)
- e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and (Rule 2.I.1.e)
- f. Facilitate military and overseas voting. (Rule 2. I.1.f)

4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the District of Columbia’s voting statute is one of the most progressive in the country and allows for items a-d. (Rule 2.I.2)

- a. Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; (Rule 2.I.2.a)
- b. Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.I.2.b)
- c. Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; (Rule 2.I.2.c) and
- d. Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process.] (Rule 2.I.2.d)

5. These measures include automatic routine manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records following every election and prior to certification of results where possible; parallel testing on election day; physical and electronic security for equipment; banning use of wireless components and connections except where required to provide a voter with a disability a secure and approved means to access voting materials and exercise the right to vote; public disclosure of software design; use of transparent and random selection for all auditing procedures; and effective procedures for addressing evidence of fraud or error. (Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)

6. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

The state party is responsible for selecting the dates and times and locating and confirming the availability of publicly accessible facilities for all official meetings and events related to this process. In addition, the scheduling of meetings shall consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)

Section II

Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the District of Columbia presidential preference primary ballot, or is eligible to participate in the District of Columbia's first-tier caucuses, by the following:

A candidate will have two (2) options available to file a declaration of candidacy – File petition signatures OR pay a \$2500 filing fee.

1. **OPTION 1:** Filing a declaration of candidacy and a petition by March 4, 2020 of one thousand (1,000) signatures of registered qualified electors who are members of the District of Columbia Democratic Party, with the District of Columbia Board of Elections, 1050 Half Street, SE, Washington, DC during the hours of 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Petition forms will be available from the DC Board of Elections on January 10, 2020. (Filing date conforms to DC Code, Pursuant to Section 1.1001.08.i stipulates that “each individual in the primary election for candidate ... shall be nominated for any such office by petition ... filed with the Board no later than 90 days before the date of such primary election. Write-In Candidates – all ballots shall include a provision for voters to write-in their presidential preference which is not otherwise listed. Uncommitted – All ballots shall include a provision for voters to express a preference for uncommitted. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Please see submitted waiver request.) (Rule 1.A.7), or

2. **OPTION 2:** A candidate may forgo the petition process and instead choose to file for the presidential preference primary ballot by submitting a completed a Statement of Candidacy along with a check for \$2,500 payable to the District of Columbia Democratic State Committee (DCDSC). This may be submitted in one of the following ways:

- a. in person by the candidate or authorized representative to the DCDSC office located at 80 M St., SE by 5pm, March 4, 2020
- b. Mailed to PO Box 50622, Washington, DC 20091. Must be postmarked March 4, 2020 (Rule 1.A.8).

Candidacy statements must be signed by the Presidential candidate. Candidacy statements may also be submitted via email submissions to Chair@dcdemocraticparty.org and cc: ExecutiveDirector@dcdemocraticparty.org.

A list of all candidates who submit a \$2,500 payment will be submitted to the DC Board of Elections no later than March 13, 2020.

B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by January 17, 2020. (Rule 13.D.1)

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

Section III

Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. District-Level Delegates and Alternates

1. The District of Columbia is allocated 13 district -level delegates and 1 district-level alternate. The District of Columbia Democratic Party (DCDSC) has chosen to allocate one (1) of its two (2) Alternate at the district-level and one (1) at the at -large level

2. District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by a online Pre-Primary Caucus from April 25, 2020 through May 21, 2020 to slate delegates followed by a Presidential Preference Primary. The specific details about the process utilized in selecting the district level delegates is set forth in Section III.A.7

3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

a. District of Columbia's district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the average vote for Democratic candidates in the 2012 and 2016 presidential elections and the Democratic Party registration or enrollment as of January 1, 2020. The District of Columbia is divided into eight (8) equally populated wards based on the Federal Census count. Political Party registration of voters across the District of Columbia has remained on average at 75% > Democratic. Furthermore, current Party registration has remained at 75% of total DC registration since 2000. (Rule 8.A.; Regs. 4.10., 4.11 & Appendix A)

b. The state’s total number of district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women. In the case of non-binary candidates, they shall not be counted in the male or female category. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8)

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

d. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table (Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A):

District of Columbia Congressional Districts	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males*	Females*	Total	Males*	Females*	Total
#1 Wards 1, 2, 6, and 8	4	3	7	0	0	0
#2 Wards 3, 4, 5, and 7	3	3	6	0	1	1
Total	6	5	13	0	1	1

*(Assuming no gender non-binary delegates are elected.)

4. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

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

b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating a singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party at PO Box 50622, Washington, DC 20091 by 5pm on March 21st, 2020. Forms and filing instructions may be downloaded from the internet at the District of Columbia Democratic State Party at www.dcdemocraticparty.org beginning January 10, 2020. A district -level delegate or alternate candidate may modify their presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support before the filing deadline. (Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23)

c. Unsuccessful district-level candidates may be considered for alternate positions. All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for district-level delegate positions. (Rule 13.C)

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

a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than March 25, 2020 at 5pm, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.D & Rule 13.F)

b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by 5pm on March 30, 2020, a written list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate men and three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women, and three (3) times the number of candidates for alternate men and three (3) times the number of alternate women to be selected. (Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.24 & Reg. 4.25)

c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than 5 pm, March 30, 2020.

d. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.24)

e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. (Rule 6.I & Reg.4.10.C)

6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan (Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B & Rule 14.D)

1. The District of Columbia presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates and alternates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences

falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates.

2. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)

7. Election of District-Level Delegates

- a. There shall be one website location for the pre -primary caucus: location TBD held from April 25, 2020 through May 21, 2020.

b. Registration at Caucus Sites

1. Registration at caucus sites shall involve and require of those wishing to participate completion of a registration sign-in sheet. The sign-in sheet will be located on the Party's website at www.DCDemocraticParty.org beginning on April 17, 2020 . These sign-in sheets shall be standardized. (Rule 12.G)
2. The sign -in sheets shall require that each voter wishing to participate, provide the following:
3. Name of person registering
 - i. Address
 - ii. Telephone number (if a person has one)
 - iii. E-mail address (if a person as one)
 - iv. Presidential caucus preference – to be set forth on a separate ballot

c. Participating at Caucus Sites

- a. Those persons who wish to participate and who have completed the registration sign-in sheet and who are shown on the voter rolls maintained by the D.C. Board of Election and Ethics shall be presumed qualified unless positive proof can be established to the contrary.
- b. Positive proof includes but is not limited to providing the name, address and date of birth. This information will be verified by the DCDCS staff. Only when verified, the participant will be emailed an appropriate ballot by DCDCS staff. e.
- c. Challenged ballots shall be allowed to be cast by persons who claim they are properly registered Democrats in the District of Columbia but are not shown as such by the records of the D.C. Board of Election and Ethics.

- d. Challenged ballots shall be segregated from the other ballots cast, placed in a sealed envelope, with a voter's name, address and signature on the envelope, for subsequent review and verification. Only those who are determined to be properly registered Democrats in the District of Columbia by the D.C. Board of Election and Ethics shall have their votes counted.
- e. Challenged ballots shall only be reviewed, verified, and ruled upon if the total amount of challenged ballots cast could affect the outcome of the election.
- f. Caucus Site Agenda/Online Registration and Voting
 - i.
 - ii. Expression of presidential preference and casting of ballots for delegates by presidential preference Will begin on April 17, 2020 and end on May 15, 2020 at 11:59pm.
 - iii. Last day to cast a ballot will be on May 21, 2020 by 11:59pm
 - iv. Caucus manger tabulates, and reports results to State Party by phone and sends material to State Party.
- g. Caucus Site Rules
 - i. .
 - ii. The caucus manager shall take all such steps necessary to make certain that the ballots are properly secured and that the results of the Presidential Caucus are accurately tabulated. Specifically, they shall:
 1. Not allow any voting by proxy.
 2. Terminate registration at the time the caucus is adjourned.
 3. See that the results of the presidential caucuses are accurately tabulated and make note of any challenges.
 4. .
 5. Report the results of the tabulation to the State Democratic Chair in person or by telephone immediately upon completion of tabulation.
 6. Appoint any committees necessary for the smooth operation of the Caucus.
 7. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 2.E.)

8. When a presidential candidate qualifies to receive delegates and alternates based on the results of the June 2, 2020 primary, but fails to slate a sufficient number in the pre-primary caucus, the members of the D.C. Democratic State Committee shall select such delegates and alternates at the state convention of the DCDSC attended by 40% of the members on June 11, 2020 as its first order of business.
 - a. To be considered candidates must submit a Statement of Candidacy no later than June 5, 2020. Statement of Candidacy can be obtained on the state party website www.dcdemocraticparty.org. Forms can be submitted online via the state party website, delivered in person to the DCDSC office located at 80 M St., SE or emailed to ExecutiveDirector@dcdemocraticparty.org and cc Chair@dcdemocraticparty.org
 - b. The DCDSC will provide the list delegate candidates to the Presidential campaign by June 6. The Presidential campaign will review the list and provide feedback and approval back to the DCDSC by June 7th. The campaign will provide this approval by emailing ExecutiveDirector@dcdemocraticparty.org and cc Chair@dcdemocraticparty.org. Failure to respond by 5pm on June 7th indicates approval of the list by the campaign. The final list of delegates will be published by June 9th.

8. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

a. To ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order, with positions assigned to either male and female alternating by gender as mathematically practicable, until the gender of each position has been assigned. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)

b. After the delegates are selected, the alternate will be awarded, using the same process described above.

9. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates and alternate to the Democratic National Convention by 5pm April 28, 2020. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

B. Automatic Delegates

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials

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

(1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15)

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

(3) All of District of Columbia's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J)

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

(5) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.14)

b. An Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention. (Call I.J)

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

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

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

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

2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. (Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)

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

1. District of Columbia is allotted 2 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call I.D, Call I.E & Appendix B)

2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements

- a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. (Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)
- b. If persons eligible for pledged PLEO delegate positions have not already made known their presidential preference (or uncommitted status) as candidates for district-level or at-large delegate positions, their preference shall be ascertained through the following alternative procedure by setting forth their presidential preference on the statement of candidacy. (Rule 9.B.(3) & Reg. 4.16)
- c. An individual can qualify as a candidate for PLEO to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating a singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party at PO Box 50622, Washington, DC 20091 by 5pm on May 28th, 2020. Forms and filing instructions may be downloaded from the internet at the District of Columbia Democratic State Party at www.dcdemocraticparty.org beginning March 15, 2020. A PLEO candidate may modify their presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support before the filing deadline. (Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 5pm on June

5, 2020, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 10.A.3 & Rule 13.D)

- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by 5pm, June 9, 2020, a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than 5pm, June 9, 2020. (Rule 13.D)
- d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)

4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F)
- b. Selection of the pledged delegates will occur at 7pm on June 11, 2020, which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternate and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternate. If social distancing measures are still in place, the meeting will occur online using the Zoom.com platform. (Rule 10.A)
- c. These delegates will be selected by State Central committee (Rule 10.B)
 - (1) the State Party Committee, provided that:
 - (a) Membership on the State Central Committee is apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic strength. Members of the State Central Committee are apportioned on the basis of population and equally divided by gender with four (4) members elected from each of the 8 wards; twelve (12) at-large; four (4) national or alternate committee members;

four (4) DC Young democrats; eight (8) chartered ward chairs; twelve (12) ex officio members; and two (2) members each from the DC College Democrats, Federation of Democratic Women, Gertrude Stein Democratic Club / GLBT, Asia Pacific Islanders, Hispanic Political Action Committee and others. (Rule 10.B.1 & Reg. 4.18.A)

- (b) Members of the State Central Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B)
- (c) 2020 DC central committee delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district -level delegates (Rule 10.B.3)
- (d) Members of the State Central Committee shall have been elected no earlier than the calendar year of the previous national convention. (Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18.B)
- (e) There are currently 80 members of the State Central Committee (42 Males; 38 Females). Membership of the State Central Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C). We have appointed members of caucus that do not require gender parity.

5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days, by 5pm on June 19, 2020 after their election. (Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternate

1. The state of District of Columbia is allotted 4 at-large delegates and 1 at-large alternate. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34)

2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party, PO Box 50622, Washington, DC 20091, by 5pm, May 28, 2020. Forms are

available online at www.dcdemocraticparty.org as of March 15, 2020. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.22, Reg. 4.23, & Reg. 4.31)

b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternate will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the DC Democratic State Committee, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 19.A)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey, by email, to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), list of all persons who have filed for at-large delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate by June 5 at 5:00 pm. (Rule 13.D (Reg. 4.24.D & Reg. 4.31.C)

b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file, by email, with the State Democratic Chair, by 5pm, June 9, 2020 a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled (Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25).

c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing or email to the State Democratic Chair not later than 5:00 pm on June 9, 2020..

d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the June 2, 2020 primary vote. (Rule 11.C)

(1) the state-wide primary vote.

b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 14.E)

c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)

d. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 11.C)

e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. (Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.33)

5. **Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates**

a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at June 11, 2020 via utilizing the Simply Voting online voting platform, which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. If social distancing measurers are still in place, the meeting will occur online using the Zoom.com platform. (Call III)

(1) These delegates and alternates will be selected by the State Central Committee (Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)

(2) Membership on the State Central Committee is apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic strength. (Rule 10.B.1 & Reg. 4.18.A)

(3) Members of the State Central Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection (Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B)

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

(5) Members of the State Central Committee shall have been elected no earlier than the calendar year of the previous national convention. (Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18.B)

(6) Membership of the State Central Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. Members of the

State Central Committee are apportioned on the basis of population and equally divided by gender with four (4) members elected from each of the 8 wards; twelve (12) at -large; four (4) national or alternate committee members; four (4) DC Young democrats; eight (8) chartered ward chairs; twelve (12) ex officio members; and two (2) members each from the DC College Democrats, Federation of Democratic Women, Gertrude Stein Democratic Club / GLBT, Asia Pacific Islanders, Hispanic Political Action Committee and others. (Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C)

(7) There are currently 80 members of the State Central Committee (42 Males; 38 Females). Membership of the State Central Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C). We have appointed members of caucus that do not require gender parity.

b. Priority of Consideration

(1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. (Rule 6.A.3)

(2) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. (Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)

(3) The election of at-large delegates and alternate shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)

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

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

6. **Replacement of Delegates and Alternate**

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

- (1) Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.3)
- (2) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
- (3) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- (4) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
- (5) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.36)
- (6) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. (Rule 19.D.2)

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

- (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
- (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate

they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

- (3) The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: (Rule 19.D.1)
- (4) The alternate who receives the highest number of votes becomes the delegate.

c. Certification of Replacements

- (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 19.D.3)
 - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the District of Columbia's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call IV.D.1)
 - (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.35)
 - (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. (Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)
- d. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 19.E)
- e. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.37)

(1) Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (Call IV.D.2.a)

(2) Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. (Call, IV.D.2.b)

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

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

Section IV

Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

1. District of Columbia has been allocated (1) member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 3 members. (Call VII.A & Appendix D)

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

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

B. Temporary Standing Committee Members

1. Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees, will be selected by the DCDSC membership at a meeting on May 7, 2020. The meeting shall be open to the public and well publicized in accordance with this Plan. Members of DCDSC shall receive timely notice of the meeting, in accordance with State Party rules. (Call VII.G.2)

2. Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committee[s]. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application to the Chair of the DCDSC who will verify Democratic Party Affiliation to conclude that the member is a registered Democrat including the committee[s] for which they wish to be considered, no later than April 30, 2020. To be considered candidates must submit a Statement of Candidacy no later than April 20, 2020. Statement of Candidacy can be obtained on the state party website www.dcdemocraticparty.org. Forms can be submitted online via the state party website, delivered in person to the DCDSC office located at 80 M St., SE or emailed to ExecutiveDirector@dcdemocraticparty.org and ccChair@dcdemocraticparty.org

3. The male and female membership of each standing committee shall be as equally divided among men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation; i.e. the variance between men and women on any committee. (Call VII.E.2) In the case of gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the standing committee members shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). (Call VII.E.1)

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

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

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

C. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting

a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by the of District of Columbia's National Convention delegates using a online voting tool on June 16-17,

2020. If social distancing measurers are still in place, voting occur online using Simply Voting platform. (Call VII.B.1)

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

2. Allocation of Members

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

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

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

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

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

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

b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by June 11, 2020 at 5pm, a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call VII.D.2)

4. **Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division**

a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve District of Columbia's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)

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

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

1. The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three standing committees. (Call, VII.E.2)

1. The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

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

1. The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

5. Certification and Substitution

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

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

Section V

Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

A. Introduction

District of Columbia will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 2 to serve as Convention Pages. (Call IV.E, Call IV.F.1 & Appendix C)

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting

a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by the state's National Convention Delegates using an online voting tool on June 16-17, 2020. If social distancing measures are still in place, the meeting/online voting will occur online using the Simply Voting platform (Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)

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

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

C. Convention Pages

1. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as District of Columbia'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 June 9, 2020. (Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)

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

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

Section VI Presidential Electors

A. Introduction

District of Columbia will select 3 persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election.

B. Selection of Presidential Electors

The Presidential Electors shall be selected by the Chair of the Democratic State Committee in partnership with the Mayor of the District of Columbia. The selection of the Presidential Electors will be submitted to the DC Democratic State Committee for ratification by July 9, 2020.

C. Affirmation

1. Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees. (Call VIII). Electors are required by DC Law to abide by the vote in the Presidential Primary of the residents of the District of Columbia.

2. In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the State Party will take the following step to ensure the persons selected are bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to

the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Call VIII).

The State Party will verify with the DC Board of Elections that Elector candidate is a registered Democratic in the District of Columbia.

Section VII

General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

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

awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)

- g. The Democratic Party in District of Columbia should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. (Rule 4.B.6)
- h. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)
- i. District of Columbia’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. (Rule 6.C)
- j. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 13.A)
- k. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 13.I)
- l. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 13.J)
- m. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.26)
- n. At least 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 16)
- o. No proxy voting is allowed. (Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)

- p. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 18.A)
- q. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 18.B)
- r. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs. (Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)
- s. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, the State Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in District of Columbia, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. (Call II.B)

Section VIII

Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program

A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

1. Purpose and Objectives

a. To make sure that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by District of Columbia. (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 District of Columbia should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age,

color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.1)

d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, District of Columbia has established goals for these groups. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)

e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the District of Columbia Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. (Rule 6.A & Rule 7)

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

(2) For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. (Reg. 5.3.A)

(3) For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. (Reg. 5.3.B)

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

2. Organizational Structure

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

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

c. The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:

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

(2) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.

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

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

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

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

B. Representation Goals

1. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (Rule 6.A)

2. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate. The State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)

The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate based upon 2014 US Census updates regarding the estimated population counts for the District of Columbia.

Furthermore, the DC Board of Elections does not collect data pertaining to the racial or ethnic background of registered voters in DC. Therefore, the DC State Party has chosen population counts to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. (See chart below.)

3. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate based upon 2014 US Census updates regarding the estimated population counts for the District of Columbia.

Furthermore, the DC Board of Elections does not collect data pertaining to the racial or ethnic background of registered voters in DC. Therefore, the DC State Party has chosen population counts to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. (See chart below.)

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth	Ethnics
Percent in Democratic Electorate	47	11	.7	5.5	13	15	36.4	36
Numeric Goals for Delegation	21	4	1	2	5	6	16	17

4. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be compared with the State Party’s representation goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. (Rule 11.A)

5. Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the State Party will conduct outreach and inclusion activities such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 6.A.3)

C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

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

2. A speaker's bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.

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

4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than 8/1/2019. (Rule 1.H)

5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. (Rule 2.A)

6. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. (Rule 2.C)

7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented no later than 9/13/2019 that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all

Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)

D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

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

2. The State Party shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan (see Attachment 2.i) for using all available and appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television, to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be posted/released throughout the state's delegate selection process to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)

3. A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.

a. Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of the process and how to participate shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D)

4. Not later 9/15/2019, the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:

- a. materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
- b. a summary explaining the role of the 2020 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
- c. a summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
- d. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the District of Columbia Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Rule 6.H)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by 10/4/2019 which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in District of Columbia's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.1)
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.2)
4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)

F. Outreach and Inclusion Program

1. The State Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting

rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs.

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

3. The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities by working with various disability groups throughout the District.

4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will fully implement the affirmative outreach plan.

Section IX Challenges

A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)

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

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

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

5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall

have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.B.5)

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

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

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

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Rule 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A)

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

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

C. Challenges to Implementation

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

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

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

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

Section X Summary of Plan

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

District of Columbia will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of District of Columbia’s delegate selection process will occur on June 2, 2020 with a D.C. Primary.

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

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	13	1	4/25/2020 – 5/21/2020	Registered Democrats in the District of Columbia that participate in the Pre-Primary on-line Caucus File Statement of Candidacy by March 21, 2020
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	26	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.
	2	**	6/11/2020	DCDSC

Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)				File Statement of Candidacy by May 28, 2020
At-Large Delegates	4	1	6/11/2020	DCDSC
At-Large Alternates				File Statement of Candidacy by May 28, 2020
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	45	2		

* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: The Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

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

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

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	May 7, 2020	Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees, will be selected by the DCDSC at a meeting on May 7, 2020. If social distancing measurers are still in place, the meeting will occur online using the Zoom.com platform. The meeting shall be open to the public and well publicized in accordance with this Plan. Members of DCDSC shall receive timely notice of the meeting, in accordance with State Party rules.
1	3	June 11, 2020	Each Presidential candidate or that candidate’s authorized representative, must submit to the DC State Party Chair by 5:00 pm on June 11, 2020, a minimum of One (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for member of each committee

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates by June 17, 2020. 2 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on June 9, 2020.

D. Selection of Presidential Electors

3 Presidential Electors will be selected by the Chair of the DC Democratic State Committee and Mayor of the District of Columbia no later than July 9, 2020.

E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

A declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the District of Columbia Democratic Party. The filing deadline is 5 pm, March 4, 2020. If Declaration of Candidacy is mailed, it must be postmarked by March 4, 2020. Declarations can be emailed to: Chair@dcdemocraticparty.org and cc: ExecutiveDirector@dcdemocraticparty.org or mailed to PO Box 50622 Washington, DC 20091.

A candidate will have two (2) options available to file a declaration of candidacy – File petition signatures OR pay a \$2500 filing fee.

1. **OPTION 1:** Filing a declaration of candidacy and a petition by March 4, 2020 of one thousand (1,000) signatures of registered qualified electors who are members of the District of Columbia Democratic Party, with the District of Columbia Board of Elections, 1050 Half Street, SE, Washington, DC during the hours of 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Petition forms will be available from the DC Board of Elections on January 10, 2020. (Filing date conforms to DC Code, Pursuant to Section 1.1001.08.i stipulates that “each individual in the primary election for candidate ... shall be nominated for any such office by petition ... filed with the Board no later than 90 days before the date of such primary election. Write-In Candidates – all ballots shall include a provision for voters to write-in their presidential preference which is not otherwise listed. Uncommitted – All ballots shall include a provision for voters to express a preference for uncommitted. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Please see submitted waiver request.) (Rule 1.A.7), **or**

OPTION 2: A candidate may forgo the petition process and instead choose to file for the presidential preference primary ballot by submitting a completed a Statement of Candidacy along with a check for \$2,500 payable to the District of Columbia Democratic State Committee (DCDSC). This may be submitted in one of the following ways:

- a. in person by the candidate or authorized representative to the DCDSC

office located at 80 M St., SE by 5pm, March 4, 2020

b. Mailed to PO Box 50622, Washington, DC 20091. Must be postmarked March 4, 2020 (Rule 1.A.8).

Candidacy statements must be signed by the Presidential candidate. Candidacy statements may also be submitted via email submissions to Chair@dcdemocraticparty.org and cc: ExecutiveDirector@dcdemocraticparty.org.

A list of all candidates who submit a \$2,500 payment will be submitted to the DC Board of Elections no later than March 13, 2020.

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by 5 pm, January 17, 2020. Certifications can be emailed to: Chair@dcdemocraticparty.org and cc: ExecutiveDirector@dcdemocraticparty.org or mailed to PO Box 50622 Washington, DC 20091. (Rule 11.B & Rule 14.E)

F. Timetable (Reg. 2.2.B)

Date	Activity
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 15	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
March 31	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members must be submitted to the State Party Committee.
April 1	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
April 1	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
May 1	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
May 4	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
May 4	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
Sept 3	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to
October 4	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after

	this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
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January 10	Presidential candidate may pick up qualifying petition from the DC Board of Elections at 1 Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, 2 nd floor. First day that petitions may be circulated by Presidential primary candidates requiring 1,000 signatures of registered qualified DC Democratic electors.
January 10 – March 21	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support form and filing instructions from The District of Columbia Democratic State Party website at www.dcdemocraticparty.org
January 17	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party Chair.
March 6	DNC certifies the list of Automatic Delegates to the State Party
March 4	Last day for Presidential Candidates to file Declaration of Candidacy for DC Democratic Primary. 5pm.
March 21	Last day to file Declaration of Candidacy for District-level delegate
March 25	Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates and Alternates list sent to candidates by party chair.
March 30	Deadline for presidential candidates to return lists of approved district-level delegate candidates to the State Chair
April 25 through May 21	Online Pre-primary caucuses meet to slate district-level delegates
May 7	Temporary Standing Convention members elected by DCDSC.
May 28	Last day for PLEO and At-large delegates to file Declaration of Candidacy. 5pm.
May 21- June 1	DC Democratic Primary Early Voting Opens 7am-8pm
June 2	DC Democratic Primary polls open 7am - 8pm
June 5	The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate
June 9	Each presidential candidate, must file with the State Democratic Chair, by 5pm, June 6, 2020, a list of all such candidates they have approved for PLEO and at-large delegates and alternates.
June 9	Last day for the selection of Convention pages
June 11	Special post-primary election of district-level delegates by DCDSC if a presidential candidate qualifies to receive more delegates than they slated in the pre-primary caucus. Selection of the pledged and at-large delegates and alternates by the DCDSC.
June 11	Presidential candidates submit to the State Party Chair the State Democratic (1) name for each Standing Committee slot allocated to that candidate for members of each committee.

June 16-17	Standing committee members shall be elected by the District of Columbia's National Convention delegates.
June 17	Last day to elect DC Delegation Chair
June 19	Last day for State Party chair to certify to DNC PLEO delegate selection
July 9	Last day to select and approve Presidential Electors

Attachments

1. Affirmative Action Committee [to be submitted to RBC within 15 days after their appointment]
 - a. List of Affirmative Action Committee Members
 - b. Statement from the State Chair confirming that the composition of the State Affirmative Action Committee complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A., and 7 and that the names, demographic data and contact information of members was submitted to the RBC 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.K)
2. **Other Required Items**
 - a. A summary of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, and Presidential Electors, along with related deadlines. (Reg. 2.2.A)
 - b. A timetable reflecting all significant dates in the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 2.2.B)
 - c. A copy of the press release distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. (Reg. 2.2.D)
 - d. A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the following:
 - i. The Plan as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Party Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C)
 - ii. The proposed Plan, including all attachments and appendices, was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period. (Reg. 2.2.E)
 - iii. Compliance with Rule 1.C which requires a 30-day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party Committee, provided that the State Party has published specific guidance for the submission of public comments. (Reg. 2.2.F)

e. A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying compliance with Rule 6.F., which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan, including any numerical goals established. (Rule 6.F & Reg. 2.2.I)

f. A copy of all written public and online comments submitted through the process provided above about the Plan. [Include information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.] (Rule 1.C & Reg. 2.2.G)

g. A blank copy of forms to be filed with the state and the State Party by delegate and alternate candidates. (Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 2.2.H)

h. Copies of all state statutes and other relevant legal authority reasonably related to:

i. the Delegate Selection Process (Reg. 2.2.L)

ii. The election of Presidential (Call VIII)

i. A copy of all presidential candidate qualifying forms to be filed with the state and the State Party. (Reg. 2.2.M)

j. A copy of the State Delegate Selection Media Plan, describing how the State Party will communicate information about the process to all available and appropriate sources, including social and specialty media directed toward Democratic constituency groups as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

Statement of Candidacy for District-Level Delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention

• Due date: March 21, 2020

• There will be a separate process for DC Democrats to apply to be a PLEO or At-Large delegate following the June 2, 2020 DC Democratic primary.

- Find your Voter Registration # and precinct information at <https://www.dcooe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Check-Voter-Registration-Status>.
- Please contact Claudette David at executivedirector@dcdemocraticparty.org with any questions.

* Required

1. **Full name:** *
2. **Voter Registration #:** *
3. **Mailing Address:** *
4. **Address of Residence (if different from mailing address):**
5. **Phone Number:** *
6. **Email Address:** *
7. **Demographic Information (select all that apply):** *

Check all that apply.

Female

Male

Nonbinary

Young Democrat (<36 years)

Senior Citizen (>60 years)

LGBTQ+

Asian/Pacific Islander

African American

Caucasian

Hispanic

Native American (Please specify below.)

Disabled

Ethnic (Please specify below.)

Labor (Please specify below.)

8. **If you selected Native American above, please specify which tribe you belong to:**

9. **If you selected Ethnic above, please specify:**

10. **If you selected Labor above, please specify:**

11. **Title (Elected/Public Official or Party Leader)**

12. **Date of Birth:** *

Example: December 15, 2012

13. **Occupation:** *

14. **Precinct:** *

15. **Ward:** *

16. **Congressional District:** *

Mark only one oval.

District 1 (Wards 1, 2, 6, & 8)

District 2 (Wards 3, 4, 5, & 7)

17. **I hereby notify the Chairperson of the District of Columbia Democratic Party that I wish to be a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention and I pledge to support _____ for President (not applicable for add-on delegates).** *

Mark only one oval.

Michael Bennet

Joe Biden

Michael Bloomberg

Cory Booker

Steve Bullock

Pete Buttigieg

Julián Castro

John Delaney

Tulsi Gabbard

Kamala Harris

Amy Klobuchar

Wayne Messam

Deval Patrick
Bernie Sanders
Joe Sestak
Tom Steyer
Elizabeth Warren
Marianne Williamson
Andrew Yang
Option 20

18. If I am not elected delegate, I do not wish to be considered as an alternate candidate. (Select "I agree" if you DO NOT wish to be considered as an alternate.) *

Mark only one oval.

I agree

I do not agree

19. I am duly registered to vote as a Democrat in the District of Columbia and I consider myself a Democrat. *

Mark only one oval.

I agree

20. Please type your name and date to sign your statement of candidacy and complete your submission. (Example: John Smith, 01/01/2020)