

2006 Washington State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan

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I. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply throughout these rules when the defined term appears in bold type.

- I.A. **Affected Groups** - Affected groups include African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Americans
- I.B. **Disabled person or disability.** A disabled person or a person with a disability is anyone who has a physical or mental impairment, permanent or temporary, which substantially limits one or more of his or her major life activities (e.g., communication, ambulation, self care, education or employment). Examples of disabilities include, but are not limited to, impaired vision or hearing, paraplegia, epilepsy, heart disease, diabetes, AIDS, or mental illness.
- I.C. **Meeting.** Any meeting held pursuant to these rules, including any precinct caucus, county convention, legislative district caucus, congressional district caucus or State Convention.
- I.D. **Registered Voter.** Includes a 17 year old who will be eligible to vote on November 7, 2006.
- I.E. **State Chair.** Chairperson of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington.
- I.F. **State Committee.** Washington State Democratic Central Committee.
- I.G. **Status.** Race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, philosophical persuasion, or **disability**.
- I.H. **Targeted groups.** Named affected groups and persons with disabilities traditionally underrepresented in Democratic Party affairs.
- I.I. Other constituencies of concern including, women, youth, sexual minorities, ethnic groups, persons with high school education or less, persons over 65, and low and moderate income persons.

II. TIMETABLE

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3 **November 12, 2005** **State Committee** meets and adopts 2006 Washington State
4 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan.
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6 **November 18, 2005** Affirmative Action Plan goes into effect. Press kits sent to all state
7 media.
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9 **March 4, 2006** Precinct Caucuses.
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11 **April 8, 2006** County Conventions (subject to sections VI and VII hereof.)
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13 **April 22, 2006** Legislative District Caucuses (subject to sections VI and VII hereof.)
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15 **June 3, 2006** State Convention/Congressional District Caucuses
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17 The **State Chair** may if necessary reconvene any Legislative, County or Congressional
18 District meeting/caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for partisan races at
19 such dates as are appropriate. In such event, delegates previously elected within the
20 specific jurisdiction shall be duly called to the reconvened meeting (caucus.)
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III. GENERAL RULES

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25 **III.A. Purpose of Rules.** The following rules are intended to ensure that all **registered**
26 **voters** of the State of Washington who consider themselves Democrats, and are
27 willing to so state publicly, may participate in all the activities connected with
28 the 2006 caucus-convention cycle. All persons considering themselves to be
29 Democrats are urged to attend precinct caucuses and to participate in the
30 discussions of the issues of the day and possibly the nomination of Democratic
31 Candidates to the November ballot.
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33 **III.B. Application of Rules.** These rules shall govern all **meetings** discussed in these
34 rules. Any county or district not abiding by these rules shall be denied the right
35 to be seated at the 2006 Democratic State Convention, subject to appeal the
36 credentials committee for that body.
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38 **III.C. Fees or costs prohibited.** At no stage of the delegate selection process shall any
39 person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for
40 participating in the delegate selection process. Voluntary contributions to the
41 Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be
42 mandatory for participation.
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1 **III.D. Meeting times, locations and accessibility.** All **meetings** shall be scheduled at
2 times and dates which are uniform throughout the state. No person shall
3 participate in more than one **meeting** at any level of the process. **Meetings** shall
4 be scheduled for dates, times, and places which would be most likely to
5 encourage the participation of all Democrats and must begin and end at
6 reasonable hours. **Meeting** locations shall be easily accessible to all, including
7 the **disabled**.

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9 **III.E. Meeting Notices.** Notice of any meeting shall be mailed at least ten (10) days
10 prior to the scheduled meeting to all delegates and alternates concerned and to
11 the news media, and shall include at least the following information:

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- 13 (1) The authority giving notice.
- 14 (2) Who is eligible to participate?
- 15 (3) Starting time, place, and address of the meeting.
- 16 (4) Proposed agenda.
- 17 (5) Any fee, etc, involved in the meeting (see Rule III.C.)
- 18 (6) Proposed operating rules.
- 19 (7) Officers to be elected, if any.
- 20 (8) Nominations for elective office, in any.
- 21 (9) Other pertinent, concise information to prepare the delegate for the work to
22 be accomplished.
- 23 (10) Access to all of the above shall be provided in alternative language format
24 and for the disabled.
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26 **III.F. Open Party.** The Democratic Party of the State of Washington reaffirms its
27 commitment to an open party by incorporating the six basic elements listed
28 below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to
29 ensure a full opportunity for all affected group members to participate in the
30 delegate selection process.

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32 **III.F.(1)** All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party should be
33 open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of **status**.

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35 **III.F.(2)** No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic
36 Party should be required or used which has the effect of requiring
37 prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce
38 in, condone or support discrimination based on **status**.

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40 **III.F.(3)** The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party on
41 all levels should be publicized fully and in such a manner to assure
42 timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in

1 places accessible to all Party members and large enough to
2 accommodate all interested persons.

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4 **III.F. (4)** The Democratic Party, on all levels, should support the broadest
5 possible registration without discrimination based on **status**.

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7 **III.F.(5)** The Democratic Party should publicize fully and in such manner as to
8 ensure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and
9 practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers,
10 nominees, and representatives on all levels. Publications of these
11 procedures should be done in such a fashion that all prospective and
12 current members of the Democratic Party will be fully and adequately
13 informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each
14 selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization.

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16 **III.F.(6)** The Democratic Party should publicize fully and in such a manner as
17 to assure notice to all interested parties a complete description of the
18 legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers, nominees,
19 and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication
20 should be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or
21 applicants for any elected or appointed position within the State
22 Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete
23 for office.

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25 **III.G. Discrimination is Prohibited.** Discrimination on the basis of **status** in the
26 conduct of all Democratic Party affairs is strictly prohibited.

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28 **III.H. Quorum.** A quorum for any caucus, meeting or convention, with the exception
29 of a precinct caucus, shall be thirty percent (30%) of the number of delegates
30 seated on the final credentials report. Prior to the final credentials report, a
31 quorum shall be the number of delegates present.

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33 **III.I. Minority reports.** Minority reports may be made by signatures of ten percent
34 (10%) of any committee.

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36 **II.J. No Unit Rule.** The unit rule shall not be permitted at any **meeting**. A “unit
37 rule” is any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation
38 are required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of the majority.

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40 **III.K. No Proxy Voting.** Proxy voting shall not be allowed at any level in the delegate
41 selection process.

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1 **III.L. No "Official" Delegate Slate.** Any individual or group of Democrats may
2 sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for delegates at a meeting. But no slate
3 may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate
4 selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the 'official' Democratic
5 Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying
6 requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection
7 process.
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9 **III. M. Forfeiture if Delegate Moves from Electing Jurisdiction.** Any duly elected
10 delegate or alternate who moves from the jurisdiction from which he/she as
11 elected, shall automatically forfeit his/her seat and an alternate shall be seated in
12 her/his place.
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14 **III.N. Seating of Delegate by Certificate of Election.** If the chair of any **meeting** fails
15 to submit the name of any delegate or alternate to the proper authority, the
16 delegate or alternate shall be seated upon presentation of his or her certificate of
17 election and proper identification.
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19 **III.O. Delegate Can Enter Caucus Process at Any Level.** A person need not be a
20 delegate at one caucus level to run for a delegate seat to the next caucus level, to
21 be elected to a party office or to be selected as a nominee for public office.
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24 **IV. RULES FOR DELEGATE ELECTION MEETINGS**

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26 **IV.A. Application of Rules.** These Rules for Delegate Election **Meetings** apply to the
27 election of delegates at each meeting during the delegate selection process.
28 Washington uses a two-tier caucus/convention system to elect state Convention
29 delegates. The first tier is the precinct caucus. The second tier is the legislative
30 district caucus (some held at county conventions).
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32 **IV.B. Eligibility to Vote.** To participate in a **meeting**, the individual must be a
33 resident, **registered voter** in the jurisdiction and sign a registration sheet stating
34 that he/she is a Democrat, and agrees to public display of her/his attendance at
35 the meeting. Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they
36 were elected and shall not have a vote unless seated as a delegate.
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38 **IV.C. Procedures for the Nomination and Election of Delegates and Alternates.** All
39 candidates for delegate must be resident, **registered voters** in the jurisdiction
40 from which they are elected. Candidates for delegate shall be nominated and
41 seconded by delegates to the **meeting**. A candidate who is not a delegate to the
42 **meeting** or who is not present must signify in advance, in writing individually
43 that she/he will serve if elected and that she/he is a Democrat and is willing to

1 be known as such. Said letter shall be delivered to the caucus convener at or
2 prior to the caucus, shall be read at the **meeting** by the chair and shall constitute
3 a nomination. Alternates shall be nominated and elected in the same manner.
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5 **IV.D. Voting Procedures.** Voting for delegates and alternates shall be by written ballot
6 at the precinct caucus and by signed ballot at all other **meetings**. A ballot to be
7 counted must have all positions filled with no duplications. The vote shall not be
8 weighted. Except at the precinct caucus, an unsigned ballot is invalid and shall
9 not be counted in the tally to determine whether a majority has been obtained.
10 Each **meeting** chair shall give clear notice to delegates that they must vote for the
11 allotted number of candidates and the chair must also give adequate time to do
12 so and ask voting delegates to check ballots before turning them in. The chair
13 shall provide the ballots.
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15 **IV.E. District Boundaries.** Precinct caucuses shall be held under precinct boundaries
16 in effect as of January 1, 2006. Legislative District Caucuses shall be held under
17 the boundaries as reflected by the Party organizations as of the date of the
18 Legislative District Caucus on April 22, 2006.
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21 V. PRECINCT CAUCUSES

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23 **V.A. Business of Caucus.** The principal business of the precinct caucuses shall be the
24 election of delegates and alternates to county conventions (who will also serve as
25 delegates and alternates to legislative district caucuses). The elections shall be
26 conducted pursuant to Rule IV.
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28 **V.B. Time, Place, Notice.** Precinct caucuses throughout the state shall be held on
29 Saturday March 4, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. Notice pursuant to Rule III.E. shall be given
30 to all precinct committee officers and the news media by the county chair. All
31 caucuses shall be at a location within each precinct if reasonably practicable, or
32 within a reasonable distance there from. Two (2) or more precincts may meet
33 together, and are encouraged to do so, to discuss and adopt resolutions, but must
34 caucus separately to elect delegates and alternates.
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36 **V.C. Participation.** Those individuals who are not qualified to register to vote
37 because of residence or citizenship shall be allowed to participate in the platform
38 discussion, but may not vote on resolutions or for the election of delegates or
39 alternates, nor may they be elected as delegates or alternates.
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41 **V.D. Proceedings and resolutions.** Precinct caucuses shall be called to order by the
42 precinct committee officer and he/she shall serve as permanent chair, providing
43 the precinct committee officer was serving prior to January 31, 2006. In other

1 precincts a person designated by the county chair shall call the meeting to order
2 and the first order of business shall be the election of a permanent chair. Lacking
3 such designation, precinct people may meet at the designated time and place,
4 elect a permanent chair and proceed with business. The permanent chair shall
5 appoint a secretary of the caucus and shall instruct the caucus in the specific
6 items of business:

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8 **V.D.(1)** Discussion and action on issues and resolutions.

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10 **V.D.(2)** Election of delegates and alternates to the county convention and
11 legislative district caucus. Election of delegates shall not begin until at
12 least 2:30 p.m. and the caucus cannot be closed until at least 3:00 p.m.

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14 **V.D.(3)** Minutes of the caucus shall be prepared by its secretary and approved
15 and signed by its chair, in duplicate. Resolutions pertaining to
16 political matters at any level of government may be presented,
17 discussed, and voted upon. The minutes shall include the full text of
18 all adopted resolutions. The permanent chair shall retain one copy
19 thereof and transmit the other along with the registration sheet and all
20 ballots to the county chair, or designee, where the legislative district
21 encompasses more than one county or the legislative district chair, or
22 designee, where the district is entirely within one county, within five
23 (5) days after the caucus. These records will be retained by the
24 legislative district or county chair designated above, or designee, until
25 the conclusion of the 2006 Democratic State Convention.

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27 **V.E. The number of delegates and alternates to the legislative district caucus (or**
28 **county convention) shall be as follows:**

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30 **V.E.(1)** In precincts which have the same boundaries as in November, 2004,
31 each precinct shall elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each
32 one hundred (100) votes or portion thereof cast for John Kerry and
33 Christine Gregoire combined in the 2004 general election.

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35 **V.E.(2)** In precincts where the boundaries have changed since November, 2004
36 and where the allocation in V.E.(1) cannot otherwise be ascertained, or
37 where two (2) or more precincts cast their votes in such a manner that
38 the votes cannot be accurately apportioned between the precincts, each
39 precinct shall have one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each one
40 hundred and fifty (150) **registered voters** or portion thereof within the
41 precinct as of January 1, 2006.
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1 county convention shall be the duly elected delegates or alternates from the
2 precincts within the county. County and Legislative District organizations may
3 conduct LD caucuses and county conventions upon the same day by joint
4 agreement. If this option is going to be exercised a written communication to the
5 State Party chair must be received from chairpersons of all affected organizations
6 no later than January 31, 2006.

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8 **VI.C. Credentials Committee.** The county central committee or executive board shall
9 select a county convention credentials chair and committee not less than thirty
10 (30) days prior to the convention or the legislative district caucus, whichever is
11 the earliest date. The committee shall meet in advance of the convention and
12 shall have the power to certify delegates as submitted by the precinct caucuses
13 and to recommend settlement of all disputes pertaining to seating of delegates.
14 The final credentials report shall be adopted prior to the conduct of any other
15 official business.

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17 **VI.D. Platform Committee.** The county central committee or executive board shall
18 select a county convention platform chair and committee not less than thirty (30)
19 days prior to the convention. It shall meet in advance of the convention, consider
20 resolutions submitted by the precinct caucuses and draft a proposed platform,
21 which shall be mailed to all delegates and alternates at least one (1) week in
22 advance of the convention.

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24 **VI.E. Rules Committee.** The county central committee or executive board shall select
25 a county convention rules chair and committee not less than thirty (30) days
26 prior to the convention. It shall meet in advance of the convention and shall
27 propose rules for the convention. The Rules Committee should have at least one
28 member from the County Affirmative Action Committee.

30 31 VII. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CAUCUSES

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33 **VII.A. Business of caucus.** The principal business of the legislative district caucuses
34 shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the 2006 Democratic State
35 Convention and selection of nominees for partisan office, as required. The
36 elections shall be conducted pursuant to Rule IV. Legislative district caucuses are
37 also encouraged to adopt platforms.

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39 **VII.B. Time, Place, Notice, Delegates.** Legislative district caucuses shall be held the
40 fourth Saturday in April on Saturday, April 22, 2006, commencing at 9:00a.m., in
41 all legislative districts which do not select delegates at a county convention.
42 Notice pursuant to Rule III.E. shall be given by the legislative district chair.
43 Delegates to the legislative district caucus shall be the duly elected delegates or

1 alternates from the precincts within the legislative district. County and
2 Legislative District organizations may conduct LD caucuses and county
3 conventions the same day by joint agreement. If this option is going to be
4 exercised a written communication to the State Party Chair must be received
5 from chairpersons of all affected organizations no later than January 31, 2006. A
6 separate caucus of elected delegates will be convened by legislative district for
7 the purpose of electing state convention delegates.
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9 **VII.C. Allocation of Delegates.** Delegates and alternates to the state convention shall
10 be allocated in proportion to the votes cast for John Kerry and Christine Gregoire
11 in the 2004 general election.
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15 **VII.D. Credentials Committee.** If applicable, the legislative district chair shall appoint
16 a credentials committee which shall receive and review credentials reports from
17 the county chairs within the legislative district. The committee shall recommend
18 adoption of these credentials reports, with amendments if required, to the
19 legislative caucus. The final credentials report shall be adopted prior to the
20 conduct of any other official business. The Credentials Committee should have
21 at least one member from the Legislative District Affirmative Action Committee.
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23 **VII.E. Majority Vote, Equal Division.** A majority of those present and voting shall be
24 required to elect a delegate, officer or nominee for partisan office. The delegation
25 elected shall be equally divided between women and men in both the delegate
26 and alternate categories unless there are an insufficient number of nominees
27 from one sex to fill the available positions.
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29 **VII.F. Delegate Election Report.** Upon election, each elected State Convention
30 delegate shall be requested to pay the \$40.00 state convention registration fee to
31 the secretary who shall send any funds collected and a list of delegates and
32 alternates (alternates shall be listed in the order in which they were elected) with
33 correct addresses, zip codes, and telephone numbers to the **State Chair** within
34 five (5) days. No person shall be excluded or disqualified at any level on the
35 basis of non-payment of such registration or any fee. At the time of election, the
36 caucus chair shall furnish each delegate and alternate with a certificate of
37 election.
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39 **VIII. STATE CONVENTION**

40 **VIII.A. Time, place, appointment of officials.** The 2006 Democratic State Convention
41 shall commence on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in Yakima, Washington.
42 The **State Chair** is authorized to appoint the arrangements chair, the temporary
43 chair, the secretary, and the sergeants-at-arms.

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2 **VIII.B. Number of delegates.** There will be 1,194 elected delegates and 601 elected
3 alternates to the state convention. Any county with less than ten delegates may
4 send up to 10 people, with fractional votes, to the convention. In addition to the
5 elected delegates, the following shall be automatic delegates to the state
6 convention: all **State Committee** members, County Chairs, Congressional
7 District Chairs, Legislative District Chairs, Democratic Members of Congress
8 from Washington State, Democratic Statewide Elected Officials, and Democratic
9 State Senators and Representatives.

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11 **VIII.C. Seating of alternates.** Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which
12 they were elected and shall serve only for their respective legislative districts,
13 provided that in delegations from legislative districts containing more than one
14 county, an alternate from the same county as an absent delegate shall be seated
15 prior to any other alternate from the legislative district. Should no same county
16 alternate be present, the eligible alternate from within the legislative district shall
17 be seated.

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19 **VIII.D. Business of convention.** The business of the state convention shall be proposed
20 by the State Convention Rules committee and confirmed by the state convention,
21 including, but not limited to nominating any required candidates office.
22 Workshops may be held at the discretion of the **State Chair**.

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24 **VIII.E. Standing Committees of the State Convention.**

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26 **VIII.E.(1)** The Credentials Committee shall have the power to certify delegates as
27 submitted by the various legislative district and county chairs, and to
28 recommend settlement of all disputes pertaining to seating of
29 delegates. The final credentials report shall be adopted prior to the
30 conduct of any other official business. A member of the Washington
31 State Affirmative Action Committee will serve on the Credentials
32 Committee. The Credentials Committee will ensure compliance with
33 the Party's Affirmative Action goals.

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35 **VIII.E.(2)** The Platform Committee shall hold hearings and shall meet and
36 consider resolutions and platforms as submitted by the various
37 counties an/or legislative districts and draft a proposed platform,
38 which shall be mailed to all delegates and alternates to the state
39 convention at least ten (10) days prior to the convention.

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41 **VIII.E.(3)** The Rules Committee shall draft proposed rules and a proposed
42 agenda for the conduct of the convention which shall be mailed to all
43 delegates and alternates to the State Convention at least ten (10) days

1 prior to the convention. A member of the Washington State
2 Affirmative Action Committee will serve on the Rules Committee. The
3 Rules Committee will ensure compliance with the Party's Affirmative
4 Action goals.
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7 **VIII.E.(4)** Committees shall hold an initial meeting in advance of the State
8 Convention at a time and place to be determined by the **State Chair**.
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10 **VIII.E.(5)** The **State Chair** shall appoint the chair of the Credentials, Rules and
11 Platform Committees no later than the State Central Committee
12 meeting preceding January 31, 2006. The appointment shall be
13 confirmed by the **State Committee**. Each legislative district
14 organization shall elect one member of each of the three committees no
15 later than January 31, 2006.
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17 **VIII.F. Congressional District Caucus.** In the event that the Party must nominate
18 candidates, a caucus of delegates to the state convention from each of the nine (9)
19 congressional districts will be separately convened for the purpose of nominating
20 the Democratic Party candidate for that position.
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36 IX. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

37 IX.A. Organization

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39 **IX.A.(1) Membership.** The State Chair shall appoint a chair or chairs for an
40 Affirmative Action Committee. The State Committee may provide for
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1 the selection of additional members. The Committee shall be broadly
2 representative of targeted groups.

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4 **IX.A.(2) Meetings.** The Affirmative Action Committee shall meet at the time
5 and place of the **State Committee** meetings. The Chair or Chairs of
6 the committee may call meetings at other times.

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8 **IX.A.(3) Mission.** The Affirmative Action Committee shall work to ensure full
9 participation and representation for all democrats, with particular
10 concern for targeted groups. The Committee shall adopt affirmative
11 action programs with specific goals and timetables for African
12 Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans,
13 persons with disabilities. Other constituencies of concern include but
14 are not limited to women, youth, persons over 65 years of age,
15 lesbians, gays and bisexuals, and persons of economic disadvantage.

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17 **IX.A.(4) Local affirmative action committees.** Each county and legislative
18 district chair will appoint an affirmative action chair and committee to
19 adopt, implement, and monitor a plan to ensure full participation and
20 representation of **targeted groups** within the county or legislative
21 district. Implementation shall begin no later than January 31, 2006.
22 Each committee shall have one or more representatives from each of
23 the **targeted groups** where feasible.

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25 **IX.A.(5) Support for committees.** State, county, and legislative Party
26 organizations shall provide financial and staff support for their
27 respective affirmative action committees. The State Committee shall
28 provide for all affirmative action printing and mailing.

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30 **IX.A.(6) Oversight.** The **Affirmative Action Committee** shall be responsible
31 for ensuring that the County and legislative district Party
32 organizations implement, monitor and enforce the Affirmative Action
33 Plan.

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35 **IX.A.(7) Goal to increase participation.** State and county organizations shall
36 make every effort to seek participation of **targeted groups** in the 2006
37 Democratic delegate selection process, in all Democratic affairs, and
38 fully implement the state Affirmative Action Plan. The absence of a
39 reasonable number of targeted group delegates may be grounds for a
40 credentials challenge at the county or legislative district level. State
41 and local party organizations and affirmative action committees shall
42 conduct voter registration programs and encourage participation at all
43 levels of the Democratic Party.

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2 **IX.B. Publicity**

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4 **IX.B.(1) Publicity campaign plan.** State and local affirmative action
5 committees shall plan a comprehensive publicity campaign to cover all
6 political subdivisions utilizing all press outlets and media so far as
7 they are known. The publicity campaign shall be designed to
8 encourage participation in the delegate selection process and the
9 political process and shall include information on eligibility to vote
10 and how to become a delegate, the time and location of each stage of
11 the delegate selection process and where to get additional information.
12 The publicity campaign shall include information on party structure
13 and encourage full participation in the selection of governing bodies at
14 the county, legislative district and state levels, and especially at the
15 precinct level. The publicity campaign shall encourage **targeted**
16 **groups** to participate as precinct committee offices. The publicity
17 campaign shall begin no later than **January 31, 2006**.
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19 **IX.B.(2) Implementation of publicity campaign.** The publicity campaign shall
20 be implemented by state and local party organizations and affirmative
21 action committees and shall include the media campaign outlined
22 below and the following:
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- 24 a. The **State Committee** shall publish and make available at no cost a
25 minimum of 1,000 copies of a media packet consisting of these rules
26 and a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can
27 participate in the delegate selection process. Copies of the above
28 shall be distributed to all county and legislative district chairs and
29 vice chairs, **State Committee** members, presidents of all known
30 Democratic organizations and clubs recognized by the **State**
31 **Committee**, all **targeted groups** and the news media. The groups
32 and organizations should be asked to inform their constituencies
33 and urge participation in the process. Party organizations and
34 affirmative action committees shall conduct workshops to explain
35 the process to such groups and organizations.
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37 b. The **State Committee** shall make efforts to have the Governor
38 proclaim Saturday March 4, **2006**, "PRECINCT CAUCUS DAY" in
39 the State of Washington.
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41 c. The State Party shall publicize the delegate selection process in all
42 parts of the state.
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- 1 d. Special efforts shall be made by local affirmative action committees
2 to announce and/or post notices of all steps in the delegate
3 selection process in the offices or waiting rooms of all agencies
4 serving low and moderate income families. Such notices shall
5 include all information necessary to encourage participation in the
6 delegate selection process.
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8 **IX.B.(3) Media campaign.** In consultation with the State Affirmative Action
9 Committee the State Party shall make press kits with copies of the
10 rules and other pertinent information and provide them to the daily
11 and weekly newspapers and the electronic media with coverage to at
12 least one newspaper in each county and legislative district. Publicity
13 efforts by state and local affirmative action committees and party
14 organizations shall, at a minimum, include the following:
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- 16 a. The use of newspaper ads, P.S.A.s, and other radio or television
17 time to inform the public of how, when and where to register to
18 vote. There shall be a statewide campaign covering all types of
19 media, major and minor.
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21 b. A priority effort shall give full information and publicity in
22 minority newspapers and newsletters, and on radio, ethnic press,
23 Spanish speaking, Native American, and other non-English
24 language press and radio, labor press, church press, publications of
25 women's organizations and any other special media in the state
26 that is likely to reach **targeted groups**.
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28 c. The State Party shall provide Spanish Language tapes to the
29 Spanish-speaking stations. Television tapes shall be made for both
30 commercial and public television stations, which will include
31 captions for the hearing impaired.
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33 **IX.B.(4) Follow up.** The **State Committee** shall issue follow-up statements
34 urging full participation by all Democrats, with special emphasis on
35 **targeted groups** as the beginning of the process approaches.
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37 **IX.C. Education**

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39 **IX.C.(1) Training Seminar.** A seminar for all party officers shall be held in
40 February 2006 so they may become fully informed and better able to
41 answer questions on the delegate selection process and the Democratic
42 Party's National Charter. This seminar shall be publicized to all
43 **targeted groups**.

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2 **IX.C.(2) Distribution of Rules.** Copies of State Party rules, this **Plan**, relevant
3 state statutes, and explanatory materials shall be distributed to all
4 county and legislative district chairs and vice chairs and chairs of the
5 county and legislative district affirmative action committees, **State**
6 **Committee** members, officers of the State Young Democrats,
7 presidents of all known Democratic clubs, caucuses and all known
8 targeted group organizations. They shall be requested to fully inform
9 their members of the process and rules.
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- 11 **IX.C.(3) Public meeting.** The County and Legislative District Chairs in
12 coordination with the State Party shall ensure that meetings are held in
13 each legislative district and county throughout the state prior to
14 **February 28, 2006**, to explain the process and answer questions. Such
15 meetings shall be given full publicity with special attention given to
16 inform all known **targeted group** organizations and shall be held in
17 locations that are easily available.
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- 20 **IX.C.(4) Speaker Bureaus.** State and local affirmative action committees may
21 organize speaker bureaus of volunteers who will fully familiarize
22 themselves with the delegate selection process and the Affirmative
23 Action Plan and be available to explain the process.. The speakers shall
24 appear before groups to inform all known **targeted groups**. The
25 speaker bureaus shall be given full publicity so various groups can use
26 the service.
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- 28 **IX.C.(5) Brief data on process.** The **State Committee** will publish and make
29 available for distribution notices of all caucuses, meetings of
30 conventions. Said notices will set forth the time, date and place of the
31 meeting. This shall be accomplished ninety (90) days in advance of the
32 process. The date, time, and place of the meeting shall be publicized.
33 For precinct caucuses, the notice shall be a one page brief suitable for
34 hand out by precinct committee officers, and shall explain who can
35 participate, the manner of participation and the number of delegates
36 and alternates to be elected. Special efforts will be made to distribute
37 this information to all known **targeted groups** and organizations.
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- 39 **IX.C.(6) Foreign language materials.** Handouts shall be printed in foreign
40 languages and appropriate media for the visually impaired and
41 provided to the county and legislative district chairs to be reproduced
42 in those area with significant numbers of non English-speaking and
43 physically impaired constituencies to publicize the precinct caucuses.

1 Party organizations are urged to publish material in other languages
2 when appropriate and feasible.

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4 **IX.C.(7) Voter registration drives.** The State, county and local parties will
5 conduct and encourage voter registration drives. Beginning in
6 February voter registration drives will be conducted among high
7 school and college students of voting age and among 17-year olds who
8 will be voting age by the 2006 election. These students should be
9 encouraged to attend the precinct caucuses.

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11 **IX.D. Representational Goals**

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13 **IX.D.(1) Targeted Group Participation.** The State Affirmative Action
14 Committee shall make an analysis of the current levels of participation
15 of Party affairs, including delegate selection, by members of **targeted**
16 **groups**. In order to accomplish this analysis, each caucus chair,
17 starting at the precinct caucus level, shall attempt to determine the
18 numbers of persons from each of these groups attending each caucus.
19 County and legislative district chairs shall forward this information to
20 the **State Chair** and the Chair or Chairs of the State Affirmative Action
21 Committee.

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23 **IX.D.(2) Delegate Selection Goals.** The delegate selection goals for 2006 shall
24 be the greater of the following for the groups specified in subsection c.
25 below:

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27 a. The 2000 census demographic breakdown for the State of
28 Washington; or
29 b. The Democratic voting statistics of the State of Washington, or

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36 **The 2006 Democratic Affirmative Action Goals, which are as follows:**

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African American	4%
Hispanic/Latino	8%
Native Americans	3%
Asian/Pacific Americans	8%
Persons with Disabilities	3%

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1 Since these groups have traditionally voted overwhelmingly
2 Democratic and because there is no registration by party of other
3 means of determining party identification in Washington State, these
4 percentages shall constitute the minimal Representational Goals for
5 each constituency group.
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7 **IX.D.(3) No Mandatory Quotas.** These Representational Goals shall not be
8 accomplished either directly or indirectly by the imposition of
9 mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or any
10 other Party affairs. (This provision does not apply to the equal
11 division of the State's Convention Delegation between men and
12 women. Such a division is mandatory.)
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15 X. CHALLENGES

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17 **X.A. Rules challenges.** Challenges relating to the alleged violation of rules at the
18 legislative district or county level may be filed by any three (3) affected
19 participants. Any such challenge must be mailed to the **State Chair** within five
20 (5) days of the alleged violation of the rules and shall be referred to the **State**
21 **Committee** Rules Committee, whose decision shall be final.
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23 **X.B. Credentials challenges.** Any affected participant may file a challenge to the
24 credentials of a delegate elected at any level. The challenge must be filed by
25 certified mail with return receipt requested with the **State Chair** and postmarked
26 no later than ten (10) days after the caucus at which the challenge delegate was
27 elected. A challenge relating to a delegate elected at a precinct caucus shall be
28 referred to the appropriate county credentials committee. A challenge relating to
29 a delegate elected at a legislative district caucus or county convention shall be
30 referred to the State Convention Credentials Committee.