

RHODE ISLAND DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

FOR THE 2016 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
CONVENTION

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The Rhode Island Delegate Selection Plan For the 2016 Democratic National Convention

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Section I Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Rhode Island has a total of 31 delegates and 2 alternates. (*Call I & Appendix B*)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2016 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2016 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2016 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island election laws, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (*Call II.A*)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the relevant standing committee of the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee, it shall be submitted 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 will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (*Reg. 2.9*)

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Rhode Island will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Rhode Island’s delegate selection process will occur on 4/26/2016, with a Presidential Preference Primary.

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3. Voter Participation in Process
 - a. Participation in Rhode Island's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democrats are identified as those registered on the Rhode Island voter registration rolls as Democrats. Unaffiliated voters who wish to vote in the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary may do so in accordance with Rhode Island election laws.
 - (1) Rhode Island voters interested in participating in the delegate selection process must register at least 30 days prior to the filing deadline. In the case of Election Year 2016, potential delegates would need to register by January 26, 2016 in order to participate. NOTE: this differs from the voter registration deadline which is 30 days prior to the primary date, or March 26, 2016.
 - (2) Unaffiliated registered voters are automatically affiliated with the Democratic Party upon their Democratic Primary vote in accordance with Rhode Island election laws. (Rules 2.A. & 2.C. & Reg. 4.3.) (R.I.G.L. §17-9.1-23C)
 - (3) The Rhode Island Democratic Party will make information about the delegate selection process public and accessible to the average voter through a variety of media alerts/press releases to a range of sources. Collaboration with Rhode Island Democratic City and Town Chairs, as well as outreach to young and college Democrat organizations. Outreach to specific identified populations will begin through an earned media campaign after the approval of the plan.
 - b. At no stage of Rhode Island's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. (*Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4*)
 - c. 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. (*Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.5*)
 - d. 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*)

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- e. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting, which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. Persons are not allowed to register a preference (*Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.6*)
4. Rhode Island is participating in the state government-run presidential preference primary that will utilize government-run voting systems. The State Party has taken and will continue to take provable positive steps to:
 - a. Promote the acquisition, maintenance and regular replacement of accessible precinct based optical scan systems, wherever possible. (*Rule 2.H.1*)
 - b. Seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to ensure that direct recording electronic systems include a voter verified paper trail. (*Rule 2.H.2*)
 - c. Seek enactment of legislation, rules and policies at the state and local level to ensure that both optical scan and direct recording electronic systems include recognized security measures. These measures include automatic routine manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records following every election and prior to certification or results where possible; parallel testing on election day; physical and electronic security for equipment; banning use of wireless components and connections except where required to provide a voter with a disability a secure and approved means to access voting materials and exercise the right to vote; public disclosure of software design; use of transparent and random selection for all auditing procedures; and effective procedures for addressing evidence of fraud or error. (*Rule 2.H.3*)
 - d. Continue to take provable positive steps that have been accomplished already including the following: public endorsement by the state party of such legislation; efforts to educate the public on the need for such legislation; active support for the legislation by lobbying state legislators, other public officials, Party officials and Party members; encouraging consideration of the legislation by the appropriate legislative committees and bodies; and support Rhode Island's current optical scan voting equipment in all precincts throughout the state and the requirement for a hard copy "paper trail" record.
 - e. The Rhode Island State Party is responsible for selecting the dates, times and providing the facilities for all official delegate selection meetings. When selecting these dates and times, the State Party will consider any religious observations that could affect participation.

Section II Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the Rhode Island presidential preference primary ballot by:

- (1) Submitting a statement of intent to the State Party and the Secretary of State no earlier than January 21, 2016 and no later than January 23, 2016 (Rule 1.A.7). *The final day for statement of intent filings for Election Year 2016 falls on a Saturday. In this instance, potential presidential candidates must submit their statements of intent no later than noon (12:00 pm) on Saturday, petition papers will be prepared by 2 p.m. The filing must include the candidate's name, address, and statement affirming their eligibility to serve, as well as the name and contact information of the presidential candidate's authorized designee to act for them in Rhode Island. As designated by Rhode Island General Laws, Title 17, Section 17-12.1-4. Please note we've requested a waiver from Rule 14.E: a copy is attached to the original plan.
 - i. This statement of intent shall include the candidate's name, address, and a statement affirming their eligibility fulfill the office of President of the United States. As designated by Rhode Island General Laws, Title 17, Section 17-12.1-4.
- (2) Upon the receipt of their statement of intent, a candidate for president will be provided petition papers by the RI Secretary of State Elections Division, 148 West River St., Providence, RI 02904, by no later than 6 p.m. on the same day upon receipt of the statement of intent of those eligible to serve, 2 p.m. on Saturday. The petition paper of a candidate for president shall be signed, in the aggregate, by at least one thousand (1,000) eligible voters and shall be submitted on or before 4 p.m. on February 4, 2016 to the local city or town board of canvasser where the signers reside. Further information is also available with the RI Democratic Party, PO Box 6004, Providence, RI 02940. As designated by Rhode Island General Laws, Title 17, Section 17-12.1-4. (Rule 1.A.8)
- (3) If any candidate whose name has been announced as a presidential nominee does not thereafter wish his or her name to appear on the ballot, the candidate shall, at least sixty-three (63) days prior to the date of the primary, February 23, 2016, file an affidavit with the Secretary of State stating his or her name may not be placed on the ballot and the Secretary

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of State shall not place the candidate's name on the ballot. Names of delegates committed to the withdrawn candidate, who are otherwise qualified, shall appear on the ballot as uncommitted.

B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the Rhode Island Democratic Party Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) simultaneously with submission of their notification to run: January 21 through January 23, 2016. (*Rule 12.D.1*)
2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (*Rule 6.I*)

Section III Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. District-Level Delegates and Alternates

1. Rhode Island is allocated 14 district-level delegates and no district-level alternates. Two alternates will be allocated as at-large delegates. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, Appendix B & Reg. 4.31*)
2. District-level delegates shall be elected by a two-part primary- a Presidential Preference Primary that includes the election of delegates. This Presidential Preference Primary shall occur on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.
3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates
 - a. Rhode Island's district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving:
 - (1) Equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2008 and 2012 presidential elections. This apportionment was thought to reflect the largest amount of registered Democrats in the state. (*Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.10, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A*)
 - b. Rhode Island's total number of district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women. (*Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.8*)
 - c. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table:

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District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
#1	3	4	7	0	0	0
#2	4	3	7	0	0	0
Total	7	7	14	0	0	0

- d. The apportionment of male and female delegates to be elected from each of the Congressional Districts is based upon the percentage of Democratic males and females in each district. According to the latest voter registration figures, 43% of the Democrats in the First Congressional District are males, while 57% are female. Similarly, 44% of the Democrats in the Second Congressional District are males, while 56% are female. (Rule 8.B)

4. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

- a. A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. (*Rule 12.H*)
- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating his or her singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by fulfilling the requirements as outlined in the Rhode Island General Laws, Title 17, Section 12.1, as amended. (*Rule 12.B, Rule 14.F & Reg. 4.21*) Additionally, an individual can modify their presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge before the filing deadline.
- c. From February 24, 2016 until 4 p.m. on February 25, 2016, preceding the Presidential Preference Primary, each voter desiring to be a delegate at the forthcoming convention shall file a declaration of candidacy with the Rhode Island Secretary of State, Elections Division, 148 West River Street, Providence, RI 02904. Declaration forms may be obtained from the Secretary of State's office and will be available the first week of July 2015. They may be mailed or delivered in person to the aforementioned address. Original signatures are required, so fax or email are not acceptable. Candidates should also bear in mind that mailing the form does not guarantee it will arrive on time. Said form requires the following (R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-3):

- (1) The voter to sign one's name as it appears on the voting list.

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- (2) Print one's name and address as they appear on the voting list, party designation, place of birth and length of residence in the state and in the city or town in which one resides.
 - (3) A statement that, if elected, one would comply with all party rules of the Rhode Island and national committees of the Democratic Party.
 - (4) A pledge of support form provided by the RI Democratic Party to the Secretary of State must simultaneously be filed with the declaration of candidacy form. Copies in Attachment H, pp.53-55.
 - (5) Upon receipt of the Declaration of Candidacy form, the Secretary of State shall prepare nomination papers for each candidate who has qualified. By 4 p.m. the next business day after filing, the RI Secretary of State must deliver nomination papers to the proper candidate or to such persons designated in writing. (R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-5)
 - (6) The nomination papers of a qualified candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention shall be signed, in the aggregate, by at least one hundred fifty (150) qualified Democratic voters from the Congressional District from which said voter seeks to be a delegate. (R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-6)
 - (7) Each nomination paper shall be submitted on or before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 to the local board of canvassers of the city or town where the signers appear to be voters. The nomination papers shall be checked, processed, and certified to the Secretary of State by the local boards before 4 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016. (R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-7)
 - (8) The number of signatures required in the aforementioned districts do not exceed one half of one percent (.5%) of the registered/enrolled Democrats in the district or one half of one percent (.5%) of the total votes in such districts for all Democratic presidential candidates (including uncommitted) cast during the 2012 presidential nominating process. (Rule 14.C.)
 - (9) Candidates for delegate positions are required to file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the Rhode Island Democratic Party and the Rhode Island Secretary of State by 4 p.m. at the same time as the declaration of candidacy filing. (R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-3).
5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates
- a. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than March 3, 2016 at 4 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 12.D & Rule 12.F*)

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- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair and the Secretary of State by March 7, 2016 at 4 p.m., a list of all such candidates he or she has approved. (Rule 12.E.1),(Reg. 4.23.)(R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-7) The presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may approve a number of delegate candidates equal to or greater than the number of delegates allocated to the district. (*Rule 12.E.1*)
 - 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 Rhode Island Democratic State Chair not later than March 7, 2016. Decisions on objections shall be rendered by the state board not later than 4 p.m. on March 7, 2016.
 - d. National convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). (*Rule 12.E & Reg. 4.24*) Furthermore, pursuant to the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2016 Democratic National Convention, delegate candidates may be elected as a delegate only for the presidential preference or uncommitted status to which (s)he pledged when filing his/her statement of candidacy on February 24, 2016 through February 25, 2016. If such delegate candidates do not receive approval from the authorized representative of the presidential preference to which they have pledged, the delegate candidate is eligible to be elected at the level as a delegate pledged to uncommitted preference.
 - e. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan; no later than March 10, 2016.
6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan (*Rule 13.A, Rule 13.B & Rule 13.D*) The Rhode Island presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The

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National Convention delegates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates.

- b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner minus 10%. (*Rule 13.F*) If a presidential candidate is to be allocated delegate(s) but cannot reach this goal because of the lack of delegate candidates, the Democratic State committee shall elect such delegates using the following procedures:

- (1) All persons wishing to be a delegate candidate must file a statement of candidacy form designating the presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support form for the presidential candidate the person favors, if any, with the Rhode Island Democratic Party on April 28, 2016 or before 4 p.m. on April 29, 2016. (*Rule 12.G.*) The state chairman shall convey to the presidential candidate or that candidate's authorized representative no later than 4 p.m. on May 3, 2016, a list of all persons who have filed a delegate pledge of support form to the presidential candidate.
- (2) Each presidential candidate's authorized representative or steering committee shall cause to be transmitted to the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair on or before 4 p.m. on May 5, 2016, documentation that said delegate candidate has the approval of such candidate for presidential nominee.
- (3) National Convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate or that candidate's authorized representative(s) may not be elected as a delegate to that presidential candidate at that level.
- (4) The selection of these delegates must take place prior to the selection of pledged party leader and elected official delegates and at-large delegates on June 14, 2016. Members of the RI Democratic State Committee shall elect delegates if needed on June 10. (*Rules 13.C.*)

7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates

- a. In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex as mathematically practicable, will continue with the

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next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned. The delegate allocation within each district will begin with the delegate of the advantage gender who received the highest number of votes being assigned to the presidential candidate who received the highest number of votes. (*Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.8*)

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

B. Unpledged Delegates

1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials
 - a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Unpledged 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. 4.13*)
 - (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (*Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G*)
 - (3) All of Rhode Island'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); (Persons who qualify as "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates are: all former Democratic Presidents or 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 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.13*)
 - b. The certification process for the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - (1) Not later than March 1, 2016, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic

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Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Rhode Island. (*Rule 9.A*)

- (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above. (*Call IV.B.1*)
 - (3) The Rhode Island State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Rhode Island's unpledged delegates 10 days after the completion of Rhode Island's Delegate Selection Process. (*Call IV.C*)
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state's entire convention delegation, the entire delegation includes all pledged and unpledged delegates. (*Rule 6.C*)

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

1. Rhode Island is allotted 3 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (*Call I.D, 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, state-wide elected officials and state legislative leaders (to be given equal consideration); state legislators; state and local elected officials; and party leaders. (*Rule 9.B.1 & Reg. 4.15*)
 - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by submitting a statement of request to the Rhode Island Democratic Party at 200 Metro Center Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02886 (mail: PO Box 6004, Providence, RI 02940) on or before 4 p.m. on May 11, 2016. (*Rule 9.B.3, Rule 14.G, Reg.4.16 & Reg. 4.21*)
 - c. Pledged PLEO delegate candidates must be identified as to a singular presidential preference or uncommitted status. Presidential preference may be modified by submitting an updated pledge before the filing deadline, May 11, 2016. (*Rule 9.B.3 & Reg. 4.16*)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 4 p.m. on May 13, 2016, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 9.B.3 & Rule 12.D*)

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- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair, by 4 p.m. on May 17, 2016, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (*Rule 12.E.2 & Reg. 4.24*)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair not later than 4 p.m. on May 17, 2016.
 - d. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan.
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 9.B.2, Rule 10.C, Rule 13.E & Rule F*)
 - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on May 25, 2015 at a time and location that will be publicly announced. This selection occurs after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. The alternative filing deadline for PLEO delegate candidates, if a special post-primary caucus is necessary, is May 24, 2016 within 30 minutes after the selection of district-level delegates. If persons eligible to Pledged Party and Elected Official delegate positions have not made their presidential preference as candidates for congressional district-level or At-large delegate position, their preference shall be ascertained by filing the certificates of candidate and pledge of support to be filed with the state party at the State Committee meeting. (*Rule 9.B*)
 - c. These delegates will be selected by the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee (*Rule 9.C*), provided that:
 - (1) Membership on the State Party Committee is apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic

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strength. Two members are elected per state representative district of which there are seventy-five (75) equally apportioned. (Rule 9.C (1))

(2) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 9.C.2 & Reg. 4.17.B)

(3) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. Members of the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee are elected in the following way: (Rule 9.C.3)

- a. One (1) woman and one (1) man from each General Assembly representative district are elected in the primary held to nominate a candidate for governor
- b. Eighteen (18) at large members: four (4) minority, two (2) LGBT, three (3) women and three (3) men from each congressional district recommended by Chair and voted on by State Committee
- c. Five (5) state general officers when Democrats
- d. Four (4) federal office holders when Democrat
- e. One (1) woman and one (1) man as national party representatives
- f. Thirty-nine (39) Chairs of city and town committees, elected by voters within said city or town and certified by State Committee
- g. Three (3) members of Rhode Island House of Representatives, appointed by highest ranking Democrat in the House
- h. Three (3) members of Rhode Island Senate, appointed by highest ranking Democrat in Senate
- i. the Mayor of the City of Providence; the City of Johnston; the City of North Providence; the City of Cumberland; the City of Pawtucket; the City of Warwick; the City of Cranston; when such officers are Democrats
- j. President of Rhode Island Young Democrats
- k. President of College Democrats of Rhode Island

(4) Members of the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee shall have been elected on November 4, 2014 or appointed thereafter, but before December 31, 2015. (Rule 9.C.4)

(5) Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the

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Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (*Rule 9.C.5 & Reg. 4.17.C*)

- d. Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit. Voting will be by voice vote. (*Reg. 4.31*)
5. The Rhode Island Democratic State 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. (*Rule 8.D & Call IV.A*)

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of Rhode Island is allotted 5 at-large delegates and 2 at-large alternates. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.31*)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the Rhode Island Democratic Party by May 29, 2016. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (*Rule 12.B, Rule 14.G, Reg. 4.22, Reg. 4.28 & Reg. 4.31*)
 - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (*Rule 18.A*)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 4 p.m. on May 31, 2016, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 12.D*) (*Reg. 4.23 & Reg. 4.28*)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by 6/2/16 at 4 p.m., a list of candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum one name remain for every national convention

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delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (*Rule 12.D.4, Rule 12.E.2 & Reg. 4.24*)

- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair not later than 4 p.m. on June 2, 2016.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.D.3.b of this Plan.
4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the statewide primary vote (*Rule 10.C*).
 - b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (*Rule 13.E*)
 - c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 10%. (*Rule 13.F*)
 - d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (*Rule 10.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 18.B, Call 1.1 & Reg. 4.31 & Reg. 4.34*)
5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

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- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on June 13, 2016 at a location to be decided, after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. Delegates shall be elected by voice vote. (*Rule 8.D & Call III*)

- b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee (*Rule 8.E & Rule 10.B*) provided that:
 - (1) Membership on the State Party Committee is apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic strength. (*Rule 9.C.1 & Reg. 4.17.A*)
 - (2) Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (*Rule 9.C.2 & Reg. 4.17.B*)
 - (3) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. (*Rule 9.C.3*)
 - (4) Members of the State Party Committee shall have been elected no earlier than the calendar year of the previous national convention. (*Rule 9.C.4*)
 - (5) Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States (*Rule 9.C.5 & Reg. 4.17.C*)

- 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, women, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered individuals (LGBT). (*Rule 6.A.*)
 - (2) In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. (*Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3 & Reg. 4.7*)
 - (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, and may be used to achieve the representation goals

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established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (*Rule 6.A & Rule 6.C*)

- (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the Rhode Island Democratic Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (*Rule 6.C, Rule 10.A & Reg. 4.8*)
6. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. (*Rule 8.C & Call IV.A*)

E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (*Rule 18.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 sex of the delegate he/she replaces, 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 the opposite sex, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 18.D.2, the Rhode Island Democratic Party shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (*Reg. 4.33*)
 - (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

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to serve, he or she shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom he or she is pledged. (*Rule 18.D.2*)

- b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (*Rule 18.D.3*)
 - (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 he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- c. The delegation will select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates (*Rule 18.D.1*).
- d. Certification of Replacements
 - (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair. (*Rule 18.D.3*)
 - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the Rhode Island'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. 4.32*)
 - (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 VIII.F.3.d, Call VIII.F.3.b & 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 sex and, to the extent possible, from

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the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (*Rule 18.E*)

2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (*Rule 18.E & Reg. 4.33*)
 - 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 2016 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates. (*Call, IV.D.2.b*)
 - c. Unpledged 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 unpledged delegate. (*Call VIII.F.3.d*)

Section IV Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

1. Rhode Island has been allocated one (1) member on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2016 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 3 members. (*Call VII.A & Appendix D*)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention. (*Call VII.A.3*)

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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 Rhode Island's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on June 13, 2016. (*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 Rhode Island shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (*Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.8*)
 - 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 Rhode Island. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (*Call VII.C.2*)
 - c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (*Call VII.C.3*)
 - d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing committees. When such allocation results in an

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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 Rhode Island delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. *(Call VII.D.1)*
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by June 2, 2016, 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 Rhode Island's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. *(Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.9)*
 - b. Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by gender. For example, the first position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a male, the second position for a female, and the remaining positions shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females. 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 sex, 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 membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and

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women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three (3) standing committees. *(Call VII.E.1)*

- (3) 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 sex.

5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The Rhode Island Democratic State 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. *(Call VII.B.4)*

Section V The Delegation

- A.** Rhode Island 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 June 13, 2016. *(Call IV.E)*

(1) A quorum shall consist of no less than 40% of Rhode Island's delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

- 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 Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection. *(Call IV.E)*

C. Convention Pages

1. 2 individuals will be selected to serve as Rhode Island's Convention Pages by the Rhode Island Democratic State Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place on June 13, 2016. *(Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)*
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. *(Reg. 5.7.A)*
3. The Rhode Island Democratic State Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Rhode Island'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
General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The Rhode Island Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the "six basic elements" as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 4.A. & Rule C)*
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Rhode Island will be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). *(Rule 4.B.1)*
 2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in Rhode Island will 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 Rhode Island on all levels will 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 Rhode Island, on all levels, will support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." *(Rule 4.B.4)*

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5. The Democratic Party in Rhode Island will 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 will be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. *(Rule 4.B.5)*
 6. The Democratic Party in Rhode Island will 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 will 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. Rhode Island's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. *(Rule 6.C)*
 - D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 12.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 12.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 12.J)*
 - G. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. *(Rule 12.H & Reg. 4.25)*
 - H. 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

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pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (*Rule 15*)

- I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having appeared at such meeting and having established credentials, may register a 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), provided that no individual may hold more than three (3) proxies at one (1) time. (*Rule 16 & Reg. 4.29*)
- 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 17.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 17.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. (*Rule 1.F & Rule 11.B*)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention, Rhode ISLAND thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end: that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2016 Democratic National Convention: and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. Furthermore, voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States. (*Call II.B*)

Section VII

Affirmative Action, Outreach and Inclusion Plan

A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Rhode Island. *(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 Rhode Island should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). *(Rule 4.B.1)*
- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability, Rhode Island has established goals for these groups. *(Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.7)*
- e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Rhode Island 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 LGBT Americans, 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 36 years old and younger.
 - (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.

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- (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 or before March 2, 2015. (*Rule 6.F*)
- b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information no later than 15 days after their appointment. (*Reg. 2.2.K*)
- c. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan.
- d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - (3) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
 - (4) Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (*Rule 6.G*)
 - (5) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (*Rule 6.E*)
- e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.

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3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin on September 15, 2015, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 1.F)*

B. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2015. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. *(Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than October 6, 2015. *(Rule 1.H)*
5. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. *(Rule 2.C)*

C. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of

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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. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. *(Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)*
3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's organizations, student newspapers, LGBT press, disability press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.
 - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of shall be effectively publicized, multi-lingual where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. *(Rule 6.D)*
4. Not later than September 15, 2015, a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:
 - a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;
 - b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
 - c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2016 Convention; and

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- d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

D. Representation Goals

1. 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)* Our state’s voter file database, Votebuilder, was used to determine the percentages of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islander in our state’s Democratic electorate.

2. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate and furthermore, the State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. The youth percentage in our state’s Democratic electorate was determined by our voter file database, Votebuilder. LGBT percentage was determined by research done by the Stonewall Democrats. Information about the number of voters with disabilities directly within the Democratic electorate in Rhode Island was not available to us. Instead we relied upon 2013 US Census information for the state of Rhode Island. (<http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045213/44,00>) and applied the percentage in the general population as the percentage in the Democratic electorate - that means we would strive for 8.8-percent of our 31 delegates to be adults with disabilities, roughly 3 individuals among the delegates.

The Rhode Island Democratic Party computed the Representation Goals for the 2016 Delegate Selection Plan using adjusted combined data from our voter file database, the U.S. Census, and research conducted by the Stonewall Democrats using a Gallup study and a National Election Poll conducted by Edison Research.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	Youth	Native Americans	LGBT Americans	People with Disabilities
Percent in Democratic Electorate	5.67%	9.6%	1.32%	3.75%	0.012%	13.1%	8.8%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	2	5	1	2	1	4	3

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

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an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance.

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

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Rhode Island Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. *(Rule 6.H)*
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by February 19, 2016 which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Rhode Island's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. *(Rule 6.H.1)*
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.2)*
4. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state's delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. *(Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.9)*

F. Inclusion Programs

1. In order to achieve full participation of other groups that may be under-represented in Party affairs, including members of the LGBT community and people with disabilities, the Rhode Island Democratic Party has adopted and will implement Inclusion Programs.
2. The State Party has taken reasonable steps to determine the composition of members of the LGBT community and people with disabilities in the state's

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Democratic electorate. The State Party will make every effort to achieve these stated goals and will reach out to local organizations that represent these communities to ensure full inclusion and participation in the delegate selection process. (Reg. 4.7.C.iii)

3. In securing this level of full participation, the State Party will conduct the education and publicity outreach efforts outlined in Sections B and C of this Section respectively.
4. The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities. These accommodations include hosting meetings in handicap accessible venues.

Section VIII Challenges

A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2016 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3)*, and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2016 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
2. Under Rule 20.B. of the *2016 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. (*Rule 20.B & Call Appendix A*)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2016 Democratic National Convention. (*Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1*)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2016 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 2016 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 2016 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought

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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 2016 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 20.A & Reg. 3.4.A*)
2. A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Rhode Island 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 Regs., which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. Challenges to Implementation

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (*Reg. 3.1.C*)
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has 21 days to render a decision. Within 10 days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within 10 days after expiration of the above 21-day period. (*Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. E & Reg. H*)

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3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (Rule 6.B) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 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.

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Section IX Summary of Plan

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Rhode Island will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary apportioning its delegates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Rhode Island’s delegate selection process will occur on **April 26, 2016** with a Primary.

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

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	14	0	4/26/16 4/26/16	Selecting Body: Presidential Preference Primary
				February 24-25, 2016 filing period; March 1, 2016 deadline for nomination papers with 150 signatures to be submitted to local boards of canvassers; March 4, 2016 Presidential right of approval deadline; April 26, 2016 Election Day. If a Presidential candidate is to be allocated delegates, but cannot reach this goal because of lack of candidates, the State Committee shall elect delegates on June 10.
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	9	0	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 8.A. of the 2012 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	3	0	5/25/16	Selecting Body: RI Democratic State Committee
				May 11, 2016 filing deadline with RIDP by 4 p.m.; May 17, 2016 Presidential right of approval; May 25, 2016 Election
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	5	2	6/13/16 6/13/16	Selecting Body: RI Democratic State Committee
				May 27, 2016 filing deadline with RIDP; June 13, 2016 selection of at-large delegates and alternates after all unpledged delegates and Party leader and Elected Officials Delegates have been selected by voice vote of the RI Democratic State Committee.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	31	2		

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

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

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	<i>June 13, 2016</i>	Names of individuals must be submitted by the presidential candidate or authorized representative(s) to the RI State Chair by May 28, 2016. Elected by RI's National Convention Delegates.

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on June 13, 2016.

2 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on June 13, 2016.

D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates must submit a notification of intent to the Rhode Island Secretary of State by January 21-23, 2016. Petition papers will be issued on the same day by 6 p.m. unless the deadline falls on a Saturday. In which case, if prospective candidates submit by deadline noon, papers will be issued by 2 p.m. If past the noon deadline, papers will be issued on the Monday. Petition papers must be returned no later than 4 p.m. on February 4, 2016 and will be certified by February 17, 2016 (*Rule 11.B & 14.E*)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by January 23, 2016.

E. Timetable

(Reg. 2.2.B)

Date	Activity
2015	
March 2	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair
March 15	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee including names, contact information and demographic data.

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Date	Activity
March 25	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
March 25	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
April 24	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
April 27	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
May 2	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 15	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.
2016	
January 5	Deadline for parties to certify party rules with the Secretary of State
January 21-23	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters
January 21-23	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
January 23	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State and a copy to the State Party.
February 19	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.)
February 23	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 www.ridemocrats.org
February 24-25	District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the Rhode Island Secretary of State, Elections Division 148 West River Street, Providence, RI 02904
March 1	Deadline for delegates to return nomination papers to local board of canvassers.
March 3	State Party provides list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
March 7	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
March 8	Deadline for delegate candidate to withdraw.
April 26	Presidential preference primary.
April 27	Secretary of State certifies results of primary; pre-slated district-level delegates and alternates are allocated according to presidential preference.
May 6	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
May 11	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
May 13	State Party provides list of PLEO candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 17	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State Party.
May 25	State Convention convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected.
May 27	Deadline for persons seeking at-large or alternate positions to file a statement of candidacy with the State party.

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May 31	State Party provides list of At-large and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
June 2	Presidential candidates provide list of at-large and alternate delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
June 10	State Committee selects delegates if Presidential candidate is to be allocated delegates, but is unable to do so because of lack of delegate candidates.
June 13	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages. Selection of at-large and alternate delegates.
June 13	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
June 24	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
June 24	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the Pledged PLEOs and At-Large Delegates and Alternates.
June 24	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Unpledged Delegates.

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Exhibits to the Affirmative Action Plan

**EXHIBIT A
Members of the Affirmative Action Committee**

No.	First	Last	City	Ethnicity	Male	Female	LGBT	Disabled	Youth
1	Jorge	Elorza	Providence	Latino	1				
2	James	Diossa	Central Falls	Latino	1				1
3	Stephanie	Gonzalez	Central Falls	Latino		1			1
4	Carlene	Fonseca	Central Falls	Latino		1			1
5	Shelby	Maldonado	Central Falls	Latino		1			1
6	James	Langevin	Warwick	Caucasian	1			1	
7	Donna	Nesselbush	Pawtucket	Caucasian		1	1		
8	Harold	Metts	Providence	African-American	1				
9	Anthony	DeRose	North Scituate	Caucasian	1		1		1
10	David	Allard	Middletown	Caucasian	1		1		1
11	Juan	Pichardo	Providence	Latino	1				
12	Frank	Ferri	Warwick	Caucasian	1		1		
13	Kate	Monteiro	Warwick	Caucasian		1	1		
14	Sabina	Matos	Providence	Latino		1			
15	Anastasia	Williams	Providence	African-American		1			
16	Ray	Hull	Providence	African-American	1				
17	Grace	Diaz	Providence	Latino		1			
18	Marvin	Abney	Newport	African-American	1				
19	Jim	Vincent	Cranston	African-American	1				
20	Deborah	Ruggiero	Jamestown	Caucasian		1	1		
21	Carlos	Tobon	Pawtucket	Latino	1				1
22	Jean	Phillipe-Barros	Pawtucket	African-American	1				

EXHIBIT B

Media Outlets to be Contacted for Delegate Selection Process

1. Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations

Daily Newspapers

Kent County Daily Times
The Call
The Newport Daily News
The Pawtucket Times
The Providence Journal
The Westerly Sun
Warwick Daily Times

Television Stations

NBC 10 –WJAR
ABC 6 – WLNE
CBS 12 – WPRI/Fox 64 WNAC
Rhode Island PBS – WSBE

Radio Stations

630AM – WPRO
920AM – WHJJ
88.1 – RIPR

2. Other “Non-Minority” Media Outlets

Weekly Newspapers

Barrington Times
Bristol Phoenix
Cranston Herald
East Providence Post
North Providence Breeze
North-East Independent
Sakonnet Times
South County Independent
The Block Island Times
The Charlestown Press
The Coventry Courier
The East Greenwich Pendulum
The Jamestown Press
The Johnston Sun Rise
The Narragansett Times
The Standard Times
The Valley Breeze

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The Westerly-Pawcatuck Express
The Wood River Press
Warren Times-Gazette
Warwick Beacon

3 Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups

LGBT

Bay Windows
Get RI Magazine
In Newsweekly

University Media

The Anchor
Brown Daily Herald
The Campus Herald
The College Hill Independent
The Cowl
The Good Five-Cent Cigar
The Hawk's Herald
WBRU 95.5
WDOM 91.3
WXIN 90.7

Minority Media

American News
Cape Verdean News
Nuevos Horizontes
O Jornal
El Planeta Providence
Portuguese Times
The Providence American
Providence En Espanol
Siglo 21
Tiempo Social
WALE Supermax 990 AM
WKKB FM Latina 100.3
Poder 1110 WPMZ Radio
1290AM – Latino Public Radio

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Regulation 2.2 - Formal Submission

Attachments 1 - 13

Attachment 1

SUMMARY OF PROCESS FOR DELEGATE SELECTION & DEADLINES

April 30, 2015

The Rhode Island State Democratic Party will closely follow the recommendations and guidelines of the National Democratic Party in the selection of delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, as well as national deadlines for actions established by the DNC, for this diversity outreach and engagement effort.

Using print, electronic and social media, our state party's website, outreach to federal, state and local democratic office holders, public and Party meetings – such as that of the Rhode Island Democratic City and Town Chairs - we will remind voters of the opportunity to become fully engaged in this quadrennial experience and the appropriate timetables for each. We will engage all those wishing to be part of the Delegate Selection Process and invite their comments and participation. This will include: delegates and alternates; standing committee members, and the delegation chair and convention pages.

The timeline is as follows:

Timeline:

- March 25, 2015 Plan posted online for 30-day public comment period
- April 24, 2015 30-day public comment period ends
- April 28, 2015 Affirmative Action Committee of the RIDP reviews/approves Plan
- April 30, 2015 RI Democratic Party Long Range Committee reviews/approves Plan for DNC Rules & Bylaws
- May 4, 2015 State Delegate Selection Plan due to DNC Rules & Bylaws Committee
- June – September Democratic National Committee Rules & Bylaws Comm. reviews & acts on State Plans
- By September 15 States begin implementing Affirmative Action Plans; final DNC Rules & Bylaws Committee Action taken on State Plans
- Jan. 21 – 23, 2016 Presidential candidate filing period in Rhode Island

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- February 19 Announced Presidential candidate specifies how s/he will encourage full participation in delegate selection process
- Feb. 23-25 Delegate& alternate candidates obtain statement of candidacy & pledge forms; District-level candidate deadlines
- March 1 Deadline for filing nomination papers
- March 3 RIDP provides list of delegates/ alternates to presidential candidates
- March 8 Deadline for withdrawals
- April 26 Rhode Island Presidential Preference Primary
- May 25 Rhode Island Democratic Convention convenes
- June 13 National Convention Delegation Meeting

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Attachment 3 Statement of RI Democratic Chair on Approval of Plan



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May 1, 2015

Hon. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-Chair
Hon. Lorraine Miller, Co-Chair
DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20003

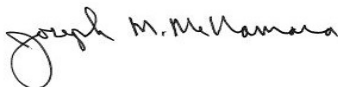
Dear Chairs:

I am writing to inform you that the 2016 Delegate Selection Plan for the Rhode Island Democratic Party has been reviewed and approved at a recent meeting of the Long-Range Committee of the State Democratic Party.

Attached you will find referent documents about the Delegate Selection Plan, its Affirmative Action Plan, and other published materials explaining how we are engaging or have engaged the public in its development and execution. An outline of those attachments follows this correspondence.

We thank you for your consideration and invite your comments. We look forward to a successful and exciting National Democratic Convention next summer.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. McNamara, RI Representative
RI Democratic State Party Chair

JMM/ASG

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Attachment 4 Copy of Press Release Announcing Adoption of Plan



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Ann S. Gooding, 401.272.3367 agooding@ridemocrats.org

RI DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE OKS STATE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

Long-range Committee Approves Foundation Document for 2016 DNC; Formal Review by National Democratic Rules & Bylaws Committee

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – In compliance with the national Democratic Party guidelines for each of the fifty states and in an effort to make the 2016 Democratic National Convention as inclusive and representative as possible, the Rhode Island Democratic Party submitted its Rhode Island Delegate Selection Plan Friday afternoon.

The Plan for the Convention, which is slated to be held in late July 2016, includes specific steps for identifying its 31 delegates and two alternates, and required review and input by both the state party's Affirmative Action Committee and its Long-range Planning Committee.

The mission of the Plan is to ensure that each state makes aggressive outreach to its typically under-represented communities: women, minorities, Hispanic, African American, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, disabled, LGBTQ, youth and elder populations, and enables all voters who wish to take part as Democrats, vote on who will represent them at the DNC, when the presidential and vice presidential nominees are chosen.

It sets out timelines, in conformance with national Democratic standards, about when and how voters can get involved in the "state-government-run presidential preference primary," including how to become a presidential candidate (filing dates for the statement of intent for Election Year 2016 are no earlier than January 21, 2016 and no later than January 23, 2016.)

Within the Plan are details about the process and timeline for District-Level Delegates - both uncommitted and committed, and ensures equal division among women and men in each .

The Plan is available online for review, and was posted for the 30-day public comment period: only one entity responded to that call for comment – the national Stonewall Democrats – which offered proposed 13.1 percent participation by the LGBTQ community.

Unpledged delegates include: members of the DNC who legally reside in Rhode Island, Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable,) all of Rhode Island's Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates such as former Democratic Presidents or Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, all former democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives, and all former Chairs of the DNC.

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Rhode Island is also allotted 3 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates according to priority: “big city mayors, state-wide elected officials and state legislative leaders; state legislators; state and local elected officials; and party leaders. An individual can also qualify by submitting a statement of request to the RI Democratic Party at 30 Kennedy Plaza, 2nd floor, Providence, RI 02903 / PO Box 6004, Providence, RI 02940 by 4 p.m. May 11, 2016.

The Rhode Island convention delegation will also include the Chair and two pages.

During the next several months, the DNC Rules & Bylaws Committee will be reviewing each of the state plans, and by September 15, 2015, will take final action on those plans; at which point, each state will begin implementing their Affirmative Action Plans to assure outreach to the “under-represented populations.” That outreach will include use of electronic, print and social media; public meetings; surrogate presentations before community groups; creation of a voter guide on how, where and when persons can register to vote, and delegate district maps.

The Party will disseminate information online and through state communications, regular releases and wire services. Priority effort will be made using minority, women and non-English media and outreach. The Party will also make a concerted effort to post and make available copies of the State Party Rules, Delegate Selection Plan and attachments, Affirmative Action Committee Plan. Relevant state statutes and copies of the State Party process and AAC will be disseminated widely.

According to Rhode Island’s Plan and based on adjusted combined data from our voter file for the percent of representation in the Democratic electorate, the numeric goals for participation are: 2 African Americans, 5 Hispanics, 1 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and 2 Youth (under 36 years of age.) “When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates shall be compared with the State Party’s goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring a representative balance.” (p.30.)

Challenges to the status of the State Party or the Plan can be made within 15 days of its adoption (by May 14,) by filing with the Chair of the Rhode Island Democratic Party and the co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the DNC.

A complete timeline for the drafting and implementation of the 2016 Delegate Selection Plan can be found on page 37 of that online document. For more information, visit <http://ridemocrats.org/about-the-party/convention.html>.

COVERAGE INVITED

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Attachments 5 Chair's Certification of Plan

The Rhode Island Democratic State Party certifies that the proposed Plan, including all attachments and appendices was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period.

Attachment 6 Chair's Certification of Compliance with Rule 1.C

The Rhode Island State Democratic Chair certifies compliance with Rule 1.C, which requires a 30-day public comment period prior to adoption by the Party, which took place on its website www.ridemocrats.org from March 25 to April 24, 2016.

Attachment 7 Comments on Plan During Official 30-Day Comment Period

There was only one comment made on the Plan, and that follows:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Stonewall Democrats** <stonewalldemocrats.us@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 24, 2015 at 5:56 PM
Subject: Public Comment - Rhode Island Delegate Selection Plan
To: jmcnamara@ridemocrats.org
Cc: jboucher@ridemocrats.org, RIDemocraticparty@gmail.com

Rep. Joseph McNamara, Chair
Rhode Island Democratic Party
30 Kennedy Plaza, 2nd Floor
Providence, RI 02903

Chair McNamara:

On behalf of Stonewall Democrats nationwide, thank you for accepting our Delegate Selection Plan public comment. This is an exciting time and we're honored to be part of efforts to ensure 2016's delegation is the most diverse ever. To that end, Stonewall is writing to offer technical assistance in computing the percentage of LGBTQ in Rhode Island's Democratic Electorate. Please consider the following LGBTQ studies that are new to the 2016 cycle.

To determine the population of straight and LGBTQ people across America, Gallup conducted 206,186 interviews between June 1 and Dec. 30, 2012. This is the largest single study of the distribution of the LGBTQ population on record, and the first time a study has had large enough sample sizes to provide estimates of the LGBTQ population by state. Within Rhode Island 735 people were interviewed and the study found 89.2% of RI residents identify straight and **10.8%** identify LGBTQ.

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A second figure to consider is the tendency of LGBTQ to vote for Democratic candidates. To identify this percentage consider the National Election Poll (NEP) conducted by Edison Research in 2012 for ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox, NBC and the Associated Press. The NEP was a massive effort on November 6th, 2012 that collected, through in-person and telephone interactions, nearly 120,000 interviews within the span of 16 hours. The poll found **76%** of LGBTQ voted for Barack Obama in the General Election.

To calculate the percentage of LGBTQ in the Democratic Electorate, simply take the 2012 turnout (**446,049**) and reduce it to the population of LGBTQ (**10.8%**), multiply by the percentage of LGBTQ likely to vote Democratic (**76%**) and then divide everything by the number of Obama voters (**279,677**). This yields a **LGBTQ Voting Strength of 13.1%**.

$446,049 \text{ total votes} * 10.8\% \text{ population} * 76\% \text{ democratic performance}$	$= 13.1\%$
$279,677 \text{ Obama votes}$	

For your consideration we request a **participating delegate goal of 13.1% LGBTQ** and further request that **alternates, pages, and standing committee members** be considered in the same proportion. By setting representative goals in concert with the democratic electorate, together we can build the most inclusive convention ever. We appreciate your consideration and welcome your feedback and questions.

Ralph Young
2016 Delegation Coordinator
Stonewall Democrats US
Delegates2016@StonewallDemocrats.us

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PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL (PLEO) POSITION TO THE 2016 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

I hereby declare my candidacy for election to the position of **Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Position** to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

In doing so, I solemnly swear upon oath that I am (check one)

_____ pledged to _____

Insert Presidential Candidate's Name

_____ uncommitted

_____ unpledged

I further state that if elected that I will comply with all party rules of the Rhode Island State Democratic Committee and the National Committee of the Democratic Party as delineated in both the Rhode Island Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan for the 2016 Democratic National Convention adopted and published by the Rhode Island State Democratic Committee and the 2016 Delegate Selection Rules adopted and published by the Democratic National Committee.

Signature of PLEO Delegate Candidate

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Declaration of Candidate for Delegate to the National Convention

This form must be accompanied by the appropriate pledge of support form from the designated political party. RIGL 17-12.1-3(3)

To be filed with the Secretary of State during the period from February 24, 2016 to February 25, 2016 not later than 4 p.m. (Chapter 17-12.1-3, General Laws of 1956, as amended)

The undersigned hereby declares that he or she is eligible under the provisions of Chapter 17-12.1-3 of the General Laws of 1956, as amended, to be a candidate to be voted for at the Presidential Preference Primary to be held on April 26, 2016, and makes the following declarations:

Name of Candidate As it appears on the voting list (PRINT OR TYPE)

Address City or Town State Zip

Party Designation (CHECK ONE) Democrat Moderate Republican

Delegate to National Convention Title of Office Congressional District

Place of Birth (Indicate City or Town, and State)

Date of Birth Telephone Number

Length of Residence in Rhode Island Length of Residence in City or Town

I hereby certify that I am not imprisoned upon final conviction of a felony. I hereby further certify that I have not been lawfully adjudicated to be non compos mentis, of unsound mind. I further certify that I have not been a member of a political party other than the declared party within ninety (90) days of the filing date. I state that if elected, I will comply with all party rules of the declared party relating to delegates to national conventions and conducting of national conventions.

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Witnesses:

Signature of Candidate as it appears on voting list

Signature

Residence

Signature

Residence

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Attachment 9

Statement by Chair of Affirmative Action Committee of Approval of Plan

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April 29, 2015

Hon. James Roosevelt, Jr., Co-Chair
Hon. Lorraine Miller, Co-Chair
DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Chair:

I am writing to inform you that the Affirmative Action Committee of the Rhode Island State Democratic Party has met, reviewed and approved Rhode Island's Affirmative Action and Inclusion Plans, within the 2016 Delegate Selection Plan for the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

We will meet in the very near future to discuss how we will implement the plans, assuring our state continues its long-standing commitment to sending a diverse delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, in July of 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns, kindly let us know.

Sincerely,

RI Representative Marvin Abney, Chair
2016 Affirmative Action Committee

Attachment 10

Chair's Statement about Reliable Data & Source(s) under Rules 5.C, 6.A., and 7

The information and projections used in determining numbers of voters - including women and men, and representation goals for the 2016 Delegate Selection Plan was determined using adjusted combined data from our Rhode Island State Democratic Party Voter Files (updated January 2015.)

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Chair's Certification of Composition of Affirmative Action Comm. complying with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7

The composition of the Rhode Island Affirmative Action Committee; names, demographic data and contact information was submitted to the RBC within 15 days of appointment.

A copy of that letter and information follows:



March 13, 2015

Lorraine Miller, Co-Chair
James Roosevelt, Co-Chair
DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee

Dear Chairwoman Miller & Chairman Roosevelt:

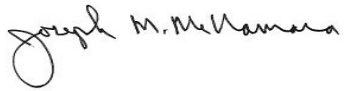
This letter is to certify the compliance of Rhode Island's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A, and 7. The following lists the Affirmative Action Committee members along with their demographic data and contact information.

First	Last	Ethnicity	Gender	L G B T	Disa ble d	Yout h	Phone	Email	Address	City
Anastasi a	Williams	Latino/ African- American	F				(401) 272- 8135	staciaaw80 @hotmail.c om	32 Hammond Street	Providence
Anthony	DeRose	Caucasian	M	1		1	(508) 415- 7959	riyoungdem s@gmail.co m	47 Sandy Brook Rd	North Scituate
Carlene	Fonseca	Latino	F			1	(401) 617- 5539	carlenefons eca13@gma il.com	184 Shawmut Ave	Central Falls
Carlos	Tobon	Latino	M			1	(401) 808- 4426	carlosetobo n@gmail.co m	30 Bloomingd ale Ave	Pawtucket
David	Allard	Caucasian	M	1		1	(401) 835- 1017	allard.david 4@gmail.co m	29 Sherwood Rd	Middletown
Deborah	Ruggiero	Caucasian	F	1			(401)	drjamestow	78	Jamestown

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							487-6415	n@cox.net	Columbia Ave	
Donna	Nesselbush	Caucasian	F	1			(401) 378-2155	DonnaNesselbush@gmail.com	181 Raleigh Ave	Pawtucket
Frank	Ferri	Caucasian	M	1			(401) 952-5113	frankferri@gmail.com	38 Lippitt Ave	Warwick
Grace	Diaz	Latino	F				(401) 575-3641	repgracediaz@gmail.com	45 Adelaide Ave	Providence
Harold	Metts	African-American	M				(401) 419-2858	hdmetts31@aol.com	31 Tanner St	Providence
James	Diossa	Latino	M			1	(401) 533-0683	diossaformayor@gmail.com	315 Central St.	Central Falls
James	Langevin	Caucasian	M			1	(401) 737-7177	seth@jimlangevin.com	1270 Ives Rd.	East Greenwich
Jean	Phillipe-Barros	African-American	M				(401) 359-2254	jeanphilpebarros@yahoo.com	146 Lafayette St	Pawtucket
Jim	Vincent	African-American	M				(401) 261-0174	jvincent577@gmail.com	881 Eddy St	Cranston
Jorge	Elorza	Latino	M				(401) 952-1704	JORGEELORZA@HOTMAIL.COM	35 Deborah St	Providence
Juan	Pichardo	Latino	M				(401) 527-6427	juan@juanmpichardo.com	229 Atlantic St	Providence
Kate	Monteiro	Caucasian	F	1			(401) 965-8543	kmonteiro@cox.net	37 Longwood Ave	Warwick
Marvin	Abney	African-American	M				(401) 487-1380	marvinLA@aol.com	12 Summer St	Newport
Ray	Hull	African-American	M				(401) 272-4026	m94ppd@aol.com	616 Mount Pleasant Ave	Providence
Sabina	Matos	Latino	F				(401) 529-2695	Councilwoman.Matos@gmail.com	55 Pocasset Ave	Providence
Shelby	Maldonado	Latino	F			1	(401) 340-8833	shelby2487@gmail.com	6 Washington St	Central Falls
Stephanie	Gonzalez	Latino	F			1	(401) 626-7220	sgonzalez9686@gmail.com	72 School St #1	Central Falls

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Hon. Joseph M. McNamara, Chair
Rhode Island State Democratic Party

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Copy of all State Statutes & Relevant Legal Authority - Delegate Selection Process

Rhode Island General Laws Title 17-12.1

Primaries for Election of Delegates to National Conventions and for Presidential Preference

(<http://webservice.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE17/17-12.1/INDEX.HTM>)

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Attachment 13

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Copies of Qualifying Forms

*(State of Rhode Island seal/ these documents are being finalized in Secy.of State's office as of 5/4/15)
formatted copies attached to this plan*



State of Rhode Island and
Providence Plantations

**Statement
of Intent**

**To Seek the Nomination for Office of President in the Rhode Island Presidential
Preference Primary**

To be filed with the Secretary of State
during the period from

**January 21, 2016 and January 22, 2016 not
later than 4 p.m.
January 23, 2016 not
later than 12 noon**

(Chapter 17-12.1-4(a), General Laws of
1956, as amended)

The undersigned hereby declares that he or she is eligible under the laws and Constitution of the United States to serve
in the office of
President of the United States if elected, and makes the following declarations:

Name of Presidential Candidate As It Will Appear on the Ballot (PRINT OR TYPE)

Address

City or Town

State

Zip

Party Designation (CHECK ONE)

Democrat

Moderate

Republican

Nomination for President of the United States

Title of Office Being Sought

The following is the name and contact information of the person I have designated to act in my stead in
Rhode Island. RIGL 17-12.1-4(a)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Witnesses:

Signature of Candidate

Signature

Residence

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Signature

Residence

The following information is optional. If provided, it will appear on our website.

Local:

National:

The following information is optional. If provided, it will appear on our website.

Local:

National:

Campaign Address: City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Fax: Website: E-Mail:

Contact Person:

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Waiver to Rule 14.E



April 22, 2015

Lorraine Miller, Co-Chair
James Roosevelt, Co-Chair
DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Chairwoman Miller & Chairman Roosevelt:

The Rhode Island Democratic Party is requesting a waiver from Rule 14.E of the 2016 Delegate Selection Rules for the Democratic National Convention. According to Rhode Island General Law 17-12.1-4, entitled “Presidential Candidates”, the deadline for petition papers of a candidate for president to be submitted to the local board of canvassers is 82 days before the April 26 primary. This deadline falls outside the parameters of Rule 14.E which states that the deadline for filing of petitions for participation in the presidential nomination process shall be less than 30 days and no more than 75 days in advance of the primary.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph McNamara
Chairman
RI Democratic Party