

# **NEVADA STATE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN**

FOR THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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**Summary**

The Nevada State Democratic Party improved their First In The West Caucuses to create a more expansive, accessible and transparent election process.

**Key Dates:**

- **March 20, 2019** - Delegate Selection Plan rollout; 30-Day Public Comment Period opens
- **April 28, 2019**- State Central Committee Meeting
- **May 3, 2019** - Delegate Selection Plan submitted to the Democratic National Committee
- **September 13, 2019** - Affirmative Action Plan begins
- **February 15, 2020** – Early Voting Begins
- **February 22, 2020** - Nevada Precinct Caucuses
- **April 18, 2020** - County Conventions
- **May 30, 2020** - Nevada State Convention
- **May 31, 2020**- National Delegate Meeting

**2020 Caucus Toplines:**

- The NSDP is expanding upon Caucus Day to include four days of in-person early voting to provide an additional option to participate in the 2020 Caucus.
- We will maintain our tradition of hosting precinct caucuses and caucus locations on the Las Vegas Strip.
- We will also continue to offer same day registration to those who wish to participate, but aren't yet registered Democrats.
- We will expand upon our bilingual preference cards to include a third language, Tagalog, to accommodate our growing AAPI community.
- The NSDP will publicly release raw vote totals per candidate on Caucus Day and have the ability to hold a recanvass or recount if necessary.

**Early Vote:**

- a) Four early voting days will be held for individuals who for any reason are unable to participate on Caucus Day. Early vote participants must be registered

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Democrats and will have the opportunity to register to vote or update their voter registration same day at any early voting location.

- b) Early vote participants may participate in any one of the early voting days. The four early voting days will be held on:
- **Saturday, February 15, 2020**
  - **Sunday, February 16, 2020**
  - **Monday, February 17, 2020**
  - **Tuesday, February 18, 2020**
- c) Early voting locations and times will be determined by the Nevada State Democratic Party by October 7, 2019 and will be published to the Nevada State Democratic Party's website.
- d) Early voting participants will arrive at locations and record their presidential preference. Early vote participants can vote at any location that is within the county in which they are registered to vote unless an exception is noted for a particular site by the Nevada State Democratic Party.
- e) Early vote participants will be counted as eligible caucus goers on Caucus Day. Their votes will be used to both determine viability and award delegates. Early vote participant totals will be combined with in-person participant totals to determine the precinct viability threshold on Caucus Day. Early vote participant preferences will be combined with in-person participant preferences to determine presidential preference group viability on Caucus Day.
- f) Early vote participants will have the option to be nominated as a delegate to the County Convention on Caucus Day.
- g) Early Vote participants will have their votes counted on Caucus Day alongside other voters in their precinct. Early vote participants do not need to attend their precinct caucus on February 22, 2020 and are ineligible from participating in their precinct caucus.
- h) Early vote participants will be asked to make multiple preference options to account for a case in which their first choice is not viable. All early vote participants are required to make three presidential preference choices when voting early before submitting their preferences. Participants will make their first choice and two additional choices in order of presidential preference. Early vote participants may make up to five total choices in order of preference.

- i) The Nevada State Democratic Party will respect the first choices of early vote participants and only realign an early vote participant if their first choice is not viable on Caucus Day.

***Caucus Day:***

- Strip Caucuses

The Nevada State Democratic Party is committed to increasing voter access to the Democratic caucuses on **February 22, 2020**, and has developed an aggressive plan to promote and engage its diverse population to attend the Caucuses. A significant portion of Nevada's population consists of shift workers largely employed in Clark County on a 7 day per week 24-hour shift rotation. There is also a strong tradition in Clark County of facilitating the participation of shift workers in our unique "24/7" economy. Such accommodations have historically included "non-traditional" times and locations for polling sites easily accessible to shift workers. In planning the Caucuses, it is important to recognize the inherent difficulty for a shift worker to get back to their home precinct in order to participate in their Caucus.

In 2008, working with Labor and management, the NSDP identified and developed At-Large Strip Caucus sites to accommodate the thousands of Caucus-goers working Saturday shifts.

Strip caucus precincts must meet a stringent requirement of having 4,000 or more shift workers per site who could not otherwise take the time off to go to their home precincts. Currently, Clark County is the only county in Nevada which meets this threshold of optimum concentration.

- The strip caucuses will be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2020**.
  - Same-day registration will be available for strip caucus participants.
  - Early voters will be prohibited from participating in strip caucuses.
  - Strip caucus participants will fill out a presidential preference card and have the opportunity for realignment if their first preference choice does not meet the viability threshold.
  - The results of the strip caucuses do not determine the apportionment or selection of at-large delegates.
- Traditional Caucus Day
    - The precinct caucuses will be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2020**.
    - Same-day registration will be available for caucus participants.
    - Early voters will be prohibited from participating in precinct caucuses.

- Precinct caucus participants' will fill out a presidential preference card and have the opportunity for realignment if their first preference choice does not meet the viability threshold.
  - Precinct caucus participants must participate at the caucus location assigned to the precinct in which they reside.
- Determining Viability Threshold

The Nevada State Democratic Party will load raw early vote totals by candidate for each precinct using a secure tabulation method. Data will not be visible externally and no tabulation will occur before February 18, 2020. When determining viability in each precinct, the Permanent Precinct Chair will add the total number of in-person attendees to total number of early vote participants from the precinct. Viability will be determined using this formula:

(Early Voters + In-Person Attendees) X (Viability Percentage for the precinct)

- For precincts electing **2 delegates**, viability shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the eligible caucus attendees present and expressing presidential preference, plus the raw number of early vote participants from the precinct.
- For precincts electing **3 delegates**, viability shall be one-sixth (1/6) of the eligible caucus attendees present and expressing presidential preference, plus the raw number of early vote participants from the precinct.
- For precincts electing **4 or more delegates**, viability shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the eligible caucus attendees present and expressing presidential preference, plus the raw number of early vote participants from the precinct.
- Upon the conclusion of the announcement of results from the initial alignment, if and only if there are any non-viable preference groups, the eligible caucus attendees in those groups will have up to another fifteen (15) minutes to realign with a viable group. Early vote results for non-viable groups will be aligned with their next viable preference(s). This process is the second alignment.
- Following the second alignment—or first alignment, (in the event that no preference groups are non-viable)—the permanent chair will allocate precinct delegates for the precinct to the viable preference groups using the following formula:

$$\frac{(\# \text{ of members within a presidential preference group}) \times (\# \text{ of delegates elected from that precinct caucus})}{(\text{Total number of eligible precinct caucus participants})}$$

**The Result Of This Formula Shall Be Rounded Up At .5, And Rounded Down Below .5.**

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- Due to rounding, it is possible to apportion more delegates than the caucus is required to elect. In these cases, a group or groups may gain or lose a delegate depending upon the fractions that result when determining their share of delegates. A group may never lose its only delegate.
- These results will be determined at the caucus by the permanent chair using a secure tabulation method. These results will then be reported electronically or by telephone to the Nevada State Democratic Party.
- Delegate Selection
  - To fill the delegate positions awarded to each preference group, eligible participants shall elect by a show of hands, within that preference group, those delegates to county conventions for any person nominated to run as a delegate.
  - Delegates can self-nominate or be nominated by another person.
  - Early vote participants wishing to run as a delegate to the County Convention may be nominated by an eligible caucus participant in their assigned precinct and considered during the election of delegates at their precinct on Caucus Day.
  - A potential delegate to the county convention does not need to be present to be nominated and elected as a delegate so long as that person is a registered Democrat residing within that precinct.
  - In order to run for a national delegate position, a person must be elected as a delegate at all three levels of the three-tiered system (precinct caucus, county convention, state convention) as well as attend each level; therefore, any person elected as a delegate without having attended a precinct caucus, or having early voted, will be ineligible to run for any national delegate position.

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**Section I:  
Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process**

**A. Introduction**

1. **Nevada** has a total of **48** national delegates and **3** 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 Nevada, the Nevada state election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call II.A)
3. Following the State Party Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the State Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. *(Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)*
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. *(Reg. 2.9)*

**B. Description of Delegate Selection Process**

1. Nevada will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the caucus for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Nevada’s delegate selection process will occur on **February 22, 2020**, with precinct caucuses.

**C. Voter Participation**

1. Participation in Nevada’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. *(Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)*
  - a. Any person may vote and/or run for delegate to the county convention, and/or be selected as a delegate to the district/state convention, if they are a resident of Nevada and a registered Democrat.

- b. Because the caucus-to-convention process is a party-run process, the State of Nevada’s voter registration deadline is not applicable. An eligible precinct caucus attendee or early voter must be a registered Democrat or may register as a Democrat on-site and on the same day (*Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.B*).

Voters will publicly declare their Party preference (*Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.*) by signing in to their precinct caucus or early voting location on a list of Registered Democratic Voters organized by precinct. Those persons registering on-site will be deemed to have declared their Party preference by completing a Nevada Voter Registration Form and signing in to their precinct caucus or early site on a New Registrants Sign-in Form.

- 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, **November 3, 2020**, will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. (*Reg. 4.3.C*)
- d. At no stage of Nevada’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.

The Nevada State Democratic Party may solicit free-will contributions from attendees at Precinct Caucuses on **February 22, 2020**.

County parties may solicit a suggested voluntary contribution from attendees at County Conventions on **April 18, 2020**, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation (*Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4*). Notice of exemption from costs or fees must be explicitly stated in the Rules of the County Democratic Convention and the County Convention Call.

The Nevada State Democratic Party may solicit a suggested voluntary contribution from attendees to the State Convention on **May 30, 2020**, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation (*Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4*). Notice of the exemption from costs or fees must be explicitly stated in the Rules of the Nevada State Democratic Convention and the State Convention Call.

- 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 elections. (*Rule 2.E*)

- f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate selection process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. *(Rule 2.F)*
  - g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)*
2. For the purpose of voter registration and voter lists, the Nevada State Democratic Party will rely on the system and structures of the Nevada Secretary of State, as enhanced by the Nevada State Democratic Party Voter Activation Network.
- a. The aforementioned systems will ensure that the Party can maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secured; *(Rule 2.H.1)*
  - b. The aforementioned systems allow the Party to 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. For the purpose of introducing new technologies into the caucus system, the Nevada State Democratic Party will develop Requests for Proposals from elections and technology vendors that meet the following goals and requirements:
    - Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; *(Rule 2.H.4)*
    - Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; *(Rule 2.H.5)*
    - Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; *(Rule 2.H.6)*
    - Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely. *(Rule 2.H.7)*

- Provide voters with the capability to review their preference choices before submitting their vote.
  - Ensure voting and check-in systems prevent voters from participating in multiple processes.
  - Ensure technology vendors complete a DNC security vetting process in addition to a Nevada State Democratic Party political vetting process.
  - Mandate technology vendor approval by the Nevada State Democratic Party Chairman, Executive Director and Caucus Director in addition to Nevada DNC committee members.
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 Party will: *(Rule 2.1 and 2.1.1)*
- a. Expand access to participation, including by early voting and same-day voter registration; *(Rule 2.1.1.a)*
  - b. All caucus and early voting locations will be accessible, fairly placed and adequate in number. *(Rule 2.1.1.b)*
  - c. The Nevada State Democratic Party will announce all precinct locations by **January 15, 2020**.
  - d. The party will explore a pre-registration process for precinct-level caucuses and electronic check-in for larger precincts. *(Rule 2.1.1.c)*
  - e. For the purposes of the Nevada State Democratic Party's precinct caucuses, no voter identification requirements may be instituted, consistent with Nevada Revised Statute. *(Rule 2.1.1.d)*
  - f. The party will provide ample notification and education about precinct caucus locations so that each attendee participates in the correct location. Each caucus location will have access to location information for all surrounding caucus sites. *(Rule 2.1.1.e)*
4. The Party will encourage participation in the delegate selection process through voter registration. *(Rule 2.1.2)*
- a. As of June 14, 2019, Automatic Voter Registration and Same-Day Registration have been signed into law by the Governor of Nevada. The Party will highlight

- the online voter registration tool hosted by the Nevada Secretary of State.  
(Rule 2.1.2.a)
- b. The Party will work with Party Organizers and County Parties to register high school students; (Rule 2.1.2.b)
  - c. The party will advocate for a constitutional amendment that restores voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines.; (Rule 2.1.2.c)
  - d. The Party will have same-day voter registration, including party affiliation changes, during the precinct caucuses and early voting period. (Rule 2.1.2.d)
  - e. The Party will take an active role in recruiting and training volunteers to assist with voter registration at all in person caucus sites.
  - f. Up to 77,000 previously incarcerated Nevadans had their voting rights fully restored during the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session. The Nevada State Democratic Party will take an active role in engaging these new voters in the caucus process.
5. The Nevada State Democratic Party will take steps to ensure an open and inclusive process that resists attempts of voter suppression and disenfranchisement.
- a. The Party will require training and education programs that ensure that every Precinct Chair and Site Lead is properly trained on all aspects of the caucus and will provide a hotline number for every Precinct Chair and Site Lead to call with questions or instructions.
  - b. Technology vendors that provide support to the Nevada State Democratic Party must demonstrate their ability to successfully meet recognized cybersecurity standards, run the process securely, and have the ability to incorporate safeguards against error and fraud in a cost-efficient manner. (Rule 2.K.1)
  - c. The Party will invest in education and outreach on same day registration and party affiliation changes at the precinct caucuses and early voting locations. (Rule 2.K.3)
  - d. The Party will publicly report the total statewide and district level results. (Rule 2.K.4)

- e. The allocation of all national delegates will be locked in at the final expression of preference at the first determining step, subject to recount (Rule 2.K.5)
  - f. The Party will ensure the final expressions of preference are securely preserved to provide the availability of a prompt and accurate recount or recanvass.
  - g. Section I details steps that ensure voters in the caucus process have a right to participate in the process, including proper education and outreach to ensure accessibility, including specifically for people with disabilities and for people with limited English proficiency in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act. *(Rule 2.K.9)*
6. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings
- a. The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the state’s delegate selection process have been scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings will begin and end at reasonable hours. The State Party will consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation when scheduling official delegate selection meetings.
7. 2020 Caucus Recount and Recanvass Request Guidance

The Nevada State Democratic Party will provide qualified Democratic presidential candidates the opportunity to request a recount or recanvass that is paid for by the candidate and carried out in a timely manner.

Any presidential candidate may personally request a complete statewide recount or recanvass by submitting a request in writing, executed by the candidate, to the Nevada State Democratic Party Chairman:

- A. Requests for recount or recanvass must specify the reason for the request and how the recount or recanvass would increase the national delegate allocation to the requesting candidate
- B. Requests for recount or recanvass must demonstrate that votes were not counted properly in an amount that is equal to or greater than the margin between the percentage of the allocation of delegates to the county convention won on Caucus Day by the requesting presidential candidate and the threshold for winning one (1) or more national delegates.

- C. Requests for recount or canvass must be received by the Nevada State Democratic Party Chairman no later than **Monday, February 24, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.** The request must be statewide in scope. No partial recount or canvass will be permitted.
- D. The Nevada State Democratic Party will respond to all recount or canvass requests within 48 hours of receipt. In the case of a valid request, the response will include an anticipated timeline for review and an estimate of fees to be assessed to the candidate in order to complete the recount or canvass. In the case of an invalid request, the response will state the reasons for invalidity.
- E. The Nevada State Democratic Party will provide the candidate requesting the recount or canvass 24 hours following the receipt of the timeline and cost estimate to pay the State Party the deposit necessary to complete the requested recount or canvass.
- F. Upon receipt of the deposit, the Nevada State Democratic Party Chairman will send a copy of the request and the Nevada State Democratic Party's response to the authorized representative of any presidential candidate who received at least one (1) National Delegate Equivalent.
- G. The Nevada State Democratic Party will work in conjunction with our technology vendors to complete the requested recount or canvass no later than **Friday, March 6, 2020.**
- H. The procedure shall entail tabulating the precinct-level preferences by each method by which preferences were cast, in the same manner as was done on the day of the Nevada Caucuses. Authorized representatives of presidential candidates will be permitted to observe the process, but no challenges to or interference in the recount or canvass will be allowed.
- I. Upon completion of the recount or canvass, the Nevada State Democratic Party Chairman will send written notice of the results to the requestor and the authorized representative of any presidential candidate who received at least one (1) National Delegate Equivalent. The Nevada State Democratic Party will certify caucus results within seven days of completing the requested recount or canvass.
- J. The Nevada State Democratic Party in coordination with the DNC Voter Protection team will release a full recount process by **October 15, 2019.**



**Section II:  
Presidential Candidates**

**A. Ballot Access**

Caucus participants may express their support for any presidential candidate who has certified an authorized representative to the State Democratic Chair and paid the filing fee. (Rule 12.D(1)), (NRS 293.150 – 293.163) (Rules 11.B, 14.A, 14.B, 14.D, 14.E).

**B. Other Requirements**

1. Candidates that wish to be listed on Nevada’s 2020 Caucus Presidential Preference Card are required to have certified an authorized representative to the State Democratic Chair and pay a filing fee of \$2500 by **January 1, 2020**. Caucus participants may express support for any candidates that meet these requirements.
  
2. Each presidential candidate 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. Nevada is allocated 23 district-level delegates and 2 district-level alternates. Per Reg. 4.31 Nevada has chosen to split its alternate delegates between District-level and At-large. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, Appendix B & Reg. 4.31)
  
2. District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected through a proportional representation system based on a three-tier caucus system with the first determining step occurring on **February 22, 2020** at precinct meetings in each county of Nevada at locations determined by the State Party. (Rules 11.A & 13.A)
  
3. If a Nevada Democrat would like to be a delegate to the national convention, they must participate on Caucus Day (February 22, 2020), or participate during the early vote period, and attend their County Convention, and the Nevada State Democratic Party State Convention.
  
4. Four early voting days will be held for individuals who for any reason are unable to participate on Caucus Day. Early vote participants must be registered Democrats and

will have the opportunity to register to vote or update their voter registration same day at any early voting location. Registered Democrats and those who choose same day registration may participate in any one of the early voting days and will be prohibited from participating in subsequent voting days and their in-person precinct caucus.

5. The four early voting days will be held on **Saturday, February 15, 2020, Sunday, February 16, 2020, Monday, February 17, 2020, and Tuesday, February 18, 2020.** The early voting locations and times will be determined by the Nevada State Democratic Party by **October 7, 2019.**
6. Early voting participants will arrive at locations and record their presidential preference. Early vote participants can vote at any location that is within the county in which they are registered to vote unless an exception is noted for a particular site by the Nevada State Democratic Party.
7. Early vote participants will be counted as eligible caucus goers on Caucus Day. Their votes will be used to both determine viability and award delegates. Early vote participant totals will be combined with in-person participant totals to determine the precinct viability threshold on Caucus Day. Early vote participant preferences will be combined with in-person participant preferences to determine presidential preference group viability on Caucus Day.
8. Early vote participants will have the option to be considered as a delegate to the County Convention on Caucus Day.
9. Early Vote participants will have their votes counted on Caucus Day alongside other voters in their precinct. Early vote participants do not need to attend their precinct caucus on February 22, 2020 and are ineligible from participating in their precinct caucus.
10. Early vote participants will be asked to make multiple preference options to account for a case in which their first choice is not viable. All early vote participants are required to make three presidential preference choices when voting early before submitting their preferences. Participants will make their first choice and two additional choices in order of presidential preference. Early vote participants may make up to five total choices in order of preference.
11. The Nevada State Democratic Party will respect the first choices of early vote participants and only realign an early vote participant if their first choice is not viable on Caucus Day.

12. The **February 22, 2020** presidential preference caucus will open its doors for registration at **10:00 a.m.** so that each caucus may be run efficiently and participants' time respected. Caucus registration shall remain open until **12:00 p.m.** The precinct caucus will be called to order by its Temporary Chair by **12:30 p.m.** At that time the Temporary Chair will announce the caucus rules and read greetings from the State Chair, and other Democratic party leadership. The Nevada State Democratic Party encourages these greetings not make mention of any candidates nor advocate for any candidate implicitly or explicitly. The first actionable order of business shall be the election of a Permanent Chair. Following the election of the Permanent Chair, a Secretary shall be elected. By **1:00 p.m.** the Permanent Chair will determine viability based on the total number of eligible caucus attendees, combined with early vote participant totals. The number of delegates to the county convention assigned to a precinct is determined by the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The ratios and formulae used to calculate the number of delegates elected from each precinct to the next determining step follow NRS 293. 133 (See Appendix C).

The ratios used to determine viability are as follows:

- For precincts electing 1 delegate, there is no viability threshold and the delegate shall be elected by a simple majority vote of those eligible caucus attendees present and expressing presidential preference, plus the raw number of early vote participants from that precinct.
- For precincts electing 2 delegates, viability shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the eligible caucus attendees present and expressing presidential preference, plus the raw number of early vote participants from that precinct.
- For precincts electing 3 delegates, viability shall be one-sixth (1/6) of the eligible caucus attendees present and expressing presidential preference, plus the raw number of early vote participants from that precinct.
- For precincts electing 4 or more delegates, viability shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the eligible caucus attendees present and expressing presidential preference, plus the raw number of early vote participants from that precinct.
- Once a hard count of the eligible caucus attendees present is completed and combined with that precinct's raw number of early vote participants using the secure tabulation method, the Permanent

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Chair shall use the aforementioned formulae to determine the number of participants required for a preference group to meet the viability threshold and announce that number to the caucus. At this time, the Permanent Chair shall also explain the procedures for aligning into presidential preference groups.

Following the Permanent Chair's explanation of the alignment process, those eligible caucus attendees present at the determination of the viability threshold will break into preference groups for the initial alignment. The time period for initial alignment shall be up to fifteen minutes.

After the in-person attendees have aligned into preference groups, the total number of early vote participants for each group will be added to the total number of supporters for each candidate preference group.

The Permanent Precinct Chair will use the total number of in-person attendees in the group combined with the total number of early vote participants to determine if a candidate's preference group is viable. If a preference group is viable in the first alignment, all voters in that group, including any early vote participants will have their vote counted towards that candidate group and will not be allowed to leave or change groups.

If a candidate's preference group is not viable, every voter in that group, including early voters will need to realign by joining an already viable group or, if they are able, by forming a viable group with another unviable group(s).

After the initial alignment has concluded, the Permanent Chair shall make three (3) announcements to the caucus:

- 1) The previously announced number of participants required for a presidential preference group to meet the viability threshold.
- 2) The results of the initial alignment, including which preference groups have met the viability threshold; and
- 3) Which preference groups did not meet the viability threshold.

Upon the conclusion of the announcement of results from the initial alignment, if and only if, there are any non-viable preference groups, the eligible caucus attendees in those groups will have up to another fifteen (15) minutes to realign with a viable group. This process is the second alignment. Only those eligible caucus attendees who aligned with non-viable groups are permitted to realign. Eligible participants in viable groups will have their preference cards collected after the first alignment, and only those eligible attendees from non-viable groups retaining their preference cards will be permitted to realign.

Once all in-person attendees have realigned, any remaining early voters will be automatically realigned with their next viable choice in the room. The permanent chair will collect any outstanding presidential preference cards at the conclusion of the second alignment.

Following the second alignment—or first alignment, (in the event that no preference groups are non-viable)—the Permanent Chair will allocate the precinct delegates for the precinct to the viable preference groups using the following formula:

$$\frac{(\# \text{ of members within a presidential preference group}) \times (\# \text{ of delegates elected from that precinct caucus})}{(\text{Total number of eligible precinct caucus participants})}$$

**The result of this formula shall be rounded up at .5 and rounded down below .5**

Due to rounding, it is possible to apportion more delegates than the caucus is required to elect. In these cases, a group or groups may gain or lose a delegate depending upon the fractions that result when determining their share of delegates. A group may never lose its only delegate.

For the purposes of awarding delegates, early vote participants will be included in the total number of members within each preference group and will be considered eligible caucus participants.

The allocation of delegates to the county convention will be determined at the caucus by the Permanent Chair using a secure tabulation process and be reported to the Nevada State Democratic Party electronically or by telephone.

To fill the delegate positions awarded to each preference group, eligible participants shall elect by a show of hands, within that preference group, those delegates to the county convention for any person nominated to run as a delegate. Delegates can self-nominate or be nominated by another person. A potential delegate to the county convention does not need to be present to be nominated and elected as a delegate so long as that person is a registered Democrat residing within that precinct. In order to run for a national delegate position, a person must be elected as a delegate at all three levels of the three-tiered system (precinct caucus, county convention, state convention) as well as attend each level; therefore, any person elected as a delegate without having attended a precinct caucus, or having early voted, will be ineligible to run for any national delegate position.

Preference groups shall be instructed by the Permanent Chair to elect as equal a number of men and women as is practicable. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category. The

Permanent Chair shall read the following statement from the State Charter prior to the election of delegates:

*“Discrimination in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs on the basis of sex, race, age, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical disability, or economic status is prohibited. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party business, Diversity Programs shall be implemented with particular concern for minority groups as defined in the Democratic National Committee Charter.”*

Alternates to the county convention shall be elected using the same guidelines as delegates to the county convention. Counties may elect half the number of alternates as they are allotted delegates. Alternate participation in the county conventions is detailed in these rules.

In any precinct where no eligible persons participate in the presidential preference caucus, that precinct shall receive no delegates to the county convention and there shall be no delegate vacancies for that precinct.

Following the election of county convention delegates and alternates by viable preference groups, further party business will be conducted. Resolutions for the county party platform shall be submitted by any eligible caucus attendees. Eligible caucus attendees may discuss these resolutions. There will be no vote and all resolutions shall be forwarded to the county convention’s platform committee.

Eligible caucus attendees will also nominate any eligible persons for that county’s central committee. These nominations will not be voted on but shall be forwarded to that county’s Chair for consideration compliant with that county party’s rules and bylaws.

Nevada will hold strip caucuses where there is a large concentration of shift workers, so these voters have every possible opportunity to participate in a precinct caucus. These strip caucuses will be conducted similarly to precinct caucuses, and a full outline of strip caucuses is presented in Appendices C&D.

13. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. Nevada’s district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the four congressional districts based on a formula giving equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2012 and 2016 presidential elections to ensure delegates are apportioned fairly and reflect the regional and ethnic diversity of Democrats in Nevada. A higher

turnout of registered voters in 2012 and 2016 best reflects that diversity. (Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A)

- b. 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).
- c. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to Nevada’s four congressional districts as indicated in the following table:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Men*	Women*	Total	Men*	Women*	Total
#1	2	3	5	1	0	1
#2	3	3	6	0	0	0
#3	3	3	6	0	1	1
#4	3	3	6	0	0	0
Total	11	12	23	1	1	2

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

- d. The district-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by a three-tier caucus-to-convention system. Nevada will allocate two district-level delegate alternates and one at-large delegate alternate. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34)
  - 1) The first tier and determining step is the **February 22, 2020 precinct caucuses**, which elect delegates to the county conventions.
    - a) Potential delegates and alternates to the county convention must file a non-binding presidential preference pledge of support, or uncommitted status upon signing in to their caucus, and this must be completed before **1:00 p.m.**, when the caucus’ viability threshold is determined.

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- b) Non-binding presidential preference groups will be formed at the precinct caucuses based on the non-binding sign-in preference pledges.
  - c) Delegates to the county conventions are elected by the eligible attendees of the precinct caucus. State law provides for the election of at least one delegate for any precinct with at least one registered Democrat (NRS 293.133, Section 1). The apportionment of delegates for precincts shall be as of **November 1, 2019**. All Nevada Democratic registered precinct caucus attendees become automatic delegates to their county convention should the number of caucus attendees not exceed the number of delegates allocated to the next tier. Presidential preference is locked in at the final expression of preference at the first determining step which is the precinct caucus on **February 22, 2020**. (Rule 2.K.5)
- 2) The second tier and step of the delegate selection process shall be county conventions, held on **April 18, 2020**.
- a) Exact registration times shall be set by each county's respective convention committee. Each convention committee shall be directed to open in-person registration for no less than three (3) hours between **4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020**, and no less than two (2) hours prior to the convention's call to order, while remaining open until **12:00 p.m.** Where practicable, the Nevada State Democratic Party encourages county parties to use online pre-registration beginning up to 30 days prior to the county convention date. The use of online pre-registration does not exempt or mitigate the requirements for in-person registration set forth here.
  - b) County conventions shall be called to order no later than **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18**.
  - c) Alternates to the county conventions will be allowed to attend regardless of voting status. If there are vacancies in the allotted number of county convention delegates, alternates will be allowed to participate as a voting delegate based on the order of their sign-in time and presidential preference. No alternates shall be seated until registration closes at noon and all eligible delegates have been seated.



- d) Presidential preference is locked in at the final expression of preference at the first determining step which is the precinct caucus.
  - e) Election of delegates and alternates to the state convention will occur at the county conventions and shall be elected by affirmation. (Nevada state statute provides for the election of one (1) delegate per 150 registered Democratic voters in each county (Rule 8.B, NRS 293.145). Should the number of delegates and alternates to a county convention not exceed that county's maximum delegate allocation to the state convention, all delegates and alternates shall become automatic delegates to the state convention. Delegate Intent Forms will be made available on the Nevada State Democratic Party website, [www.nvdems.com](http://www.nvdems.com), 30 days in advance of county conventions, and county parties shall be responsible for making an adequate number of these forms available during the in-person registration periods.
- 3) The third tier and step of the delegate selection process shall be the **May 30, 2020** State Convention, to elect delegates to the Democratic National Convention.
- a) A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. (*Rule 13.H*)
  - b) An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by **10:00 am on May 29, 2020**. Statements of candidacy may be presented in person, by mail, by email, or by fax to the Nevada State Democratic Party, 2320 Paseo Del Prado Suite B107, Las Vegas, NV 89102. Faxes directed to 702-735-2700. Emails directed to [filing@nvdems.com](mailto:filing@nvdems.com). A district-level delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (*Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23*)
  - c) All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for district-level delegate positions. Candidates who were not chosen at the delegate level may be considered at the alternate level. (Rules 12.B. & 14.F)

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14. 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. *(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 their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by **10:00 am on May 29, 2020**. Statements of candidacy may be presented in person, by mail, be email, or by fax to the Nevada State Democratic Party, 2320 Paseo Del Prado Suite B107, Las Vegas, NV 89102. Faxes directed to 702-735-2700. Emails directed to [filing@nv Dems.com](mailto:filing@nv Dems.com). A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. *(Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23)*
- c. All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for district-level delegate positions. Candidates who were not chosen at the delegate level may be considered at the alternate level. *(Rules 12.B. & 14.F)*

15. 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 **12:00 p.m., May 29, 2020**, 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 **10:30 a.m., May 30, 2020**, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate and three (3) separate individuals for each alternate position to be selected. *(Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.24 & Reg. 4.25)*
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate 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 **10:30 a.m., May 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*)

#### 16. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. Nevada is a caucus/convention state. Accordingly, national delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the caucus participants in each district. Therefore, the national convention delegates elected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the county convention delegates won in that district by each preference at the first determining step, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates. (*Rule 2.K.5, Rule 14.B & Reg. 4.30*)
- b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. (*Rule 14.F*)
- c. District-level delegates and alternates will be selected by a caucus of state convention delegates from the district who signed statements of support for that presidential candidate. (*Rule 2.K.5*)

#### 17. 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 men and women 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 men or women category. (*Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10*)

In districts with an odd number of delegates, the first delegate selected for the winning presidential preference must be of the same gender as the advantaged gender in that district. Following that determination, the allocation would continue alternating by gender for the winning presidential preference and any subsequent preferences. In districts with an even number of delegates, the highest-vote getting delegate candidate for the district's winning presidential preference will be the first delegate assigned. Following that determination, the state will then designate the remaining positions for that presidential preference and any subsequent preferences alternating by gender, as mathematically practicable.

- b. After the delegates are selected, the alternates will be awarded, using the same process described above.
18. 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 alternates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election.  
*(Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)*

## **B. Automatic Delegates**

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials
  - a. The following categories (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 Nevada'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 Nevada. *(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 Nevada'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 men or women. *(Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*

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

1. Nevada is allotted **5** pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. *(Call I.D, Call I.E & Appendix B)*
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
  - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. *(Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)*
  - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy and statement of presidential preference for a singular candidate with the State Party by **10:00 a.m., May 29, 2020**. The presidential preference of a candidate for PLEO delegate may be

modified by submitting an updated statement of candidacy before the deadline. Because this deadline is prior to the election of district-level delegates, candidates may indicate their intent to run in any combination of delegate categories: district-level, pledged PLEO, or at-large. Any pledged PLEO eligible candidate elected at the district-level will become ineligible to run in additional categories. If a pledged PLEO-eligible candidate runs, and is not elected at the district level, he or she is still able to run as a pledged PLEO, provided they re-file their intent with the State Party **by 4:00 p.m., May 30, 2020.** (*Rule 10.A.3, Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17*)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review of PLEO Delegates

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than *30 minutes after the credentials committee report is adopted on the day of the convention*; A list of all persons who have filed for a party leader 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 *30 minutes after they receive* their list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least *one 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 *30 minutes after they receive their list of candidates.* (*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 PLEO delegates will occur at the state convention on **May 30, 2020**, which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. *(Rule 10.A)*
- c. These delegates will be selected by the state convention as a whole by non-secret signed ballot. *(Rule 10.B)*

Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Officials delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayor 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.

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 after their election. *(Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)*

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

- 1. The state of Nevada is allotted **8** 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 preferential or uncommitted preference status and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by **10:00 a.m.** on **May 29, 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 alternates will be the same and must be after the election of PLEO delegates. After the at-large delegates are elected at the state convention, 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 of At-large Delegates
  - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than **4:45 p.m., on May 30, 2020**, a list of all persons who have filed for at-large delegate or alternate that are pledged to that presidential candidate. *(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 with the State Democratic Chair, by **5:45 p.m., May 30, 2020** a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, one (1) name remain(s) for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. *(Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)*
  - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than **5:45 p.m., May 30, 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. The At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preference according to the statewide division of preferences among convention and caucus participants, at the first determining step of the process provided that no person participating in the allocation shall automatically serve by virtue of holding a public or Party office. *(Rule 9.B, Rule 11.C & Reg. 4.19)*
  - 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 **6:00 p.m.** on **May 30, 2020** at the state convention which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. *(Call III)*
  - b. These at-large delegates and alternates will be selected by the state convention as a whole by non-secret signed ballot. *(Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)*
  - c. 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 identity, 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 alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and

Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. *(Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*

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

#### **E. Replacement of National Delegates and Alternates**

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
  - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.3)*
    - 1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
    - 2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
      - a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
      - b) 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)*
    - 3) 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.
  - a) The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: (*Rule 19.D.1*)
  - 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 woman and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a male, 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 nonbinaries, but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.

c. 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 Nevada'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)*
2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: *(Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.37)*
- a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. *(Call IV.D.2.a)*
  - b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. *(Call, IV.D.2.b)*

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- c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. *(Call IV.D.2.c)*
- d. 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. Nevada 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 three (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. Standing Committee Members**

- 1. Selection Meeting
  - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Nevada's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held at **10 a.m. on May 31, 2020**. *(Call VII.B.1)*
  - b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. *(Call VII.B.1)*
- 2. Allocation of Members
  - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Nevada 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 Nevada. 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 in question 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.
  - 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 **May 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** 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 Nevada’s affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective men and women members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. *(Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10)*
  
- b. The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as self-identified. For example, the first binary position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a woman and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a male, 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.
  - 2) The men and women membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)*
  - 3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a man or a woman, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between women and men. *(Call VII.E.1)*
  - 4) 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**

Nevada 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 a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on **May 31, 2020**. *(Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)*
  - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. *(Rule 3.C)*
2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. *(Call IV.E)*

**C. Convention Pages**

1. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as Nevada'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 **May 30, 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 man or a woman, 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 Nevada'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**

Nevada will select six (6) persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election.

### **B. Selection of Presidential Electors**

1. Each congressional district caucus will elect 1 elector by a majority vote of all delegates present and voting.
2. The state convention will elect 2 electors by a majority vote of all delegates present and voting.
3. Candidates for the position of elector must file a statement of candidacy to the chair of the rules and nominations committee not later than 30 minutes after the adoption of the credentials report.
4. The list of electors will be submitted to the Nevada Secretary of State by the State Party Chair within three (3) days of their election on **May 30, 2020**.

### **C. Affirmation**

1. Nevada does require that presidential electors vote according to the state's popular vote outcome, additionally, each candidate for Democratic Presidential Elector shall certify in writing to the State Party Chair that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. (Call VIII)

2. Each candidate for the position of elector must file, along with their statement of candidacy, a signed statement of support for the Democratic Party. The statement of support will include a disqualifier clause that will prevent the elector, if elected, from serving in the instance that they are no longer a registered Democrat on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December 2020.

**Section VII:  
General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees**

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

the State Democratic Party should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*

6. The Democratic Party in Nevada should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. *(Rule 4.B.6)*
- B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
- C. Nevada’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 man or a woman, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
- G. Each national delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be bona fide Democrats, who are 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)*

- H. *Forty Percent (40%)* of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. *(Rule 16)*
- I. Proxy voting is prohibited. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)*
- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.A)*
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.B)*
- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, 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)*
- M. 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 Nevada, 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)*
- N. All substantive communications from The Nevada State Democratic Party to one or more Presidential campaigns shall be copied to all Presidential campaigns equally.

**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 Nevada. *(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 Nevada 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, Nevada 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 Nevada State Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*
  - 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 Central 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 13, 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. Additionally, the Party would like to include the labor community and veterans whenever possible with the current DNC required demographic composition.
  
3. The Party utilized data produced by the DNC that are estimated based on a combination of several data sources that are publicly available, up to date, and reliable. For estimates of overall citizen voting-age population and the prevalence of each subgroup in the state, we used data from the Census Bureau’s most recent American Community Survey (ACS) datasets. The ACS provides citizen voting-age population estimates split out by race and ethnicity, allowing us to combine steps (1) and (2) above. For young voters and disabled voters, we estimated the percentage of eligible voters in those categories in the state by dividing the disabled and youth population size by the voting-age population size. The only exception to using ACS data was in the estimation of the LGBTQ + population, which is not quantified by the ACS. For this, we relied on Gallup’s report on LGBTQ + identification by state, which is based on more than 400,000 interviews from 2015-2016.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	<b>14%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>34%</b>
Numeric Goals for Delegation	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>

\*DNC Data Recommendation

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 no later than **September 13, 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 speakers bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, and will be 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 *30 days after the approval of the Nevada State Democratic Party Delegate Selection Plan*. *(Rule 1.H)*



5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. *(Rule 2.A)*
6. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters who wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. *(Rule 2.C)*
7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning **September 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 national delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*
8. The Nevada State Democratic Party will make all training materials regarding the caucus process, participation and key dates available to the public in an online format.
9. The Nevada State Democratic Party will invest in hiring a training department to facilitate the creation of caucus training materials and production of a statewide caucus training schedule. These materials will be available to all interested caucus attendees and volunteers. The Nevada State Party will hire a statewide organizing team to facilitate training on the ground, including our rural communities.

**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 national 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 national

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 caucuses and conventions shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. *(Rule 6.D)*
4. Not later than **30 days after the approval of the Nevada State Democratic Party Delegate Selection Plan**, 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 national 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 Nevada State Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. *(Rule 6.H)*

2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by **January 1, 2020** which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Nevada’s delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for national 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 national 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 national 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.

- a. All caucus sites must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons.
4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will:
    - a. Coordinate with community and constituency groups to educate and train various communities on caucus activities.
    - b. Conduct multiple in language caucus trainings by recruiting bilingual volunteer trainers.
    - c. Place stories in constituency specific publications about how to participate in the delegate selection process.
    - d. Explore bilingual mail pieces containing critical caucus information.

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

**C. Challenges to Implementation**

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). 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**

Nevada will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Caucus to Convention process for apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Nevada’s delegate selection process will occur on **February 22, 2020** with precinct caucuses.

Delegates and alternates to the national convention 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	23	2	May 30, 2020	Selecting Body: <b><i>Congressional District Caucuses at State Convention</i></b> <b><i>Filing deadline 10:00 a.m. on May 29, 2020.</i></b>
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	12	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.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	5	**	May 30, 2020	Selecting Body: <b><i>State Convention as a whole</i></b> <b><i>Filing deadline 10:00 a.m. on May 29nd, 2020.</i></b>
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	8	1	May 30, 2020	Selecting Body: <b><i>State Convention as a whole</i></b> <b><i>Filing deadline 10:00 a.m. on May 29nd, 2020.</i></b>
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	48	3		

\* 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
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1	3	May 31, 2020	<i>Each Presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, must submit to the Nevada State Party Chair by 10am on May 31, 2020 a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for member of each committee.</i>
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**C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages**

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on **May 31, 2020**.

Nevada Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on **May 30, 2020**.

**D. Selection of Presidential Electors**

6 Presidential Electors will be selected at the State Convention on **May 30, 2020**.

**E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline**

Candidates that wish to be listed on Nevada's 2020 Caucus Presidential Preference Card are required to have certified an authorized representative to the State Democratic Chair and pay a filing fee of \$2500 by **January 1, 2020**. Caucus participants may express support for any candidates that meet these requirements.

**F. Timetable**

Date	Activity
<b>2019</b>	
<b>March 1</b>	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
<b>March 15</b>	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
<b>March 20</b>	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
<b>April 20</b>	Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Central Committee.



<b>April 28</b>	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
<b>May 3</b>	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
<b>September 13</b>	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media.
<b>November 1</b>	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.)
<b>2020</b>	
<b>January 1</b>	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy to the State Party. Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
<b>January 1</b>	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at <b><i>nvdems.com</i></b>
<b>February 15-18</b>	Early vote period.
<b>February 22</b>	Precinct Caucuses and Strip Caucus sites.
<b>April 18</b>	County Conventions in each county of each congressional districts, delegates elected to state convention.
<b>May 29</b>	District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
<b>May 29</b>	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
<b>May 30</b>	State Party provides list of PLEO and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates not later than 30 minutes after the credentials committee report is adopted on the day of the convention.
<b>May 30</b>	State party provides list of at-large and alternate delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates no later than <b>4:45 pm</b> .
<b>May 30</b>	State Party provides list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates by <b>10:00 am</b> .

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<b>May 30</b>	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party by <b>10:30 am</b> .
<b>May 30</b>	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State Party not later than <i>30 minutes after the credentials committee report is adopted on the day of the convention</i> .
<b>May 30</b>	State Convention convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates provide approved list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates to State Party. State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to State Party.
<b>May 30</b>	State Chair names convention pages.
<b>May 30</b>	Election of District-Level delegates.
<b>May 30</b>	Congressional District Caucuses meet to elect 1 Presidential Elector Each. State Convention Delegates elect 2 Presidential electors.
<b>May 31</b>	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair.
<b>June 1</b>	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
<b>June 2</b>	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
<b>June 8</b>	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
<b>June 8</b>	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Pledged PLEOs and At-Large Delegates and Alternates.
<b>June 9</b>	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Automatic Delegates.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix C: NRS 293.133 (Precinct Level Delegate Apportionment)

1. The number of delegates from each voting precinct in each county to the county convention of any major political party for that county must be in proportion to the number of registered voters of that party residing in the precinct as follows:
  - a. In the counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has not exceeded 400, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 5 registered voters.
  - b. In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 400 but has not exceeded 600, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 8 registered voters.

- c. In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 600 but has not exceeded 800, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 10 registered voters.
- d. In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 800 but has not exceeded 1,400, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 15 registered voters.
- e. In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 1,400 but has not exceeded 2,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 20 registered voters or major fraction thereof.
- f. In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 2,000 but has not exceeded 3,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 30 registered voters or major fraction thereof.
- g. In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 3,000 but has not exceeded 4,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 35 registered voters or major fraction thereof.
- h. In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 4,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 50 registered voters or major fraction thereof.

#### **Appendix D: Strip Caucus Rules and Procedures**

The Nevada State Democratic Party is committed to increasing voter access to the Democratic caucuses on **February 22, 2020**, and has developed an aggressive plan to promote and engage its diverse population to attend the Caucuses. A significant portion of Nevada’s population consists of shift workers largely employed in Clark County on a 7 day per week 24-hour shift rotation. There is also a strong tradition in Clark County of facilitating the participation of shift workers in our unique “24/7” economy. Such accommodations have historically included “non-traditional” times and locations for polling sites easily accessible to shift workers. In planning the Caucuses, it is important to recognize the inherent difficulty for a shift worker to get back to their home precinct in order to participate in their Caucus.

In 2008, working with Labor and management, the NSDP identified and developed At-Large Strip Caucus sites to accommodate the thousands of Caucus-goers working Saturday shifts.

Strip caucus precincts must meet a stringent requirement of having 4,000 or more shift workers per site who could not otherwise take the time off to go to their home precincts. Currently, Clark County is the only county in Nevada which meets this threshold of optimum concentration.

#### **Attendance and Registration Requirements for At-Large Precinct Caucuses**

1. At-Large Precincts Caucuses are designed specifically to service shift workers who work during or within one hour of the Nevada Democratic Party Caucuses **10:00 a.m.** registration time or the **1:00 p.m.** estimated end time, and who could not return to their home precinct caucus in time to participate.
2. Shift workers will be required to bring their Employer Identification card or badge to their assigned At-Large Precinct Caucus to be eligible to participate in the At-Large Precinct Caucus. The Employer ID card will serve as proof of shift worker status.
3. Shift workers will also sign a declaration stating that they could not attend their home Precinct Caucus because they worked during or within one hour of the designated caucus start time.

#### **Locations and the total number of At-Large Precinct Caucuses**

- At-Large Precinct Caucuses will be created working with employers who have more than 4,000 employees in a contiguous area working on Saturday morning **February 22, 2022**.
- The NSDP is planning 8-10 At-Large Precinct Caucus locations, all in Clark County.
- Shift workers working within a 2.5 mile radius of each site will be allowed to attend their assigned At-Large Precinct Caucus.
- At-Large Precinct Caucus locations will be determined working with the Clark County Democratic Party and the business community to determine optimum location and space, convenience and other such considerations.
- At-Large Precinct locations will be arranged by **October 1, 2019**.
- Individual work sites will be geographically assigned to a specific At-Large Precinct Caucus.

**Staff at the At-Large Precinct Caucus**

- At-Large Precinct Caucuses will be conducted ONLY by trained NSDP staff. NSDP staff will be assigned to each location by the Caucus Director to serve as the At-Large Precinct Caucus Chair but will not be permitted to participate in the caucus.
- NSDP staff will manage the following At-Large Precinct Caucus activities:
  1. Registration
  2. Reporting the number of eligible caucus participants to the Nevada State Democratic Party
  3. Administration of the caucus meeting
  4. Apportionment and reporting of the delegates to the Nevada State Democratic Party

**The Apportionment of delegates for the At-Large Precinct Caucus**

- The number of delegates for each precinct caucus location shall be determined by a formula that takes into account both standardized precinct size and Democratic registration, then allocates delegates from at-large precincts relative to previous performance (2016). This formula will first determine a “base pooled population” for at-large precincts, according to the formula:

$$(\text{maximum Clark County Precinct size}) \times (\text{Democratic registration percentage } 1/1/12) \times (\# \text{ of at-large precincts})$$

The Base Pooled Population number will then be multiplied by the share of each at-large precinct to determine that precinct’s base population. This number will then be divided by 50, per the NRS guidelines for Clark County to determine the number of delegates.

$$(\text{Base Pooled Population}) \times (\text{2008 share of total at-large participation})/50 = \text{Delegates per at-large precinct}$$

In cases where sites from 2016 are consolidated, the share of the two consolidated sites shall determine that site’s share of the Base Pooled Population. In cases where a site has been added from 2008, the Base Pooled Population shall be multiplied by the average 2016 participation share, then divided by 50 to determine the number of delegates from that at-large precinct.

Delegate allocations per at-large precinct shall be determined and published to the state party’s website no later than January 15, 2020.

- The At Large Precinct Caucus will otherwise run exactly like the statewide Caucus system with delegates apportioned accordingly.

**NRS STATUTES**

**NRS 293.133:** 1. The number of delegates from each voting precinct in each county to the county convention of any major political party for that county must be determined pursuant to the rules of the party, if the rules of the party so provide, or, if the rules of the party do not so provide, in proportion to the number of registered voters of that party residing in the precinct as follows:

(a) In the counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has not exceeded 400, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 5 registered voters.

(b) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 400 but has not exceeded 600, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 8 registered voters.

(c) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 600 but has not exceeded 800, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 10 registered voters.

(d) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 800 but has not exceeded 1,400, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 15 registered voters.

(e) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 1,400 but has not exceeded 2,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 20 registered voters or major fraction thereof.

(f) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 2,000 but has not exceeded 3,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 30 registered voters or major fraction thereof.

(g) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 3,000 but has not exceeded 4,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 35 registered voters or major fraction thereof.

(h) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 4,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 50 registered voters or major fraction thereof.

2. Upon the request of a state or county central committee, the county clerk shall determine the number of registered voters of each party in each precinct as of:

(a) The date 90 days before the date set for the precinct meeting pursuant to [NRS 293.135](#) and shall notify the Secretary of State and the county central committee of each major political party of those numbers within 10 days after the determinative date. If consistent with the rules of the party, the number determined pursuant to this paragraph must be used to determine the number of delegates to the county convention.

(b) Any date other than the date set forth in paragraph (a).

3. In all counties, if consistent with the rules of the party, every precinct is entitled to at least one delegate to each county convention.

(Added to NRS by [1960, 239](#); A [1967, 1206](#); [1969, 456](#); [1971, 435](#); [1973, 593](#); [1975, 375](#); [1981, 1738](#); [1989, 223](#); [2003, 1702](#); [2007, 3159](#))

**NRS 293.145:** The number of delegates to the state convention of each party which shall be chosen at each county convention of such party shall be one delegate for each 150 registered voters of that party, or major fraction of such number, residing in such county; but each county shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

(Added to NRS by [1960, 240](#); A [1967, 1208](#))

**NRS 293.150:** 1. The delegates elected to the state convention of each major political party by the several county conventions of that party shall convene on such respective dates as the state central committees of the parties designate in each year in which the general election is to be held, at the State Capital, or at such other place in the State as the state central committee of that party designates. The delegates shall there organize, adopt a state party platform, and elect a state central committee for that party for the ensuing term and the chair thereof.

2. The state central committee of each major political party may convene additional state conventions of its party at such times and places as it designates during the period between the state conventions, as provided in subsection 1, and the next ensuing precinct meetings, as provided in [NRS 293.135](#). The composition of the delegates at those conventions must be the same as that certified pursuant to subsection 3 of [NRS 293.140](#).

(Added to NRS by [1960, 241](#); A [1973, 595](#); [1987, 335, 1366](#); [1989, 225](#))

**NRS 293.153:** The state central committee of each major political party shall consist of as many registered voters affiliated with the party as may be determined by the state convention of the party, but there must be at least one member from each county in the State.

(Added to NRS by [1960, 241](#); A [1971, 437](#); [1989, 226](#))

**NRS 293.155:** 1. Except as otherwise prescribed in this chapter, the state and county party conventions may each adopt its own rules, and each is the judge of the election of its own delegates.

2. No person may act as a delegate at any convention unless the person is a duly qualified elector of the county or precinct which the person seeks to represent.

3. Adoption or application of the so-called unit rule of voting, whereby the votes of all delegates from any precinct or precincts, or county or counties, are required to be cast in the manner determined by the majority of delegates from that precinct or precincts, county or counties, and against the protest of a minority of the delegates, in the proceedings of any state or county party convention is prohibited.

(Added to NRS by [1960, 241](#); A [1981, 1698](#))

**NRS 293.157:** 1. The state and county central committeemen or committeewomen shall serve for 2 years and until their successors have been elected.

2. The membership of a member of a county or state central committee may be terminated only for cause by a vote of a majority of the membership present at a regular meeting of the committee.

3. If such membership is terminated or if any position on the county or state central committee remains unfilled at the county or state convention, the position, if filled, must be filled by a vote of a majority of the membership present at a regular or special meeting of the committee.

4. If a vacancy occurs among the officers of a county or state central committee, the vacancy must be filled by the membership present by ballot at a regular or special meeting of the committee.

(Added to NRS by [1960, 241](#); A [1987, 1515](#))

**NRS 293.160:** 1. Each state central committee and each county central committee may elect from its membership an executive committee and shall, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, choose its officers by ballot.

2. Any elections to choose the officers of a county central committee must be held, beginning in 1983, in odd-numbered years and during regular meetings of the committee. The terms of officers so elected are 2 years, and the officers are eligible for reelection to their positions. The officers shall assume their offices and serve as provided in the bylaws and regulations of the central committee.

3. Each committee and its officers have general charge of the affairs of the party in the State or county, as the case may be, and have the powers usually exercised by such committees and their officers, subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(Added to NRS by [1960, 241](#); A [1981, 1698](#))

**NRS 293.161:** A person's right to participate or vote as a delegate to a county or state convention or as a member of a county or state central committee may not be conditioned upon the payment of money, except that a reasonable fee may be charged to attend a county or state convention.

(Added to NRS by [1987, 1515](#))

**NRS 293.163:** In presidential election years, on the call of a national party convention, but one set of party conventions and but one state convention shall be held on such respective dates and at such places as the state central committee of the party shall designate. If no earlier dates are fixed, the state convention shall be held 30 days before the date set for the national convention and the county conventions shall be held 60 days before the date set for the national convention.

2. Delegates to such conventions shall be selected in the same manner as prescribed in [NRS 293.130 to 293.160](#), inclusive, and each convention shall have and exercise all of the power granted it under [NRS 293.130 to 293.160](#), inclusive. In addition to such powers granted it, the state convention shall select the necessary delegates and alternates to the national convention of the party and, if consistent with the rules and regulations of the party, shall select the national committeeman and committeewoman of the party from the State of Nevada.

(Added to NRS by [1960, 242](#); A [1995, 2623](#); [2007, 3162](#))

**Rule 1.G:** State Delegate Selection Plans shall specify the methods and timetable to be followed in selecting members of standing committees of the national convention. These procedures shall be in conformity with the rules to be contained in the Call for the 2020 Convention.

**Rule 1.H:** The Democratic National Committee (“DNC”) and the state parties shall publish and make available at no cost their rules, the 2020 National Delegate Selection Rules, and a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. The DNC shall prepare and provide at no cost to state parties a clear and concise explanation of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules. This shall be done no later than October 1 of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year of the national convention

**Rule 1.F:** Implementation of state Affirmative Action Plans and Outreach and Inclusion Programs shall begin no later than September 13, 2019, or four months before the respective state’s first determining step, whichever is earlier.

**Rule 2.A:** Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats.

**Rule 2.C:** State parties shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated 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 wishing to register or to change their party enrollment status. All Democrats who comply with Rule 2.A. shall be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process.

**Rule 2.D:** At no stage of the delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating in the delegate selection process. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation.

**Rule 2.E:** No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for a Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating processes of any other party for the corresponding elections.

**Rule 2.F:** In accordance with Article Nine, Section 12 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, 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 and 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 are eligible to participate in accordance with the provisions of this Rule 2.

**Rule 2.H.1:** 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.2:** 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.4:** Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record;

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

**Rule 2.H.6:** Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; and

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

**Rule 2.I:** Each State Party shall include in its Delegate Selection Plan a description of steps taken or to be taken to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and delegate selection contests and procedures.

**Rule 2.I.1:** Such steps shall include establishment, with DNC assistance, of year-round voter protection programs. As part of such programs, state parties are encouraged to support educational, administrative, legislative, and litigation based efforts to protect and expand the vote and advance election fairness and security. Such efforts may include the goals set forth below. a. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee, same-day voter registration, and voting by mail; b. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have an sufficient number of voting machines; c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballot in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and f. Facilitate military and overseas voting.

**Rule 2.I.2:** As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, state parties are encouraged to support efforts to make voter registration easier including: a. Voter registration modernization,

including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; b. Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; 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; and d. Allow same-day or automatic registration for the Democratic presidential nominating process.

**Rule 2.K:** While parties are encouraged to use government-run primaries, in states where the State Party chooses to hold a Party-run process to establish presidential preference, the State Party's Delegate Selection Plan shall prevent attempts at voter suppression, disenfranchisement, and ensure an open and inclusive process. Further, the Rules and Bylaws Committee shall determine whether the State Party's Delegate Selection Plan meets the requirements specified in this section, including: 1. Incorporating mechanisms with reasonable safeguards against error and fraud to vote absentee or vote early; 2. Demonstrating that the State Party has the financial and technical ability to successfully run the process; 3. Implementing same-day voter registration and party-affiliation changes at the voting location; 4. Creating a process for publicly reporting the total statewide and district level results for each candidate based on the first expression of preference by the participants at the first determining step, as determined in the State's Plan; 5. Requiring that the allocation of all national delegates, be locked in at the final expression of preference at the first determining step, as determined by the State's Plan, subject to recount; 6. Ensuring final expressions of preference as part of the presidential nominating process are securely preserved, in a method to be specified in the State's Plan, that ensures the availability of a prompt and accurate recount or recanvass; 7. Providing a standard and procedure by which a presidential candidate may request a recount or recanvass that is paid for by the candidate and carried out in a timely manner; 8. Creating mechanisms that allow voters who are unable to be a part of the process in person to participate. This can include, but is not limited to those serving in the military, those with a disability or illness preventing participation, those who are not able to take time off from work or obtain child care, and other reasons; and 9. Taking appropriate steps to ensure voters in party-run processes, like those in primary states, have a right to participate in the process. These steps could include any required rules changes and the proper education and outreach to ensure accessibility, including specifically for people with disabilities and for people with limited English proficiency in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act.

**Rule 3.A:** All official Party meetings and events related to the national convention delegate selection process, including caucuses, conventions, committee meetings, filing dates, and Party enrollment periods, shall be scheduled for dates, times and publicly accessible places which would be most likely to encourage the participation of all Democrats, and must begin and end at reasonable hours. It shall be the responsibility of the State Party to select the dates, times and to locate and confirm the availability of publicly accessible facilities for all official party meetings and events related to the national convention delegate selection process.

**Rule 3.C:** The times, dates, places, and rules for the conduct of all caucuses, conventions, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the Party organization, official, candidate or member calling the same.

**Rule 3.D:** Concise statements in advance of all meetings and events concerning the relationship between the business to be conducted and the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the Party organization, official, candidate or member calling the same.

**Rule 3.E:** No person shall participate in more than one meeting which is the first determinative step in the delegate selection process.

**Rule 4.A:** The Democratic National Committee reaffirms its commitment to the 1964 resolution, and requires the national and state parties to incorporate the Six Basic Elements, as updated, into their Party rules and to take appropriate steps to secure their implementation

**Rule 4.B:** The 1964 Democratic National Convention adopted a resolution which conditioned the seating of delegates at future conventions on the assurances that discrimination in any State Party affairs on the ground of race, color, creed or national origin did not occur. The 1968 Convention adopted the 1964 Convention resolution for inclusion in the Call for the 1972 Convention. In 1966, the Special Equal Rights Committee, which had been created in 1964, adopted six antidiscrimination standards — designated as the Six Basic Elements. 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 working principles, as updated, are as follows: 1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in each state should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). 2. No test for membership in, nor any



oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in any state should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on "status." 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party 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. 4. The Democratic Party, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." 5. The Democratic Party in each state should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. Each State 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. 6. The Democratic Party in each state should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the state Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.

**Rule 4.C:** These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all "status" (as defined in Rule 4.B.(1)) members to participate in the delegate selection process.

**Rule 5.A:** In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action and inclusion is hereby adopted.

**Rule 5.B:** Discrimination on the basis of "status" in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.

**Rule 5.C:** In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include 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, economic status or disability, each State Party shall develop and submit Party outreach programs, including recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs.

**Rule 6.A:** The promises of a democratically elected government and the right to vote have not always been extended equally to all Americans. Historically, certain groups of Americans have been explicitly denied the right to vote or have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices with the intended effect of denying them voting rights. In recognition of this past history of discriminatory denial of the franchise and in order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the national and state Democratic Parties shall adopt and implement affirmative action programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. 1. The goal of such affirmative action shall be to achieve 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. 2. This goal 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. 3. In the selection of each state's 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. Such remedial action is necessary in order to overcome the effects of past discrimination. Use of the at-large delegation to fulfill the plan's affirmative action goals does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. Priority of consideration shall also be given to other groups as described in Rule 5.(C), which are under-represented in Democratic Party affairs, in order to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups.

**Rule 6.C:** State Delegate Selection Plans shall provide for equal division between delegate men and delegate women and alternate men and alternate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender-self-identification). For purposes of this rule, the entire delegation includes all pledged delegates and alternates and automatic delegates (including automatic party leaders and elected official delegates). In the case of gender non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be

equally divided by gender. 1. State Delegate Selection Plans shall, as far as mathematically practicable, also provide for equal division between district-level delegate men and delegate women and district-level alternate men and alternate women, as described in Rule 6.C

**Rule 6.D:** For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process under Rule 3, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all caucuses, conventions, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups.

**Rule 6.E:** State Democratic Parties shall ensure 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 or women.

**Rule 6.F:** Each state Affirmative Action Plan shall provide for the appointment of a representative state Affirmative Action Committee by March 1, 2019. Before the State Party submits its Plan to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, the Affirmative Action Committee shall review the proposed outreach program required in Rule 5.C.

**Rule 6.G:** Each State Affirmative Action Plan shall include outreach provisions to encourage the participation and representation of persons of low and moderate income, and a specific plan to help defray expenses of those delegates otherwise unable to participate in the national convention.

**Rule 6.H:** State Parties in their Delegate Selection Plans shall impose reasonable specific Affirmative Action and Inclusion obligations upon presidential candidates consistent with the delegate selection system employed by the state.

**Rule 6.I:** State Parties shall require presidential candidates to submit statements that specify what steps such candidates will take to encourage full participation in their delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. Provided further that presidential candidates submit such full participation statements to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee at the same time they are submitted to state parties.

**Rule 7:** The Democratic National Committee recognizes that other groups of Americans in addition to those described in Rule 6 may be underrepresented in Party affairs. These groups include members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. The National and State Parties shall adopt and implement Outreach and Inclusion Programs in order to achieve the full participation of members of these and other groups in the delegate selection process and in all party affairs, as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. The DNC will work with the State Party to ascertain the presence of these groups in the State's Democratic electorate. As is already the practice in most states, State Parties should use goals to achieve these ends; however, in no event may such participation be accomplished by the use of quotas.

**Rule 8.A:** Apportionment of district-level delegates within states shall be based on one of the following: 1. A formula giving equal weight to total population and to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the two most recent presidential elections; 2. A formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the most recent presidential and gubernatorial elections; 3. A formula giving equal weight to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the two most recent presidential elections and to Democratic Party registration or enrollment as of January 1, 2020; or 4. A formula giving one-third (1/3) weight to each of the formulas in items (1), (2), and (3).

**Rule 8.B:** Apportionment for each body selecting delegates to state, district, and county conventions shall be based upon population and/or some measure of Democratic strength.

**Rule 8.C:** The Call for the 2020 Convention shall state the base delegation for each delegation. Seventy-five percent (75%) of each state's base delegation shall be elected at the congressional district level or smaller. Twenty-five percent (25%) of each state's base delegation shall be elected at large. Delegates so elected shall hereafter be termed "district-level" and "at-large" delegates, respectively. Each State Democratic Chair shall certify all delegates in writing to the Secretary of the DNC.

**Rule 9.A:** For the purpose of these rules, the term "automatic" used in this Rule corresponds with the term "unpledged," as used in Article Two, Section 4(h) of the Charter. The procedure to be used for certifying automatic party leader and elected official delegates is as follows: Not later than March 6, 2020, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to each State Democratic Chair the names of the following automatic delegates who legally reside in their respective state and who shall be recognized as part of their state's delegation

unless any such member has publicly expressed support for the election of, or has endorsed, a presidential candidate of another political party:

**Rule 9.A.3:** All Democratic members of the United States House of Representatives and all Democratic members of the United States Senate; and,

**Rule 9.A.4:** The Democratic Governor, if applicable; and,

**Rule 9.A.5:** All former Democratic Presidents, all former Democratic Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and all former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee.

**Rule 10.A:** Following the selection of district-level delegates under 8.E., pledged party leader and elected official delegates are to be selected subject to the following procedures: 1. Persons shall be considered for pledged party leader and elected official delegates and alternates 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. 2. These slots shall be allocated on the same basis as the state's at-large delegates. 3. If persons eligible for pledged party leader and elected official delegate positions have not made known their presidential preference under the procedures established by the state pursuant to Rule 13 for candidates for district-level and at-large delegate positions, their preferences shall be ascertained through alternative procedures established by the State Party, which shall require a signed pledge of support for a presidential candidate. Such an alternative system shall have a final deadline for submitting a pledge of support after the selection of all district-level delegates has been completed and must provide an opportunity for disapproval by the presidential candidate or the candidate's authorized representative.

**Rule 10.B:** A state's party leader and elected official delegates may be chosen by a state convention or by a committee consisting of a quorum of district-level delegates. They may also be chosen by the State Party Committee, as recognized by the Democratic National Committee, but only if the state's Delegate Selection Plan is in full compliance with these rules, and provided:

**Rule 11.A:** The selection of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women and the representation goals established in the State Party's Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Such goals apply to the state's entire delegation considered as a whole. For purposes of this rule, the entire delegation includes all automatic as well as all pledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall each, as a group, be equally divided and, to the extent possible, each as a group shall reflect the representation goals established in the state's Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

**Rule 11.B:** A state's at-large delegates and alternates shall be selected by one of the bodies, subject to the same conditions specified in Rule 10.B. above, provided, however, the State Party Committee may choose such delegates and alternates only if the state's Delegate Selection Plan is in full compliance with these rules.

**Rule 11.C:** At-large delegates and alternates (including pledged party leader and elected official delegates, which shall include those to be allocated to uncommitted status) in primary states shall be allocated according to the state-wide primary vote or, in states holding no state-wide primary, according to the division of preferences among convention and caucus participants. In non-primary states which do not hold state conventions authorized to elect delegates, at-large delegates shall be apportioned according to the division of preferences among district level delegates at the time of district-level selection. If a presidential candidate entitled to an allocation under this rule is no longer a candidate at the time at-large delegates are selected, his/her allocation shall be proportionately divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation.

**Rules 12.B:** 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 as otherwise provided in these rules or specifically allowed by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee).

**Rule 12.D(1):** Prior to the selection of national convention delegates and alternates, the State Party shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate positions pledged to that presidential candidate. All such delegate and alternate candidates shall be considered bona fide supporters of the presidential candidate whom they have pledged to support, unless the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Party by a date certain as specified in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. 1. Presidential candidates shall certify in writing to the Democratic State Chair the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by a date certain.

**Rule 13.A:** All candidates for delegate and alternate in caucuses, conventions, committees and on primary ballots shall be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels of a process which determines presidential preference. Candidates may state a preference for only one presidential candidate, including uncommitted at any time. In no case shall a candidate for delegate or alternate indicate more than one such presidential preference at each level.

**Rule 13.B:** All persons wishing to be elected to a district-level or at-large delegate position must file a statement of candidacy designating the presidential or uncommitted preference of the delegate candidate and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) the person favors, if any, with the State Party by a date certain as specified in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. Persons wishing to be elected as pledged party leader and elected official delegates shall comply with Rule 10.B.(3).

**Rule 13.D.(1):** Prior to the selection of national convention delegates and alternates, the State Party shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate positions pledged to that presidential candidate. All such delegate and alternate candidates shall be considered bona fide supporters of the presidential candidate whom they have pledged to support, unless the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Party by a date certain as specified in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. 1. Presidential candidates shall certify in writing to the Democratic State Chair the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by a date certain

**Rule 13.E:** 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. 1. Presidential candidates may not remove any candidate for a district-level delegate or alternate position from the list of bona fide supporters unless, at a minimum, three (3) names remain for every such position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. Provided, however, that in states where individual district-level delegates and alternates are voted upon on a primary ballot, the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may approve a number of delegate candidates or alternate candidates equal to or greater than the number of delegates or alternates allocated to the district. 2. Presidential candidates, in consultation with the State Party, may remove any candidate for at-large and pledged party leader and elected official delegate or alternate position from the list of bona fide supporters as long as, at a minimum, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled, except that a state may provide in its delegate selection plan, if the plan is approved by the Rules and Bylaws Committee, that presidential candidates may remove any candidate for an at-large and party leader and elected official delegate or alternate position from the list of bona fide supporters as long as, at a minimum, two (2) names remain for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.

**Rule 13.F:** State parties shall ensure that state Delegate Selection Plans provide fair and adequate time for persons to file for delegate or alternate positions, and for presidential candidates, or their authorized representative(s), to review the list of persons who have filed, and to remove from that list persons not confirmed by the presidential candidate or his/her representative(s) as bona fide supporters of the presidential candidate.

**Rule 13.H:** A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. For purposes of these rules, all delegates and alternates at any level of the delegate selection process must be bona fide Democrats (which shall include being registered as a Democrat in states that permit Democratic Party registration) who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the

**Rule 13.I:** No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rule to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected

**Rule 13.J:** 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 14.A:** Delegates shall be allocated in a fashion that fairly reflects the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the primary voters or, if there is no binding primary, the convention and/or caucus participants.

**Rule 14.B:** States shall allocate district-level delegates and alternates in proportion to the percentage of the primary or caucus vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a fifteen percent (15%) threshold shall not be awarded any delegates. Subject to section F. of this rule, no state shall have a threshold above or below fifteen percent (15%). States which use a caucus/convention system, shall specify in their Delegate Selection Plans the caucus level at which such percentages shall be determined.

**Rule 14.D:** District-level delegates and alternates shall be allocated according to the following procedures: Step 1: Tabulate the percentage of the vote that each presidential preference (including uncommitted status) receives in the congressional district to three decimals. Step 2: Retabulate the percentage of the vote to three decimals, received by each presidential preference excluding the votes of presidential preferences whose percentage in Step 1 falls below 15%. Step 3: Multiply the number of delegates to be allocated by the percentage received by each presidential preference. Step 4: Delegates shall be allocated to each presidential preference based on the whole numbers which result from the multiplication in Step 3. Step 5: Remaining delegates, if any, shall be awarded in order of the highest fractional remainders in Step 3.

**Rule 14.E:** At-large and pledged party leader and elected official delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated to presidential preferences by reference to primary or convention votes or to the division of preference among district-level delegates or alternates, as the case may be, as specified in Rule 11.C., except that a preference falling below a threshold of fifteen percent (15%) shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates at this level. Such delegates and alternates in primary states shall be allocated to presidential preference (including uncommitted status) according to the statewide primary vote.

**Rule 14.F:** In all situations where no preference reaches the applicable threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received at each level of the delegate selection process by the front-runner.

**Rule 15.F:** No candidate for delegate or alternate shall be required to file a statement of candidacy or a pledge of support as required by Rule 13.B. prior to 30 days before such delegate or alternate candidate is to be selected or elected in a primary, caucus or pre-primary caucus; provided, however, that in states holding a presidential primary where individual district-level delegates or alternates are to be voted upon on the ballot, no candidate for delegate or alternate shall be required to submit or file a statement of candidacy or a pledge of support prior to 90 days before the date on which they are to be voted upon.

**Rule 15.G:** No candidate for at-large or pledged party leader and elected official delegate or alternate shall be required to file a statement of candidacy or a pledge of support required by Rule 13.B. prior to 30 days before the date when the delegate or alternate is to be selected or voted upon.

**Rule 16:** No less than forty percent (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 convention delegates.

**Rule 17:** To insure full participation in the delegate selection process, State Party rules may, at their discretion, provide for proxy voting. Such rules shall allow an accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, to register the non-transferable proxy with another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement). Unless otherwise specified, a proxy shall be deemed to be general and uninstructed. No such rule shall allow a person to hold more than one (1) proxy at a time.

**Rule 18.A:** 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.B:** 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 19.B:** If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions in a state but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position.

**Rule 19.D:** Each state Delegate Selection Plan shall specifically provide how and under what conditions an alternate is to replace or act in lieu of (collectively referred to as “replace” or “replaces”) a delegate. 1. Delegate Selection Plans may specify one or any combination of the following alternatives for permanent and temporary replacements: a. The delegate chooses the alternate; b. The delegation chooses the alternate; c. The alternate who receives the highest number of votes; or d. Such other process as protects the interests of presidential candidates, delegates and alternates.

**Rule 21:** A. Jurisdictional Challenges. Any challenges to a State Party organization in respect to its status as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state must be presented to the DNC at any time up to thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. Such a challenge must be brought by at least fifteen (15) Democrats from the state. B. Submission, Non-Implementation and Violation Challenges. Failure to submit or

implement an approved Affirmative Action Program and Outreach and Inclusion Program by the deadline specified in these rules shall constitute grounds for a challenge with the burden of proof on the challenged party.



**ATTACHMENTS**

**Affirmative Action Committee for Community Engagement:**

Name	Demographic Group
Eric Jeng	AAPI; S NV; Youth
Alex Assefa	Ethopian American; S NV
Nnedi Stephens	African American; N NV; Youth
Daniel Corona	Rural; LGBTQ+; Latinx; Youth
Sam Lieberman	Disability; S NV
Kimi Cole	Rural; LGBTQ+
Mariela Hernandez	Latinx; S NV
Electra Skrzydlewski	African American; S NV

**NV Dems Announce Caucus Community Engagement Committee**

Today, the Nevada State Democratic Party announced the creation of the Caucus Community Engagement Committee designed to ensure all communities across Nevada are involved in the 2020 caucus planning process. This committee will work alongside the Party to provide feedback and facilitate improvements to the Party's Delegate Selection Plan as well as help educate and train Nevada Democrats of the caucus process.

“It is so important to our Party that in 2020 we execute the most accessible and open caucus process ever and part of ensuring that happens, is by using the help of dedicated Democrats across Nevada,” **said Nevada State Democratic Party Chair William McCurdy.** “The members of this committee represent the ethnic, cultural, and regional diversity of our great state and have been leaders in their communities. I look forward to working with them to help make our Party one that represents all Nevadans and I am confident they will help us establish a caucus process Nevada Democrats are proud of.”

Members of the Caucus Community Engagement Committee include:

- Eric Jeng, Deputy Director, One APIA Nevada
- Mariela Hernandez, Latino Advocate

- Assemblyman Alex Assefa
- Nnedi Stephens, Young Democrats of Nevada National Committeewoman
- Mayor Daniel Corona, West Wendover
- Regent Sam Lieberman
- Kimi Cole, Chair, Rural Nevada Democratic Caucus
- Electra Skrzydlewski, President of the Emerge Nevada Board of Directors



**For Immediate Release**

April 29, 2019

**Contact:** Molly Forgey [mforgey@nvdeems.com](mailto:mforgey@nvdeems.com)

## **NV Dems Announce Adoption of 2020 Delegate Selection Plan**

Today, the State Central Committee officially adopted the Nevada State Democratic Party's 2020 delegate selection plan.

"I am grateful to our Democratic community for giving us your input and feedback to help make our 2020 caucus the most accessible, expansive, and transparent caucus yet," **said Nevada State Democratic Party Chair William McCurdy II.** "We know that when we come together and every Nevadan is afforded the ability to participate, we elect leaders who put hardworking families first. I am confident we will elect the Democratic nominee who will defeat Donald Trump next November and finally have a leader who will make our country one that works for all Americans."

**NEVADA STATE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN DRAFT  
SUBJECT TO REVISION**

NV Dems is creating a uniquely Nevada caucus process--one that represents how we vote and the communities we live in. The State Party expanded our caucus process by offering four days of in-person early voting, and multilingual presidential preference cards that include English, Spanish and Tagalog.

Early voting: Saturday, February 15 - Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Caucus Day: Saturday, February 22, 2020

To learn more about NV Dems 2020 caucus visit [nvdeems.com/2020caucus](http://nvdeems.com/2020caucus)

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April 28, 2019

Democratic National Committee  
Rules and Bylaws Committee  
c/o Patrice Taylor, Director of Party Affairs & Delegate Selection  
430 South Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Statement of Certification from the Nevada State Chair

Co-Chairs Miller and Roosevelt,

I, William McCurdy II, Chair of the Nevada State Democratic Party, with regard to the 2020 Nevada Delegate Selection Plan do hereby certify the Nevada State Democratic Party in compliance with Rule 1.C. :

- Publicly announced by press release and by email to the State Central Committee, our proposed 2020 Delegate Selection Plan and published specific guidance for the submission of public comments.
- Published the 2020 Nevada Delegate Selection Plan to the NSDP website, including all of its attachments and appendices during a 30 day public comment period.

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The 2020 Nevada Delegate Selection Plan was submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee and was unanimously approved by the State Central Committee on April 28, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



William McCurdy II, State Chair  
Nevada State Democratic Party



April 28, 2019

Democratic National Committee  
Rules and Bylaws Committee  
c/o Patrice Taylor, Director of Party Affairs & Delegate Selection  
430 South Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Statement of Certification from the Affirmative Action Chair

Co-Chairs Miller and Roosevelt,

I, Kimi Cole, Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee do hereby certify that all members of the Affirmative Action Committee met to review the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan as outlined in Section VIII of the 2020 Nevada Delegate Selection Plan including all established goals in compliance with Rule 6.F & Reg. 2.2.I.

Respectfully submitted,

**NEVADA STATE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN DRAFT  
SUBJECT TO REVISION**



Kimi Cole, Affirmative Action Committee Chair  
Nevada State Democratic Party



### Press Plan Overview

#### **Purpose**

To prepare and execute a 2020 caucus that is accessible for all Nevadans. This plan lays out our efforts to reach Democrats across various communities to educate and engage with caucus goers.

We plan to travel across the state to train Nevada Democrats on the caucus process. Press materials for diverse media outlets, including letters to the editor from our Caucus Community Engagement Committee Members, will help ensure our Latino, AAPI, and African American communities understand the caucus process and have the information they need to participate. We will also utilize various social media platforms to reach younger voters who rely primarily on these platforms for their information and news.

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## **Public Events**

### **Road to 2020: Caucus Training Tour**

Led by NSDP Chair McCurdy and staff, the Party will visit each county to train, educate, and answer questions regarding the caucus process.

Date:

Press: Open

Press Pitches: Local press sit-down with McCurdy

Materials: Advisory, press release of each visit

## **Press Materials**

### **Op-Eds/ LTEs**

Feb. 22, 2019: McCurdy: Looking Ahead to the New Nevada 2020 Caucus

This op-ed will lay out the impact Nevada's Democrats will have in the process of selecting the next Democratic candidate for president and the changes the NSDP is making to the caucus process that make the 2020 caucus the most transparent, accessible, and fair caucus process yet.

Date TBD: Caucus Community Engagement Committee Members release LTEs highlighting Early Voting locations

### **Memos**

Fall/TBD: Detailed layout of concrete changes to the 2020 caucus process

Nov. 14, 2019: 100 Days out from 2020 caucus

Feb. 11, 2020: Next Up: Nevada - Caucus Primer

### **Press Releases**

- ✓ Announcing SCC election results
- ✓ Caucus Director hiring
- ✓ Affirmative Action/ Caucus Community Engagement Committee
- ✓ Announcing first draft of 2020 delegate selection plan

Delegate Selection Plan adopted by the SCC

Final Delegate Selection Plan (approved by the DNC)

Formal caucus website rollout

Informational caucus videos

Road to 2020 tour launch

## **Digital Materials**

### **Caucus Website**

The website will be a resource for caucus goers, including:

- Access to Delegate Selection Plan
- Ability to comment on the DSP

- Ability to volunteer as precinct captain
- List of precinct locations
- FAQ

Current URL: [nvdems.com/2020caucus](http://nvdems.com/2020caucus)

### Informational Caucus Videos

Caucus 101  
Step-by-step caucus How To

### Hashtags

#NVDemsCaucus  
#FirstInTheWest  
#RoadTo2020  
#OurNVCaucus



### 2020 Nevada Caucus Plan

#### Goals:

- We will create a caucus process that prioritizes record participation of our Party community and the marginalized and diverse communities within it.
- We will seek opportunities to engage long term by uplifting the importance of training and organizing.
- We will create a process that is rooted in unity and the continued positive transformation of our party by necessitating a commitment to accuracy, transparency, and fairness.

#### Priorities:

- **Phase One: (March 1, 2019 – June 1, 2019)**
  - Delegate Selection Plan drafting & roll out
  - Comment / Feedback processing and communication
  - Campaign Logistics and Request for Proposal process
  - Relationship Building, Committee and Campaign preparation
  - Caucus Branding and Culture
  - Hiring
- **Phase Two: (June 1, 2019 -- September 30, 2019)**
  - Organizing: Volunteer Recruitment and Training

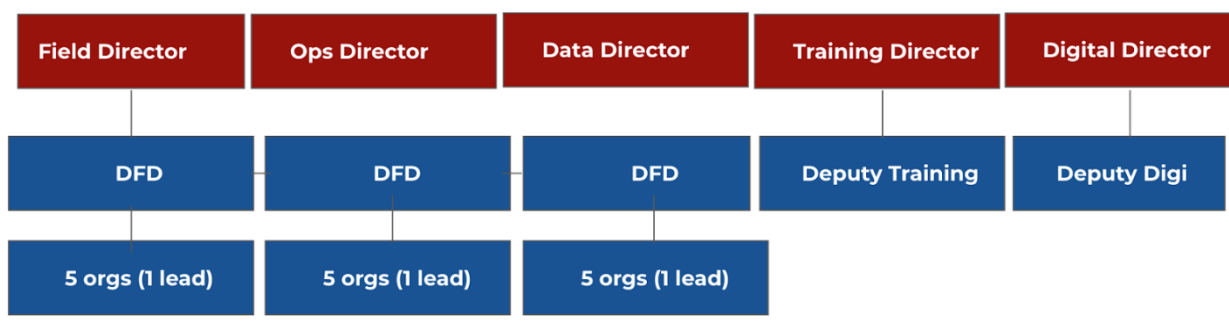
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- Curriculum development and implementation
  - Caucus education and community outreach
  - Digital campaigning
  - Technology development and Security testing
  - Long term logistic planning and document drafting
  - Data logistics and planning
  - Caucus site and leadership identification
  - Reporting decisions
- **Phase Three: (October 1, 2019 -- February 28, 2020)**
    - Technology training and implementation
    - Final logistics planning
    - Staffing plan and volunteer assignments
    - Caucus execution and reporting
    - Convention planning and execution

**Budget:**

Budget Item	Projected Expense
Staff & Operations	\$1,256,272
Offices & Technology	\$179,020
Caucus Sites, Supplies & Printing	\$184,075
Media & Campaigning	\$87,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,706,867</b>

**Staff:**





# NV DEMS

## DISTRICT LEVEL DELEGATE FILING FORM 2020 Democratic National Convention

### SUMMARY OF DELEGATE SELECTION RULES & DELEGATE FILING REQUIREMENTS

Nevada is allocated 23 district-level delegates and 2 district-level alternates. Per Reg. 4.31 Nevada has chosen to split its alternate delegates between District-level and At-large.

District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected through a proportional representation system based on a three-tier caucus system with the first determining step occurring on February 22, 2020 at precinct meetings in each county of Nevada at locations determined by the State Party.

If a Nevada Democrat would like to be a delegate to the national convention, they must participate on Caucus Day, February 22, 2020, or participate in the vote period and attend their County Convention, and the Nevada State Democratic Party State Convention.

A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote.

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 their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the State Party by 10:00 am on May 29, 2020. Statements of candidacy may be presented in person, by mail, by email, or by fax to the Nevada State Democratic Party, 2320 Paseo Del Prado Suite B107, Las Vegas, NV 89102. Faxes directed to 702-735-2700. Emails directed to [filing@nvdems.com](mailto:filing@nvdems.com). A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.

All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for district-level delegate positions. Candidates who were not chosen at the delegate level may be considered at the alternate level.

### STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY *(Submit to the Nevada State Democratic Party by 10:00 am on May 29, 2020)*

#### SECTION 1: Candidate Information (Please Type or Print)

Print Name as it appears on your Voter ID card: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Nickname, if any)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(StreetAddress) (City) (State) (Zip code)

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (check preferred #):  Home: \_\_\_\_\_  Work: \_\_\_\_\_  Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_ County CC Member: Yes  No

**SECTION 2: Demographic Information**

<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBT
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific American	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65 & up)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Union (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran
Employer (required): _____	Hispanic	_____	Youth (18-36)
Occupation (required): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American (specify Tribe): _____		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Elected official, public office holder or Party leader title: \_\_\_\_\_

**LOYALTY OATH** (Box must be checked, except as indicated above\*)

I duly affirm and certify that I am a member of the Democratic Party of the United States; that I am a qualified elector of the Nevada county as indicated above; that I will not support the election of the opponent of any Democratic nominee, nor will I support any non-Democrat against a Democrat in any election other than in judicial races; that I am qualified under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Nevada and the Charter and Bylaws of the Nevada State Democratic Party to hold the position of delegate; that I have not violated any of the laws of the State of Nevada relating to election or the Charter and Bylaws of the Nevada State Democratic Party.

**I am committed to working actively for the election of Democratic candidates in the 2020 elections.**

(Signed) X \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

**To be Completed by County Party Officers (Please Print)**

County Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Qualified by (print name): \_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_ SCW \_\_\_\_\_ SCM \_\_\_\_\_

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## PLEO/AT-LARGE/ALTERNATE FILING FORM 2020 Democratic National Convention

### SUMMARY OF DELEGATE SELECTION RULES & DELEGATE FILING REQUIREMENTS

PLEO and At-Large Delegate and Alternate positions will be allocated to presidential candidates to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of caucus participants statewide. The selection of PLEO delegates will occur on May 30, 2020 at the State Convention.

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.

An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy and statement of presidential preference for a singular candidate with the State Party by 10:00 a.m., May 29, 2020.

delegate may be modified by submitting an updated statement of candidacy before the deadline. Because this deadline is prior to the election of district-level delegates, candidates may indicate their intent to run in any combination of delegate categories: district-level, pledged PLEO, or at-large. Any pledged PLEO eligible candidate elected at the district-level will become ineligible to run in additional categories. If a pledged PLEO-eligible candidate runs, and is not elected at the district level, he or she is still able to run as a pledged PLEO, provided they re-file their intent with the State Party by 4:00 p.m., May 30, 2020.

All persons who wish to run for PLEO and/or At-Large and/or At-Large Alternate must fully complete this statement of candidacy may be presented in person, by mail, be email, or by fax to the Nevada State Democratic Party, 2320 Paseo Del Prado Suite B107, Las Vegas, NV 89102. Faxes directed to 702-735-2700. Emails directed to [filing@nvdems.com](mailto:filing@nvdems.com).

The presidential preference of a candidate for PLEO

### STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY *(Submit to the Nevada State Democratic Party by 10:00 am on May 29, 2020)*

#### SECTION 1: Candidate Information (Please Type or Print)

Print Name as it appears on your Voter ID card: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Nickname, if any)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip code)

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (check preferred #): Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_ County CC Member: Yes  No

**SECTION 2: Demographic Information**

<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBT
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific American	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65 & up)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Union (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran
Employer (required): _____	Hispanic	_____	Youth (18-36)
Occupation (required): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American (specify Tribe): _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____	_____	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

Elected official, public office holder or Party leader title: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Qualified by (print name): \_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_ SCW \_\_\_\_\_ SCM \_\_\_\_\_

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## Public Comment

First Name	Last Name	Comment
John	Vogelsang	Much better plan. The 2016 caucus was an absolute nightmare
Ray	Johnson	Please get rid of the caucus in the state. Let everyone participate by using mail-in ballots to and from all registered Democrats in the state. Look to Oregon for more info and participation rates. Great system!
Kendall	Hardin	Still feel the primary, rather than a caucus, is more representative and efficient. How will delegates be chosen in this "virtual" aspect of the caucus? Moreover, caucuses take up people's valuable time, as opposed to voting. I regret having to participate in caucuses - the last two were horrible experiences. Very inefficient.
Brady	Sambrano	Nevada should get rid of the caucus and move to a primary. A caucus is inherently discriminatory against working class people. Last year, I had two democrats who wanted to participate in the nomination process but could not because they had work on the day of the caucus. While I understand why a caucus is seen as a means of promoting discussion, the reality is that a caucus system is preventing democrats from participating. While I am happy to see changes being made that make the caucus more open for voters who work or do not have time to sit at caucus location for 4 hours (like last year when one of our voters stayed for over 2 hours before having to leave to go to work), a simple primary with early voting would be the best means of increasing voter turnout.

<b>Sheldon</b>	<b>Holzman</b>	<b>I suggest and support having a primary election and eliminate the caucuses!</b>
<b>Suzanne</b>	<b>Fox</b>	<b>1.) The caucus is a colossal waste of time. Nevada should have a primary. 2.) Primary voting should be on the same day nationwide, and polls should close at the same time, adjusted for the time difference. Likewise, all voting results should be released at the same time. No state should have an advantage.</b>
<b>Ji</b>	<b>Mayo</b>	<b>How do become delicate?</b>
<b>Christian</b>	<b>Gerlach</b>	<b>I find it very discriminatory for people who have to work or people who have limited capacity to be out in public for them to have to suffer through a very long caucus process. We should move to a primary vote like there is in other states. Caucuses are incredibly inequitable ways of deciding elections. furthermore after witnessing the flower play during the last presidential election cycle, I feel that a primary vote would make it impossible for the state democratic party to engage in foul play like it did last time. Please consider moving to a primary vote I will be starting a petition immediately asking the same.</b>
<b>John</b>	<b>de Golia</b>	<b>I like the proposals to drop off voting cards ahead of the caucus date, and to allow online voting. This avoids having to do to the caucuses, which are otherwise a HUGE waste of time, disorganized, and undemocratic. Had you not made these changes, I likely would not be participating after my experiences in 2012 and 2016. I favor a primary election for president, but these rule changes make a bad thing bearable for now.</b>
<b>Vickie</b>	<b>Rock</b>	<b>The party needs to specifically define what documentation needs to be presented to verify that they are a resident of the county in which they wish to participate. It should be no different than what would be required by the Registrar of Voters. Those of us in rural counties don't have johnny-on-the-spot capabilities to verify their residency and thus eligibility. How will they assure us that the "virtual" caucuses can't be gamed to allow ineligible participants to skew the vote?</b>
<b>Fred</b>	<b>Elliott</b>	<b>What is SCC?  You send out a 53 page document and expect folks to read through it and understand.  Get real and start governing as if you wallet didn't depend on it.</b>

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<b>Dale</b>	<b>Quale</b>	<b>Who, how and when were the caucus rules changed? Trust factor is on the Party after 2016. Prove it. I want to be a Caucus Chair, more info re that, please.</b>
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Lynne	Ballatore	<p><b>NSDP:</b> I am pretty good at proofing, but I don't expect you to agree with all of my finds. I went through the Nevada State Delegate Selection Plan and have some suggestions, some important, and mostly for consistency and clarity. Take whatever you want from this.</p> <p><b>Summary Key Dates</b> September 1, 2019, Page 45 table says Affirmative Action Plan September 15 Should be February 15, 2020 (not February 15, 2019) Virtual Caucuses c) Sunday, February 16, 2020 (not just February 16) Monday, February 17, 2020 (not just February 17) Early Voting b) Saturday, February 15, 2020 (not just February 15) Sunday, February 16, 2020 (not just February 16) Monday, February 17, 2020 (not just February 17) Tuesday, February 18, 2020 (not just February 18) Early Voting e) Question: do early voters get multiple next choice(s)? Caucus Day: bullet point 4 Nor grammatically correct (...preference card and will have...)</p> <p>Page 2, b. 2nd paragraph January 15, 2020 (not January 15th, 2020)</p> <p>Page 7, Section III, A. 3 States that to be a national delegate they must attend Caucus day Feb 22, but Section III A 4 says they are eligible if attending the caucus, virtual or early voting.</p> <p>Page 8, Section III, A, 11 Typo: caucus day. (not caucus day..) Question: do early votes get multiple next choice(s)?</p> <p>Page 8, Section III A. 12 "At 12:00 p.m. the Permanent Chair will determine viability" but Permanent chair isn't elected yet, and several tasks need to be done before viability is determined.</p> <p>Page 10, Section III, A, 12 End of last sentence: preference cards at (not cards of at) Page 10, Section III A, 12 formula</p>
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Formula should show that the (# of members...) x (# of delegates..) is DIVIDED by the (Total number...)

Page 11 item 12 last paragraph.

How many delegates do At-Large caucuses get? and how does this fit in with total delegates allowed for a precinct?

Page 13 top paragraph

November 1, 2019 (not November 1st, 2019)

Page 13, 2)

April 18, 2020 (not April 18th)

April 17, 2020 (not April 17)

Page 13, a)

Clarify: for April 18 County convention needs to open registration no less than 2 hours before call to order, so no later than 8am, since call to order is 10am? But need to keep registration open until 12pm.

d) Preliminary Delegate Intent Form for National Delegate needs to be turned in before 10am call to order?

Does this have to be done in person April 17 or 18 before 10am? Or can it be done during online pre-registration?

Page 14 paragraph 15 a:

State chair gives presidential candidate their authorized representatives on May 30 by 10:30 am.

Page 15 paragraph 15 b.

Then the candidate gives their approved list May 29 by 10am? Page 45 lists nothing on May 29.

Page 15 15 c

Candidate failure to respond by May 30 12:30pm is deemed failure to respond and all delegates and alternatives approved.

Page 16, 16. C.

February 22, 2020 (not Feb. 22nd)

Page 17 B 1 c. add blank line between 2) and 3)

Page 20 D. 2. a.

Does by May 30, 2020 mean not later than May 29? Or should it be by 10am may 30?

PLEOs must file by 10am May 30 (Page 18 2 b.) and at-large are elected after PLEO election. Why would the deadline be prior to PLEOs?

Page 20 3. a. and b. and c.  
May 30, 2020 (not just May 30)

Page 21 5. a.  
May 30, 2020 (not just May 30)

Page 24 c. 1) and 2)  
Consistent naming of chair: 1) State Democratic Chair; 2) by the Nevada's Democratic Chair. (if this way make it by Nevada's Democratic Chair, but suggest using 'by the State Democratic Chair' in both.

Page 24 5. 3)  
Is 'the Secretary' meant to be the Secretary of the DNC or of the State Party?

Page 25 b.  
Last paragraph, DNC Secretary (not just 'Secretary')

Page 26 2 b.  
Is 0.455 or above but less than 1.455... . securing 1.455 or above but less than 2.455. (not more than 1.455)  
The way currently written, 1.455 is missed.

Page 34, a.  
March 1, 2020 (not March 1st)

Page 36 What does the '\*DNC Data Recommendation' refer to?

Page 38, E. 2.  
Is this November 1, 2019 or 2020?

Page 40 add blank line between b and c and blank line between 4. a and b

That's it.  
Thanks for considering my finds. You don't have to tell me what you've done with these comments.

Lynne Ballatore  
Lyon County

Steven	Parry	<p>I think the plan could work. However, there are a few problems I see.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For early voting, there HAS to be early voting locations on college campuses in order for the party to get the youth vote.</li> <li>2. In the delegate selection process, what would happen if a Non-Binary person gets to be a delegate? The proposed M-F ratio I feel is discriminatory by its very nature as it continues the trend of sticking to the scientifically debunked Gender Binary system.</li> <li>3. I feel that the numbers of the LGBTQ+ Community in the representation goals are a bit low. Current projections indicate that here in the state of Nevada, the LGBTQ+ Community comprises of approximately 1/4 of the state, not 7% as this work shows. Gallup does a good job in gathering numbers, but it is proven that these numbers run consistently low due to several factors like fear of being outed, etc.</li> </ol> <p>Overall, I approve of this plan.</p>
Michael	Greedy	<p><b>Page Numbering</b></p> <p>We need some consideration to page number. Correct page numbering will allow the commenters to use a consistent method for referencing.</p> <p>The draft Delegate Selection Plan is a .pdf document. The page numbers at the top of the screen are .pdf page numbers. Some of the pages have numbers which DO NOT correspond with the .pdf numbers.</p> <p>This document should be like a book. Insert a blank page after the cover sheet. This will force the table of contents to begin on right with an odd number. The text will then begin on another right-hand page with an odd number. If the table of contents changes, then other blank pages might be need.</p> <p>The pages with numbers appear to be hard-wired. I do not know what software is being use, but it would be better to insert coding to automatically number the pages. The table of contents traditionally is number as i, ii, etc. It still maybe possible to insert automatic page numbering.</p> <p>Respectfully, Michael Greedy</p>



Michael	Greedy	<p><b>Careful Usage</b>  The table on .pdf page 51 has the term “ State Party Committee”. This apparently is the “(Nevada) State Central Committee.” The term “State Party Committee” can mean any committee in the Nevada state party. The document needs a careful review to carefully completely identify each committee.</p> <p><b>.pdf page 52</b>  There are too many “filings” listed on May 20 which also is the state convention date. This is not practical. The documents are to be used at the convention. These deadlines should require that the documents be in-hand at least one day before the convention is convened.</p> <p><b>.pdf page 51</b>  May 30, 2018 should be May 30, 2020.</p> <p><b>.pdf page 45</b>  The date November 1, 2020, apparently is incorrect.</p> <p><b>Add the year to every date</b></p> <p><b>.pdf page 19</b>  Why do CD2 and CD4 have NO alternate delegates?  Why are there so few alternate delegates? Only 2 alternates for 23 delegates is a high risk for filling alternate delegates.</p> <p><b>.pdf page 18</b>  The county conventions allow for alternates equal to 50% of the delegates. Compare this with the national convention.</p> <p><b>.pdf page 15</b>  I could not find the cited material: “NRS 293. 133 (See Appendix A)”.</p> <p><b>.pdf page 4</b>  Insert the 28 April 2019 STATE Central Committee date.</p> <p><b>Ranked Choice Voting</b>  The text implies Ranked Choice voting for early voting and virtual caucus but does not use the term. Use the term “Ranked Choice Voting”. The text implies only two choices may be made. This likely</p>
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		<p><b>will not be sufficient given the number of possible presidential hopefuls. I recommend up to five choices.</b></p>
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Michael	Greedy	<p><b>.pdf page 15</b></p> <p><b>Calculating the ratios for COUNTY convention delegates is referred to by a citation: “NRS 293. 133 (See Appendix A)” Below is NRS 293.133. NRS 293.133 allows the PARTY to decide on the ratios.</b></p> <p><b>Publish a table which explains the ratios rather than use a citation. This will put all the necessary information in one place.</b></p> <p><b>NRS 293.133 (2) sets the date for determining the number of Democrats by precinct. Somewhere else in the Delegate Selection Plan the votes cast in 2016 and 2018 and the number of voters is used. Do we have an inconsistency here?</b></p> <p><b>NRS 293.133 Number of delegates from voting precincts to county convention.</b></p> <p><b>1. The number of delegates from each voting precinct in each county to the county convention of any major political party for that county must be determined pursuant to the rules of the party, if the rules of the party so provide, or, if the rules of the party do not so provide, in proportion to the number of registered voters of that party residing in the precinct as follows:</b></p> <p><b>(a) In the counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has not exceeded 400, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 5 registered voters.</b></p> <p><b>(b) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 400 but has not exceeded 600, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 8 registered voters.</b></p> <p><b>(c) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 600 but has not exceeded 800, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 10 registered voters.</b></p> <p><b>(d) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 800 but has not exceeded 1,400, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 15 registered voters.</b></p> <p><b>(e) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 1,400 but has not exceeded 2,000, each</b></p>
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precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 20 registered voters or major fraction thereof.

(f) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 2,000 but has not exceeded 3,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 30 registered voters or major fraction thereof.

(g) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 3,000 but has not exceeded 4,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 35 registered voters or major fraction thereof.

(h) In counties in which the total number of registered voters of that party has exceeded 4,000, each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each 50 registered voters or major fraction thereof.

2. Upon the request of a state or county central committee, the county clerk shall determine the number of registered voters of each party in each precinct as of:

(a) The date 90 days before the date set for the precinct meeting pursuant to NRS 293.135 and shall notify the Secretary of State and the county central committee of each major political party of those numbers within 10 days after the determinative date. If consistent with the rules of the party, the number determined pursuant to this paragraph must be used to determine the number of delegates to the county convention.

(b) Any date other than the date set forth in paragraph (a).

3. In all counties, if consistent with the rules of the party, every precinct is entitled to at least one delegate to each county convention.

Michael	Greedy	<p>.pdf page 6  The sentence below is nonsense:  Precinct caucus participants presidential preference card and will have the opportunity for realignment if their preference choice does not meet the viability threshold.</p> <p>.pdf page 7  DO NOT use the term “caucus math” which is misleading. The calculation is a simple proportional representation.</p> <p>The formula below does not include the early vote and virtual caucus votes. See the immediately preceding text. It also is confusing and can be simplified.  (# of members within a presidential preference group) x (# of delegates elected from that precinct caucus)  [underline denotes numerator]  (Total number of eligible precinct caucus attendees)[denominator]</p> <p>(number in preference group)[numerator]/(total number of preferences)[denominator] times (number of delegates)</p> <p>.pdf page 7  The sentence below conflates “determined” and “reporting”.  “Reporting” is not “determining”.  These results will be determined at the caucus by the permanent chair using a secure reporting method.</p>
Michael	Greedy	<p>This menu should ask for "county" rather than "city". "City" is meaningless for most of Nevada. The STATE central committee is organized by county.</p> <p>I use a text program to write my comments. I use some simple editing, such as italics. HOWEVER, almost all the editing disappears when copied into this form. Can we this be fixed?</p> <p>Michael</p>
Leslie	Sexton	<p>I do not understand the "viability" language with respect to the "plus the raw number of early and virtual caucus participants."</p>

Edward and Lois	Denaut	I attempted to read the Caucus Plan. It seemed very confusing. My husband, Edward Denaut, is a Precinct Captain and I am a Delegate for Precinct 7564 in Boulder City, Nevada 89005. The most important thing that can be done is making sure that every Democrat living in Nevada is registered to vote! Also, that simply written invitations be mailed to every currently registered Democrat of the time and date or dates of the Democratic Caucus. Alot of older people (Senior Citizens) don't go online or don't own a computer! They do read their mail usually. Also, phone banking to every registered Democrat in Nevada is needed. Advertising in advance, about three months; a month away; and a week away from the Caucus date or dates would be extremely helpful in getting a good turnout from all registered Democrats living in Nevada; in the Caucus process! I believe that all Nevada Democrats want a different President in 2020! But, we Democrats need to mobilize everyone-Senior Citizens; Disabled Adults; Students; families; single people, etc. The more registered Democrats that get involved in the Caucus Process, the better representation Nevada will have in the upcoming Presidential Election Process! 1321 Hazelwood Street, Boulder City, NV 89005 Edward J. Denaut and Lois K. Denaut
Conda	Hop	There is a large population in Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, who have been previously incarcerated and have been given a second chance. Most of this population are unaware of their rights and don't utilize their rights. There needs to be more inclusion of this growing population of people. President Barack Obama released a large amount of people from prison system, of which needs reforming. With this current administration there will be more people to replace those who were released.
Nyla	Howell	You might want to change the day on the title page from Monday, March 20 to Wednesday, March 20.
William	WAUGH	Use Score Voting to pick candidates with the broadest support and so best chance of beating Trump. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Score_voting">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Score_voting</a>
Noor	Chaudhry	
Michael	Nails	
Jason	Bowman	
skip	drinkwater	
John	Chase	

Fred	Ponder	
alan	katzer	I'm outside the area.
Dale	Quale	Caucus sites been determined? Caucus training for Caucus Chairs? Open or precinct caucus? Why not allow Independents to caucus?
Victor	Monjaras	Make sure these caucuses are on the weekend which provides more time. Have paper ballots to confirm votes.
James	Rentschler	
Dr. Fatima	Al-Hayani	
Mary	Downing	
Cody	Goin	
Diamond	Smith	
Patricia	Dellera	I do know several people not able to attend a caucus. The lines are long and the volunteers often confused. The process is way too long. Since it is only held on one day many, many people are excluded. Voting is easier. I knew several people because of age or illness unable to attend and they were extremely upset. All have since died. They really wanted to have their voices and ballot count. The Dems can do better.
Bob	Moyer	
Thurma	Livingston-Morrison	Like every one of the proposed changes!
Earl	Lippold	
Alfonso	Gonzales	Justvmake voting easier for all.
James	Klein	We as a nation are in dire need of fundamental campaign finance reform measures. Numerous pressing issues (climate change, food labeling, gun safety, immigration reform, prison reform, education reform, short-term lending regulation, healthcare reform, banking regulation, opioid regulation) remain vexing problems primarily due to corporations' ability to curry favor with elected officials. The corrupting influence of money in our political system is undermining our democratic traditions and discouraging Americans from voting and/or running for office. This ominous development may well end our experiment in representative democracy unless we alter this decades-long trend. For the sake of the republic, we must amend the US Constitution to state that corporations are not

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		people (and do not have constitutional rights) and money is not speech (and thus can be regulated by state and/or federal campaign finance laws). Short of accomplishing this, no other reform of significance will be achieved. The moneyed interests will turn any reform to their benefit, often at the expense of the nation as a whole.
Nataliya	Yakovleva	
Pawiter	Parhar	
Carissa	Snedeker	On page 8, Item 12 it says: "The February 22, 2020 non-binding presidential preference caucus ..." Since first contest (caucus) determines the allocation of national delegates (District and At Large), why is the caucus still "non-binding?" Is this a mistake? A hold-over from previous Delegate Selection Plans?
Vasu	Murti	The Democratic Party platform should support: Animal Rights, Defending the Affordable Care Act, Ending Citizens United, Ending Marijuana Prohibition, Giving Greater Visibility to Pro-Life Democrats, Gun Control, Net Neutrality, Raising the Minimum Wage to \$15 an Hour, Responding to the Scientific Consensus on Global Warming, and a Sustainable Energy Policy. Democrats for Life of America, 10521 Judicial Drive, #200, Fairfax, VA 22030, (703) 424-6663
Harriet	Grose	
Delores	Minor	I personally think there are too many people running for president for the Demo party. The vote will be split and the best person may not be recognized.
Michael	Aupperle	One person one vote on a paper ballot. The mucous steals votes and robs votes from democrats During primaries !
Johnny	Hall	
Rosamond	Smith	
zoran	simic	
Catherine	Hancock	The best thing Democrats could do would be to ditch . the caucus and return to a primary. Follow the California system and have all Demo candidates on the ballot. The winner would need over half the vote. I've been a voter for 60-odd years and attended the last two caucuses and will probably skip the next one--a waste of time that rewards the loudest voices of those who are able to show up.



Barbara	klucsar	
Vickie	Pattillo	I agree with the new caucus rules. This will make it easier to participate in the voting.
Gayle B.	Rosenberry	
Becky	Cohen	I like it the plan. I like how it carefully outlines that the caucus process is free. I also like the early caucus voting as well as the virtual caucus process because I KNOW it will encourage more Democrats to get involved in caucus process and feel more satisfied with their level of participation. I'm positive it will be easy to find volunteers to man the polls and run the actual caucus day.
Laura	Rocha	<p>Hello!</p> <p>Thank you for all that you are doing!</p> <p>I would like to request that at our caucus we not separate by being divided into 2 sections as we did last caucus and convention. I realize it is easier for counting but the cost is that we begin by feeling and being physically divided when we need to come together and unite! I hope that we will be encouraged to mingle and discuss who feel is the best candidate. At the state convention it was down right ugly and should never have been handled the way it was.</p> <p>Also, I am interested in being a delegate and am available for phone banking.</p> <p>Last, how do we get more of the Hispanic population to vote and better yet, can we move to all absentee ballots in Nevada or at least Douglas County? It is proven to be the highest turn out as with our neighbors in Alpine County Ca.</p> <p>Warm regards, Laura Rocha</p>
Tracy	Puckett	<p>I'm new to the State Committee, but have participated in previous caucuses, the description of the percentages or fractions of the caucus delegates is totally confusing. Can we please decide if it's a fraction or a percentage; does the denominator include all who participated in the virtual and early caucus; s written, it doesn't make sense to me. Thanks</p> <p>I have not had an opportunity to participate in any of the calls yet, so maybe my questions are answered there.</p>
Gale	Northcross	Not enough information about the caucus
mary	burns	Switch to a primary. Caucuses may work in underpopulated states like Iowa and their ridiculous 100 counties. They are not a good fit for Nevada

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<b>Christine</b>	<b>Peterson</b>	
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>Zakhour</b>	<b>I personally believe more oppressed people need more opportunity , [which is everyone except rich white straight males] and education to be involved in the voting process.</b>

Angie	Morelli	<p><b>Summary of Our Improvement on the Nevada Delegate Selection Plan for 2020</b></p> <p><b>In 2016, perceptions of bias and unfairness in the Democratic party nominating process led to unprecedented divisions and discord within the party. Millions of people who had just entered the political process not only had the deal with the disappointment of a loss but had to deal with the possibility of being cheated out of a win.</b></p> <p><b>Regardless of whether there was any wrongdoing, the absence of transparency and failure to avoid any appearance of impropriety led to contentious disagreements with the process and an absence of faith in the integrity of the results.</b></p> <p><b>As one of the first four nominating contests, there will be a spotlight on Nevada, and it will be important to show that Nevada has learned from past mistakes. We need to add transparency and organization to this process, along with a real way to audit the results if there seems to be something wrong. If the Nevada caucus and convention had been organized and transparent, the concerns about unfairness would never have gained traction, and the deep divide between supporters of the two candidates would have been healed prior to the election.</b></p> <p><b>In order to achieve goals of the Democratic party to safeguard the rights of women and minorities, to ensure access to healthcare for all, and reduce the influence of money on our political system, Democrats will need to turn out every like-minded voter, and unify the party under one tent. It is inevitable that the supporters of some candidates will be unhappy that their candidate does not win the nomination, however if we can improve the process to eliminate loopholes that could be abused, and to eliminate policies creating the perception of bias and unfairness, then the results of the nomination will not divide the party, and we can go into the general election united.</b></p> <p><b>Below is a summary of changes that we believe will improve the Nevada Delegate Selection Plan by instilling transparency and impartiality into the system. At the end of every petition we have a link to the actual language of the sections in question, the problems, solutions and proposed amended language (along with any other addendums of significance).</b></p> <p><b>We ran this list through several lawyers, experts and key Nevada Democrats to make this the most inclusive, fair, accurate and thorough plan we could. While reviewing please keep in mind, we are ONLY commenting on the Delegate Selection Plan. Subsequent</b></p>
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	<p>convention rules and other documents will be reviewed once they are released.</p> <p>We are not saying these are ALL of the problems, we are saying that these are the problems we think are the most important to focus on, with the most attainable solutions. Certain problems we just can't do anything about at this point, so we are focusing on what we can.</p> <p>We wish to work proactively with the state party to make Nevada's nomination contest the best it can be. We hope that the party sees the value of these additions and implements them immediately to unify and strengthen the party. We want a party that is truly "democratic" at its core and supports and invites the well-meaning contributions by anyone working for the betterment of the party and the country.</p> <p><b>#1</b> <b>Voice Vote Challenges</b></p> <p>In the 2016 Convention, the subjectivity of a close voice vote became a major source of contention. To avoid that, we are asking that if a voice vote on any measure at a convention is too close to call, it can be challenged by a motion from the floor (by a campaign or delegate community representative approved by a campaign), and will then be decided by a standing division of the house, performing a count of yays and nays. Votes on important issues should not be decided solely by the subjective interpretation of one person.</p> <p><b>#2</b> <b>Protecting the Integrity of Same Day Registration</b></p> <p>On caucus day 2016, traffic from same-day registration applications caused the Secretary of State's (SOS) website to crash, forcing site leads to turn to paper registration forms.</p> <p>Unlike when voting in an election, there was no system to verify that those registering were who they purported to be. No election system in the world relies upon optimism alone to avoid voter fraud. While general elections already have an effective system to ensure accuracy, unless the people taking the registration are fully trained in registration rules, the caucus system does not have a single means to ensure a same day registrant is who they say they are, or that they live in the district that they say, or that they are eligible to register at all. Hundreds of the same day registrations</p>
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from the 2016 caucus were invalidated after the fact, all of whom presumably voted in the caucus, and hundreds more who were likely legitimate voters were unable to participate in the conventions because their registration forms were lost or mishandled. All of this occurred because the volunteers at the sites taking registrations were not qualified to take on the responsibility of handling this volume of voter registrations. For this reason, it is essential to have same-day registrations performed only by licensed field registrars, who are familiar with all Nevada laws and processes for accurate and legal voter registration.

We propose resolving this issue by requiring a licensed field registrar to handle registering voters at any site accepting same day registrations. Field registrars are fully trained in the laws and rules relating to voter registration.

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**#3  
Fair and Equal Campaign Notification**

It was found in 2016 that only one campaign was being given crucial information about the convention process. When this was discovered, a credentials committee member shared that information with the other campaign and was subsequently removed from her position. Events like this create a perception of unfairness, and directly contribute to an impression of bias, leading to schism within the party.

Not providing critical information to all campaigns involved in the convention process is a process in conflict with best practices and transparent elections and we request additional assurance in our NDSP this will not happen again, and all campaigns will receive equal communication.

**#4  
Give the District Level Voters at Least 50% of the Delegates**

In Nevada we break down our delegate counts as follows:

**2016 2020**  
Type Delegates Alternates Delegates Alternates  
District Level 23 2 23 2

	<p><b>At-Large 7 1 8 1</b>  <b>Pledged PLEOs 5 5</b>  <b>UnPledged PLEOS 8 12</b>  <b>Total 43 48</b></p> <p>In 1984 when superdelegates were first introduced, they were supposed to be capped so that “Party Leaders and Officials” only have 15% of the vote. In Nevada for 2020, they are currently taking up 35% of our delegation (25% in national delegates alone, when the national average is almost 10% lower).</p> <p>With only 23 delegates going toward the general population, that’s less than 50% of Nevada’s delegates being truly democratically elected.</p> <p>Nevada got an additional national delegate in 2020 and NV Dems gave this national delegate to the At-Large caucus, which is already overly represented in the Delegate Selection Plan. With the introduction of early caucusing and virtual caucuses allowing people who are unavailable on caucus day to participate, the number of participants in the at-large caucuses is likely to drop significantly. With that group shrinking, it makes far more sense to give the additional delegate to the voters, rather than increase the representation of a group that is shrinking. This change would give the Delegate Level (general public) voters, 50% of the delegates.</p> <p>This additional delegate should be placed into District 1, as District 1 is currently underrepresented. We firmly believe that our Nevada Democratic Party should be at least 50% truly democratic.</p> <p><b>#5</b>  <b>Problems With Site Leads, Precinct Verification and Delegate Lists</b></p> <p>One site lead is put in charge of dozens of precincts. These site leads (and temporary chairs) are not paid, not tested, stretched thin and generally vocal supporters of one candidate. Not to mention, especially for site leads, the burden and pressures we are placing on ‘volunteers’ is unrealistic. Volunteers are a valued and essential resource for conducting the caucuses, but the problems in the 2016 caucuses proved that we need at least one person on each major site that has proven competency with the rules and processes. Allowing thousands of votes to be mis-allocated because one site lead didn’t pay attention to their training is unacceptable.</p>
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	<p>In 2016, there were multiple reports of bias, ineptitude and the hotline number was inaccessible for the majority of the time of the caucus, leaving issues unresolved and the caucus results in question. Incorrect delegate math and procedural challenges at the precinct level also went unresolved.</p> <p>Without any auditing system or oversight, there was no way to contest very serious claims of errors in tabulation, voter registrations that were kicked back as invalid, or losses of elected delegate data for entire precincts.</p> <p>This led to campaigns not being given crucial delegate data for weeks after the caucus, and some data was never recovered. Which led to the Clark County Convention needing to be opened to all Democrats to fill delegate positions (which caused further issues at the state convention).</p> <p>We propose that each caucus-goer's preference card be uniquely numbered, and kept until the County Conventions, and if irregularities put the results from any precinct in question, the preference cards will be able to verify results.</p> <p>In addition, all site leads should be paid staff, required to undergo more thorough training than that given to volunteers, and required to pass a competency test on the essential caucus rules and processes, and each site containing more than five (5) precincts be required to have a trained legal consultant on site to resolve issues relating to interpretation of rules or laws. Finally, the state party must establish an auditing committee to resolve disputes or questions related to calculating caucus results.</p> <p><b>#6</b> <b>Concerns with the Virtual Caucus</b></p> <p>The 2016 Nevada caucus was marred by huge delays, vast numbers of lost records, and horrible disorganization. Coming from this past, the state party is adding two new highly complex systems to the caucus process, neither of which have ever been attempted in any caucus state in the country. It is hard to imagine how Nevada will handle a virtual caucus, an early caucus, at-large caucuses, and the standard caucuses, all with same-day registration, in a system that last time, didn't even have a paper record. In questioning the party about how the virtual system will be implemented, the answer to</p>
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nearly every question has been essentially “we don’t know, we’ll figure it out later.” While implementing a virtual caucus would be a great accomplishment if implemented effectively, approving virtual caucusing now, when no one has the slightest idea how to implement it, is patently ridiculous. We propose removing virtual caucus from the DSP, and proposing it as a plan amendment once there are enough details to effectively judge if it’s a viable plan.

**#7**

**Precinct Locations Locked in by February 14th, 2020**

In 2016 thousands of volunteers went and knocked on their neighbors’ doors to tell them when and where to caucus, so that voters would have the essential information to have their vote counted. However many caucus locations were changed less than 48 hours before voting, with notification from the state only going to the campaigns to disseminate to change to voters. This required a massive, last minute volunteer effort of resending volunteers to the thousands of homes, on two weeknights, and likely resulted in a large number of voters being sent to the wrong voting location as a result.

Once these neighbors got to their sites, registration was delayed because in a large number of locations, no one had the wi-fi passwords, wi-fi wasn’t working on the weekend, or doors were locked to rooms we should have been caucusing in, with no way to contact key holders, and no way for campaigns to reach out to site-leads about any problems in the days leading up to the caucus.

We propose that precinct locations should be locked in by February 14th, with no location changes allowed after that date. In addition, every campaign should be provided with the name, cell phone number and email address of every site lead, key holder on duty, and IT administrator for each site, at least 72 hours in advance of the caucus.

**#8**

**No Voting Before Everyone Can Register**

The DSP states that at either 10:00am or when 40% of registered delegates are present, the party may start to conduct businesses (taking votes and giving out crucial information). Convention registration does not end till noon. It should be common sense that



taking votes with less than half the attendees present is improper. Essential party business should not start till after registration is completed.

**#9**

**Impartial Credentials and Teller Committee Appointments**

The committees who decide who is eligible to participate in the caucus and conventions, and those who are responsible for counting votes must be made up of unbiased individuals. These positions should not be simply appointed without oversight. We propose that each campaign be given three vetoes that they may use on any committee member that they do not consider sufficiently impartial.

**#10**

**No Electioneering in Caucus Opening Remarks**

In 2016, before the Caucuses split from the registration rooms to their respective precincts, Site Leads were directed to read letters from party leaders that were openly advocating for voters to vote for a specific candidate. This is called “electioneering”.

According to NRS 293.361, electioneering at a voting site is illegal (not to mention obviously just wrong). If party leaders wish to use the caucus to address voters, they must do so without advocating for any candidate.

**PETITION FOR CHANGES TO THE  
2020 DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN**

The undersigned members of the Nevada Democratic party are concerned that the proposed Nevada delegate selection plan for 2020 does not address the problems that made Nevada’s voting issues national news in 2016. In hopes of proactively improving the system and ensuring a civil and impartial nominating contest, we propose the following changes to the proposed Nevada Delegate Selection Plan.

Proposed changed language is in italics.

**#1**

**Voice Vote Challenges**

	<p><b>IN PRACTICE:</b> A voice vote is used to determine the outcome of convention votes. If it's too close to call, the party chair may call a standing division of the house.</p> <p><b>PROBLEM:</b> At the 2016 State convention many voice votes were, at the very least, too close to call with a voice vote. The party chair even publicly admitted that in one voice vote, she called the result against the louder vote. Despite the fact that calling a close voice vote is essentially subjective, this subjective determination by one person is the sole means for resolving nearly all votes at the convention. The decision to resolve a questionable voice vote by a standing division of the house vote lies entirely on the judgement of the party chair, who in 2016, did not elect to resolve any of the disputed voice votes with a division of the house, leading to disputes about the legitimacy of the convention. Party harmony depends upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.</p> <p><b>SOLUTION:</b> In any voice vote in which the representative of a campaign believes the outcome is too close to call, the authorized delegate community representative of any campaign may raise a motion from the floor to resolve the vote by a standing division of the house.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED ADDITION TO NDSP:</b></p> <p><b>VII.</b></p> <p><b>P.</b> All votes taken at any county or state convention by voice vote may be contested by an authorized representative of any campaign by raising a motion from the floor. Such a motion by an authorized campaign representative is required to be recognized by the chair. Upon such contest, the vote must be determined by a standing division of the house. Such a challenge must be raised within five (5) minutes of the announcement of the result of the voice vote.</p> <p><b>#2</b></p> <p><b>Protecting the Integrity of Same Day Registration</b></p> <p><b>NDSP Section 1, C, 4, d</b></p> <p><b>“The Party will have same-day voter registration, including party affiliation changes, during the precinct caucuses and early voting period. (Rule 2.1.2.d)”</b></p> <p><b>IN PRACTICE:</b> On caucus day 2016, the Secretary of State's (SOS) website crashed from all the same day traffic forcing site leads to turn to paper registration forms filled out by unqualified persons.</p>
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	<p><b>PROBLEM:</b> Hundreds of voters caucused by filing registrations that were later invalidated, and hundreds more registered to vote at the caucus and were later unable to vote because their registrations were completed contrary to registration rules. The effect of this was to cause large numbers of newly registered Democrats to be unable to vote in the general election, and at the same time allowing large numbers of people who were determined not to have the right to vote in the caucus to cast caucus votes.</p> <p><b>SOLUTION:</b> All same day registrations at caucus sites require the registration to be taken by a licensed field registrar, who is properly trained in Nevada registration laws and processes.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED ADDITION TO NDSP:</b></p> <p>Pg.4 I. C. 4.</p> <p>d. The Party will have same-day voter registration, including party affiliation changes, during the precinct caucuses and early voting period. (Rule 2.I.2.d). At each caucus site offering same-day registration, all such registrations shall be performed either by online registration through the Nevada Secretary of State, or by a duly appointed Nevada Field Registrar. No offline same-day registrations may be taken except by a Field Registrar.</p> <p>#3 Fair and Equal Campaign Notification</p> <p>(Not currently included in NDSP, but was problematic at the Clark County Convention)</p> <p><b>IN PRACTICE:</b> At the 2016 Clark County Convention, it was found that the Clinton campaign was being given critical updates on crucial details of the campaign from local party leadership, but the Sanders campaign was not being provided with the same updates.</p> <p><b>PROBLEM:</b> This creates an obvious advantage for those getting the notifications, and disadvantage for campaigns that are not. This created a perception of unfairness, and directly contributed to the appearance of bias, leading to schism within the party.</p> <p><b>SOLUTION:</b> ALL updates related to any part of the caucus to convention process should be pushed out to all campaigns equally.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED ADDITION TO NDSP:</b></p> <p>VII.</p>
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**O. All substantive communications from the State Party, or any local, city, or county subdivision thereof, to one or more campaigns, shall be copied to all campaigns equally.**

**#4**

**Give the District Level Voters at Least 50% of the Delegates**

**The current breakdown of Nevada delegates:**

**NDSP Page 18, 43, Section X, A:**

**IN PRACTICE: The national party grants the number of delegates to each state, and the state parties have the authority to decide how many delegates the voters of their state are allotted.**

**PROBLEM: The Democratic Party supports nationwide adoption of measures to eradicate the Electoral College and celebrate the**

	<p>popular vote, and reduction in the power of superdelegates, however Nevada’s proportion of superdelegates has increased, while the proportion of delegates representing regular caucus voters has decreased. The effect of this is that the regular district level delegates elected by actual precinct voters from Nevada’s caucuses make up less than 50% of Nevada’s delegates.</p> <p><b>2016 2020</b></p> <p><b>Type Delegates Alternates Delegates Alternates</b></p> <p><b>District Level 23 2 23 2</b></p> <p><b>At-Large 7 1 8 1</b></p> <p><b>Pledged PLEOs 5 5</b></p> <p><b>UnPledged PLEOS 8 12</b></p> <p><b>Total 43 48</b></p> <p><b>District Level-</b> These are the delegates we get for voting on Caucus day. Thousands of volunteers spend thousands of hours for 80,000 Nevadans to show up on one day and essentially fight over 23 delegates.</p> <p><b>At-Large Delegates-</b> At-large caucuses are huge sites on the strip to make it easier for Strip workers to participate. This was helpful in 2016, however early caucusing and virtual caucusing will make At-large caucuses largely redundant. In 2016 there were 7 delegates selected by At-large caucuses, but this year Nevada was given an extra delegate and the party gave it to At-Large instead of the District Level delegate count. With the numbers of participants in At-large caucuses expected to significantly reduce, it does not make sense to allocate a larger number of delegates to represent a smaller group of voters.</p> <p><b>Pledged PLEOs-</b> These are 5 delegate positions that we “get to vote” on to see which Party Leader or Elected Official we are sending to the National Convention. They are pledged delegates but we are only allowed to select from a small list of Elected Officials.</p> <p><b>Unpledged PLEOs (aka superdelegates)-</b> These 12 delegate positions (up from 8 in 2016) are automatic, unpledged, and also generally go to the establishment pick. These delegates do not vote unless there is a contested convention, which is almost a certainty with so many democratic candidates running.</p>
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**District Breakdown Delegates 2020 Proposed Delegates**

Democrats	Percent	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	
#1	168308	25.13%	2	3	5	3	3	6
#2	142647	21.30%	3	3	6	3	3	6
#3	180114	26.89%	3	3	6	3	3	6
#4	178660	26.68%	3	3	6	3	3	6
Total	669729	100%	11	12	23	12	12	24

(Figures prepared by Dwayne Chesnut)

We firmly believe that our Nevada Democratic Party should be at least 50% truly democratic.

**SOLUTION:** Assign the extra delegate given to Nevada this year to be a district-level delegate, representing the regular caucus voters, and ensuring that at least 50% of Nevada’s delegates are elected district level delegates.

**PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO NDSP:**

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	<p><b>A. District-Level Delegates and Alternates</b></p> <p><b>1. Nevada is allocated 24 district-level delegates and 2 district-level alternates. Per Reg. 4.31 Nevada has chosen to split its alternate delegates between District-level and At-large. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, Appendix B &amp; Reg. 4.31)</b></p> <p><b>Pg.27 III. D. 1.</b></p> <p><b>D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates</b></p> <p><b>1. The state of Nevada is allotted 7 at-large delegates and 1 at-large alternate. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B &amp; Reg. 4.34)</b></p> <p><b>#5</b></p> <p><b>Problems With Site Leads, Precinct Verification and Delegate Lists</b></p> <p><b>Not currently a part of the NDSP but needs to be</b></p> <p><b>IN PRACTICE: The caucus is run 100% by volunteers who have little training and are going to make mistakes that could cost a candidate the election. In 2016 this led to caucus math being incorrect, contact information not being recorded properly, and in some cases, entire precincts' worth of delegate data being lost, with no means to recover it.</b></p> <p><b>PROBLEM: In 2016 there were multiple reports of bias, ineptitude and the hotline number was inaccessible for the majority of the time of the caucus, leaving issues unresolved and the caucus results in question. Incorrect delegate math and procedural challenges at the precinct level also went unresolved. In addition, campaigns didn't get complete delegate data until a month after the caucus, and the information from several sites was irretrievably lost. This forced the Clark County Democratic Party to open up the county convention to anyone willing to fill in the delegate spots, which directly conflicts with several points in the current NDSP. Further, in any dispute about the actual results of the caucus, there was no means to verify the caucus results, or to correct results from caucuses that used incorrect delegate math.</b></p> <p><b>SOLUTION: Record all contact information on uniquely numbered presidential preference cards, assigned when voters check in. If there is data missing for a precinct, reviewers can refer to the presidential preference cards for audit. If the paper ballots can not be located, redo the caucus for that precinct via virtual caucus. Accurate delegate information needs to be reported to all campaigns within 7 days of the caucus.</b></p> <p><b>All site leads should be paid staff, required to undergo more thorough training than that given to volunteers, and required to</b></p>
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		<p>pass a competency test on the essential caucus rules and processes, and each site containing more than five (5) precincts be required to have a trained legal consultant on site to resolve issues relating to interpretation of rules or laws. Finally, the state party must establish an auditing committee to resolve disputes or questions related to calculating caucus results.</p> <p>Further, to ensure the absence of any claims of impropriety, any campaign may request a precinct or site-level review of caucus results, or recanvas of district or state results by submitting a request to the Nevada Democratic Party Executive Board. Requests must include the scope of the desired recounts, a thorough description of the challenge, and an explanation how the national delegation could be altered as a result of the problem. Requests for precinct-level review must be received by the E-Board no later than February 24, 2020 at 12:00pm. The state party will respond to a request for precinct level review within 48 hours of receipt. The response will include an anticipated timeline for the review and an estimate of fees to be assessed to the campaign in order to complete the review.</p> <p>The State Central Committee will certify caucus results no later than March 13, 2020.</p> <p>The allowance for campaigns to challenge caucus results is taken directly from Iowa's 2020 DSP.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED ADDITION TO NDSP:</b></p> <p>I.</p> <p>B.</p> <p>3. Any presidential candidate may request a precinct-level review of caucus results by submitting a request in writing to the Nevada State Democratic Party Chair.</p> <p>a. Requests for precinct-level review must include the name of the county or counties, the precinct(s), and a credible explanation describing the reason for the request.</p> <p>b. Requests for precinct-level review must be received by the Chair no later than Friday, February 28, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.</p> <p>c. The State Party will respond to a request for precinct-level review within 48</p>
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		<p>hours of receipt. The response will include an anticipated timeline for the review and an estimate of fees to be assessed to the campaign in order to complete the review.</p> <p>9. Any presidential candidate may request a recanvas of district or state results by submitting a request in writing to the Nevada State Democratic Party Chair.</p> <p>a. Requests for recanvas must include the scope of the desired recanvas, a thorough description of the challenge, and an explanation about how the national delegation could be altered as a result of the problem or its correction.</p> <p>b. Requests for recanvas must be received by the Chair no later than Friday, February 28, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.</p> <p>VII.</p> <p>N. The Party will invest in training programs that ensure that every Precinct Chair and Site Lead is properly trained on all aspects of the caucus and will provide a hotline number for every Precinct Chair and Site Lead to call with questions or instructions. Each site lead is required to pass a competency test on the essential caucus rules and processes. Each site containing more than five (5) precincts will have a legal consultant specifically trained to resolve any disputes regarding delegate math, or interpretation of rules.</p> <p>O. The Executive Board of the Nevada State Democratic Party shall appoint a certified state or federal auditor to create and chair a Caucus Audit Committee, which will be in charge of conducting review of any challenged caucus results.</p> <p>P. Upon caucus registration, each caucus voter will be assigned a uniquely numbered presidential preference card, on which the registrar shall write the voter's name, precinct, and indicate whether that voter undertook same-day registration. The voter must record all of their contact information as well as their presidential preferences on that card. No voter will be allowed to vote without their preference card. All preference cards must be kept, and made available for review upon request of the auditing</p>
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	<p>committee, and must be stored organized by precinct, until the date of the county conventions.</p> <p>#6 Concerns with the Virtual Caucus</p> <p>(NDSP III. A. 4.)</p> <p>[Multiple passages]</p> <p><b>IN PRACTICE:</b> This has never been implemented before.</p> <p><b>PROBLEM:</b> Successfully conducting a standard caucus has been a significant challenge for the Nevada Democratic Party in the past, as a caucus is an inherently difficult process to organize on a large scale. Virtual Caucuses have never been implemented before this election cycle anywhere in the country. There are a vast number of questions relating to how the caucuses would be run, what vendors would handle it, what type of technology voters would need to participate, how the system would be kept secure, and how to ensure that participants in virtual caucuses have their votes counted, while ensuring that participants are not allowed to vote twice. The state party has been unable to answer any questions at all regarding how these issues would be resolved or how the virtual system would be implemented. We have only been told that they will figure it out sometime in the future. It would be irresponsible to choose to approve a Delegate Selection Plan that includes a requirement to implement a virtual caucus, without first finding out if such a thing is reasonably feasible.</p> <p><b>SOLUTION:</b> Remove language calling for a virtual caucus from the Delegate Selection Plan, and separately propose the virtual caucus at a time when there is sufficient information available to determine if it is reasonably feasible to hold a virtual caucus, and to do so with at least a minimal level of security and integrity.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NDSP:</b> Deletion of every statement requiring a virtual caucus. And III. A. 4. The feasibility of holding virtual caucuses will be investigated, with a specific plan for implementation presented to the members of the Nevada State Democratic Party for input. If approved, the plan shall be implemented as presented. If not approved, virtual caucuses will not be held in the Nevada Democratic Caucus in 2020. In the case of a conflict between the terms of an approved virtual</p>
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		<p>caucus plan and the virtual caucus terms contained in the DSP, the specific virtual caucus plan shall control.</p> <p><b>#7</b>  <b>Precinct Locations Locked in by February 14th, 2020</b></p> <p>Not currently included in NDSP</p> <p><b>IN PRACTICE:</b> The party does not currently have a deadline to lock in precinct locations, and site leads nor campaigns had the necessary information about these sites, such as who holds keys to buildings and rooms and wi-fi passwords.</p> <p><b>PROBLEM:</b> In 2016, many precinct locations were relocated less than 48 hours before the caucus, requiring the campaigns to scramble to knock on thousands of doors over two week nights just to give voters sufficient notice to participate in the caucus. Registration was delayed in many locations because wifi passwords were not available, and precinct caucuses were delayed because keys to classrooms were inaccessible, and sites had to wait for custodians to show up with keys, if they had the information to get ahold of them at all.</p> <p><b>SOLUTION:</b> Ensure all precinct locations are absolutely locked in by February 14th, giving all campaigns a week, including a weekend, to ensure every democrat is notified of any changes. Ensure every campaign is given the name, cell phone number and email address of every site-lead, on duty key holder and IT administrator at every site at least 72 hours in advance of caucus day.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED ADDITION TO NDSP:</b></p> <p><b>VII.</b>  <b>Q.</b> The caucus locations for all precincts shall be locked and become unchangeable by February 14th 2020. No changes to precinct caucus locations may be made after that date without consent of all campaigns. Site representatives for each campaign shall be provided with the name, cell phone number and email address of every site lead, key holder on duty, and IT administrator for each site, at least 72 hours in advance of the caucus.</p> <p><b>#8</b>  <b>No Voting Before Everyone Can Register</b></p> <p>NDSP Page 32, Section VII, H</p>
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**“Forty Percent (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)“**

**IN PRACTICE:** Under the current rule, convention business can start, including votes on important issues, up to two hours before everyone has been registered for the convention.

**PROBLEM:** Delegates that are still checking in because of long lines and lack of registration organization may miss important delegate business they were elected to be a part of, and votes can be taken with less than half of the delegates registered.

**SOLUTION:** Do not start any essential party business until registration is completed.

**PROPOSED ADDITION TO NDSP:**

**VII.**

**H. Ceremonial business of the state or county conventions may begin at the discretion of the Chair, but no actions requiring a vote may occur prior to the close of registration. Close of registration being defined as the time when all persons waiting in line to register have had the opportunity to complete registration. (Rule 16)**

**#9**

**Impartial Credentials and Teller Committee Appointments**

**Not currently a part of the NDSP but needs to be.**

**IN PRACTICE:** The Nevada State Democratic Party Chair appoints the members of the Credentials and Teller Committees.

**PROBLEM:** These committees are responsible for the outcome of the election. If they are stocked full of supporters of one candidate, the decisions they make, and the outcome of the convention could be tainted by the appearance of bias.

**SOLUTION:** Each campaign has up to three (3) vetoes that they may use to veto any member of the Tellers or Credentials Committees that they believe is not impartial.

**PROPOSED ADDITION TO NDSP:**

**VII. R. To ensure balanced membership within the essential committees, appointment of members of the Credentials**

Committee, and Tellers Committee shall be subject to veto by any of the campaigns if that campaign is not confident in that person's impartiality. Each campaign has a total of three (3) vetoes to use. This number of vetoes is the total a campaign may use, not per committee.

**#10**

**No Electioneering in Caucus Opening Remarks**

**NDSP Page 8, Section III, A, 12**

**“The February 22, 2020 non-binding presidential preference caucus will open its doors for registration at 10:00 a.m. and be conducted in public venues and with limits on the amount of time allowed for candidate debates so that each caucus may be run efficiently and participants' time respected. Caucus registration shall remain open until 12:00 p.m., at which time the viability threshold will be determined. The precinct caucus will be called to order by its Temporary Chair at 12:00 p.m. At that time the Temporary Chair will announce the caucus rules and read greetings from the State Chair, and other Democratic party leadership.”**

**IN PRACTICE: Statements from party leaders are read before the Caucus sites break into their precincts.**

**PROBLEM: In 2016, these statements extensively included blatant advocacy for one of the candidates, creating an impression that the party leadership was biased in favor of one candidate over the other.**

**SOLUTION: Require that these statements may not mention or advocate for any candidate.**

**PROPOSED ADDITION TO NDSP:**

**12. The February 22, 2020 non-binding presidential preference caucus will open its doors for registration at 10:00 a.m. and be conducted in public venues and with limits on the amount of time allowed for candidate debates so that each caucus may be run efficiently and participants' time respected. Caucus registration shall remain open until 12:00 p.m., at which time the viability threshold will be determined. The precinct caucus will be called to order by its Temporary Chair at 12:00 p.m. At that time the Temporary Chair will announce the caucus rules and read greetings from the State Chair, and other Democratic party leadership. These greetings may not mention any candidate, nor advocate for any**

**candidate, implicitly or explicitly. The first actionable order of business shall be the election of a Permanent Chair. Following the election of the Permanent Chair, a Secretary shall be elected. At 12:00 p.m. the Permanent Chair will determine viability based on the total number of eligible caucus attendees, combined with the participant totals of the early vote and virtual caucuses. The number of delegates assigned to that precinct under the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The ratios and formulae used to calculate the number of delegates elected from each precinct to the next determining step follow NRS 293. 133 (See Appendix A).**

**The undersigned approve of, and request the enactment of the above changes to the 2020 Nevada Delegate Selection Plan.**

Lynne	Ballatore	From me and others I hear on the conference calls there are corrections suggested since the process started. Is there a corrected copy of the plan that I could look at?
GORDON	KNIGHT	<p>I am opposed to the changes. There are too many parts, separate parts that don't directly connect transparently, the votes are not happening all at once in the present, some votes will occur and then later other votes will occur, there is no easy way to prevent one person from having more than one vote. It's too complex for the volunteers to manage. For example, at the recent March 6 Clark County Central Committee, a volunteer had to check two list before my name could be signed off, and then I was given a card for a new member instead of a member card, and check in is as simple a task as can be found.</p> <p>Additionally, changing the caucus every time causes voters to learn the process all over again. Instead of remembering what, where, and how, they will have to learn all new tasks of what, where, and how, and with the three different methods the complication is three times as big.</p> <p>Furthermore, Bernie did not lose because he was cheated, he lost because he's not a Democrat, he's an Independent.</p>
Caroline	Taylor	<p>Nevada Disability Advocacy &amp; Law Center (NDALC) acts as the state of Nevada's Protection &amp; Advocacy system for individuals with disabilities. We provide legal representation and advocacy for adults and children on a number of disability related matters to include voting. Below are our comments and questions for the selection plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the virtual caucuses, how will visually impaired people vote/participate? Pg. 39 provides communication Access relay transmission (CART) for hearing impaired and attention disorders but no information for visually impaired.</li> <li>2. Pg. 8 discusses candidate debates – how will those attending the virtual caucus access these?</li> <li>3. Pg. 25 for Standing Committee Members – how will notice be given?</li> <li>4. Pg. 33 states the Nevada State Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for people with disabilities – what are these programs and how will they be implemented Who is the point of contact for such? Is there an ADA coordinator within this scheme, and if so who?</li> <li>5. Who can individuals contact who may need hearing or visual accommodations for the virtual caucuses? Where is this</li> </ol>

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		<p>information posted or obtained? Is there a specific timeline for requests?</p> <p>6. Will the precinct caucuses have interpreters or other capabilities for hearing or visually impaired?</p> <p>7. Will the precinct caucuses be adequately equipped for individuals with walkers or wheelchairs to participate?</p> <p>8. What is the complaint process for anticipated conflicts?</p>
Michael	Greedy	<p>Virtual Caucus Visiting Teams</p> <p>``</p> <p>The delegate selection plan should allow a local option for teams to visit retirement homes to assist resident Democrats with their virtual caucus. The homes will require Internet access or the team would bring a mobile Internet hot spot connection. The team would bring laptop computers for the residents to use. Two visits are necessary: a first visit for registering for the virtual caucus and a second visit for the virtual caucus itself.</p> <p>The team can verify the voter status for the residents.</p> <p>This plan will remove a barrier for using technology and remove a barrier for traveling to the caucus site.</p>
Willie	Carter	<p>Hi, Nevada State Democratic Party Chair, William McCurdy II: Just to say congratulation on becoming the Nevada Democratic Party Chair, we have much in common as I hope with God’s help to become the next President 2020, I will be spending time in the Sate of Nevada in the coming Months, and I hope to see you, again Congratulation.</p> <p>Willie Felix Carter  Candidate for President  United States of America 2020  <a href="http://www.williecarterforpresident.com">www.williecarterforpresident.com</a></p>
Jake	Marko	<p>I would like to see the virtual caucus scrapped. We cannot ensure the integrity of the process if cybersecurity concerns are not met.</p>
Donna	Weidner	<p>In reviewing this information, my focus was more on the caucus process than delegate selection. I am supportive of the extended caucus process with 2 virtual dates, 4 early voting dates and then having the more extensive 1/2 day caucus for those who want the more encompassing caucus event. This plan, if communicated correctly, will better serve the needs of our population. Communication is going to be a huge part of whether it will ultimately be successful. The communication of this new process</p>



		<p>needs to be carefully thought out and transmitted. For instance, I do not believe that there was nearly enough said here about having a 1st and 2nd choice of presidential candidate. How will that work? Perhaps once the communication is developed, it could be tested out on a cross section of NV Democrats for understanding and input. The plan for encouraging youth access to the process as well as plans for outreach and inclusion are promising. In section VII General Provisions... I would like to see a mechanism for NV Democrats to be able to share comments or ideas with the state party on an ongoing basis. The Party seems so removed from those of us who are asked to support it. Therefore, I applaud this opportunity to speak out as a first step.</p>
Sylvia	Ontaneda-Bernales	<p><b>MY COMMENTS:</b></p> <p><b>Caucus Day:</b> Precinct caucus participants presidential preference card and will have the opportunity for realignment if their preference choice does not meet the viability threshold. <b>COMMENT:</b> Incomplete clause "Precinct caucus participants presidential preference card"</p> <p><b>Delegate Selection</b> ○ To fill the delegate positions awarded to each preference group, eligible participants shall elect by a show of hands, within that preference group, those delegates to county conventions for any person nominated to run as a delegate. <b>COMMENT:</b> Incorrect placement in grammatical structure and unnecessarily repetitious. 1) delete. 2)the Entire statement should read "To fill . . . . eligible participants within that group, those delegates . . . .as a delelgate</p> <p>d. The district-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by a three-tier caucus-to-convention system. Nevada will allocate two district-level delegate alternates and one at-large delegate alternate.(Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B &amp; Reg. 4.34) <b>COMMENT:</b> The three-tier system is NOT explained anywhere. There are only a couple of references to it, but NO explanation. It should have it's own labeled segment, wherever it should fit best.</p> <p><b>D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates</b></p> <p><b>2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p>

		<p>support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by May 30, 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, &amp; Reg. 4.31)</p> <p>COMMENT: Rewrite as follows: their singular presidential preference or uncommitted preference status</p> <p>F. Outreach and Inclusion Program</p> <p>4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will:</p> <p>c. Place stories in constituency specific publications about how to participate in the delate selection process.</p> <p>COMMENT: Typo. Should read "delegate"</p>
Troy	Gearhardt	Let us just vote. Caucuses are horrible for people!!!
BARBARA	GODWIN	I am a new Democrat. This whole caucus thing is ridiculous.
Jonathan	Ruggiero	I like the steps that we are taking to make this caucus so much easier than the last time. It's important that we stick to what we're planning. Ultimately though, we need to transfer to a closed primary, hopefully by 2024. And also making an appeal to the national party that we should be first in the nation.
Fred	Elliott	Get rid of this foolish caucus system and go for anopen primary. Enough of the back room politics!!
Dale	Napier	What a mess! And in spite of disclaimers, is based in racism and sexism, just like in 2016. No thanks. I've been doing real caucuses since 1972, but I won't waste my time on this absurdly contorted process.