

# Proposed Agenda and Rules for 46<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Caucus Sunday, March 14, 2010

1 **I. AGENDA**

2 **A. 11:30 a.m. – Registration Opens**

3 **B. 12:15 p.m. – Call to order.**

4 **C. Flag salute**

5 **D. Appointment of Temporary Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Parliamentarian**

6 **E. Initial Credentials Report**

7 **F. Adoption of Agenda and Rules**

8 **G. Election of Permanent Chair**

9 **H. Appointment of Permanent Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Parliamentarian**

10 **I. Final Credentials Report**

11 **J. Election of State Convention Delegates and Alternates (Not to occur before 1:00 p.m.)**

12 **K. Adoption of Platform**

13 **L. Adoption of Resolutions**

14 **M. Good of the Order**

15 **N. Adjournment – no later than 5:00 p.m. (Must be out of building by 6:00)**

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17 **II. RULES**

18 **A. The Legislative District Caucus shall be held on Sunday, March 14, 2010, commencing at 12:15**  
19 **p.m., at Ingraham High School, located at 1819 North 135<sup>th</sup> St, Seattle.**

20 **B. Delegates to the Legislative District Caucus shall be all registered voters residing in the 46<sup>th</sup>**  
21 **Legislative District who are willing to sign in and be known as Democrats.**

22 **C. At the time of signing in, eligible voters shall sign in by Area. A contribution of \$15 will be**  
23 **requested from all Delegates to the Legislative District Caucus. Payment shall not be a condition of**  
24 **participation or election.**

25 **D. The Legislative District Chair or the Chair’s designee shall serve as the Temporary Chair of the**  
26 **Caucus.**

27 **E. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall present the report of the Credentials Committee**  
28 **which shall include the following:**

29 **1. The total number of Delegates registered and seated at the time the report is given;**

30 **2. Presentation of challenges for decision by the Legislative District Caucus as a whole,**  
31 **starting with the lowest numbered precinct and proceeding in alpha-numerical order until all**  
32 **challenges are resolved. If the challenge is sustained, that individual shall be ineligible to vote or be**  
33 **elected as a State Delegate. No one may vote on the question of his or her own challenge.**

1           **3. The Credentials Committee may seat unchallenged voters who arrive after the initial**  
2           **Credentials Committee report.**

3           **F. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall present the report of the Rules Committee.**

4           **G. Any Delegate may be nominated by another Delegate for the position of Permanent Chair of the**  
5           **Caucus. A Delegate may nominate him or herself. Nominations, seconding speeches and speeches by**  
6           **the candidate on his or her own behalf shall not total more than two (2) minutes per nominee. A**  
7           **majority is required to elect. If no person has a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is**  
8           **dropped and balloting shall be repeated using the remaining names. This procedure shall be repeated**  
9           **until a candidate receives a majority. If there is only one nominee, the Permanent Chair shall be elected**  
10           **by a voice vote. (The Permanent Chair hereafter shall be referred to as Chair.)**

11           **H. The Chair shall appoint a Permanent Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Parliamentarian.**

12           **I. The Chair shall announce the allocation of State Convention Delegates and Alternates to the**  
13           **Legislative District Caucus. The allocation to the 46<sup>th</sup> legislative district for 2010 is \_\_ Delegates and \_\_**  
14           **Alternates. The 46<sup>th</sup> Legislative District will endeavor to elect \_\_/2 female Delegates, \_\_/2 male**  
15           **Delegates, \_\_/2 female Alternates and \_\_/2 male Alternates. If there are not enough candidates to meet**  
16           **these gender balance ratios, then the gender allocation may be adjusted at the discretion of the Chair.**

17           **J. The Election of State Convention Delegates and Alternates:**

18           **1. Each candidate for State Convention Delegate or Alternate must be a resident registered**  
19           **voter in the Legislative District. Each candidate for State Convention Delegate or Alternate shall**  
20           **be nominated individually. No second is required. A candidate who is not present must signify in**  
21           **advance, in writing individually, that he/she will serve if elected and that he/she is a Democrat and**  
22           **is willing to be known as such. The letter of any absent candidate shall be read by the Chair and**  
23           **shall constitute a nomination, no second required. All other nominations shall be made by signing**  
24           **the nomination list at the registration table. Each candidate shall have up to one minute (including**  
25           **time spent by the Chair reading an absent candidate's nomination letter) for speech on his/her**  
26           **behalf.**

27           **2. Voting shall be by signed ballot, and a ballot to be counted must have all positions filled**  
28           **with no duplications. The Chair shall give clear notice to the LD Delegates that they must vote for**  
29           **the allotted number of candidates, give adequate time to do so, and ask Delegates to check their**  
30           **ballots before turning them in. A majority of those present and voting shall be required in order to**  
31           **elect State Convention Delegates. The Chair shall provide the ballots. After the votes are collected**  
32           **and tallied, the person receiving the most votes and the required majority of the votes shall be**  
33           **declared elected, the person receiving the next most votes and a majority of the votes shall be**  
34           **declared elected, and so forth until all allotted State Delegate positions are filled or until candidates**  
35           **are no longer receiving a majority of the vote. If candidates are no longer receiving a majority of**  
36           **the vote and State Delegate slots are still available, then a second vote must be taken to fill the**  
37           **remaining slots. Election as a State Delegate in the second vote will be contingent on the same**  
38           **factors as the first vote. This process shall continue until all State Delegate slots are filled. In case**  
39           **of a tie vote, the assignment of a State Delegate position shall be by lot.**

40           **3. State Convention Alternates shall be identified from the same set of ballots used for the**  
41           **election of State Delegates. For each gender, the candidate for State Delegate receiving the most**  
42           **votes after all State Delegate slots are filled shall become Alternate number one, and the Alternate**  
43           **receiving the next most votes shall be Alternate number two, and so forth. In case of a tie vote, the**  
44           **ranking of State Alternates shall be by lot. The Legislative District delegation shall be equally**

1 divided between women and men in both the Delegate and Alternate categories unless there is an  
2 insufficient number of nominees from one gender to fill available positions.

3 **K. The Chair shall appoint a representative Tally Committee of Alternates or non-Delegates. All**  
4 **ballots shall be returned to the State Democratic Headquarters and shall be retained by the State Chair**  
5 **until the State Convention has adjourned.**

6 **L. At the time of the election, each elected State Convention Delegate shall be requested to pay the \$50**  
7 **State Convention registration fee to the Secretary, who shall send fees and a list of State Delegates and**  
8 **Alternates with addresses and phone numbers to the State Chair within five (5) days. No person shall**  
9 **be excluded or disqualified from any part of the process for failure to pay such fee.**

10 **M. At the discretion of the Chair, consideration of platform and resolutions may commence at any**  
11 **time without amendment of the agenda or suspension of the rules.**

12 **N. A motion to table shall be out of order at all times.**

13 **O. Debate shall alternate pro and con, limited to two speakers for and two speakers against any**  
14 **motion, each speaker to speak no more than one minute.**

15 **P. A quorum shall consist of 30 percent of the number of LD Delegates as shown on the Credentials**  
16 **report, as most recently amended. The existence of a quorum may not be challenged before adoption of**  
17 **the platform.**

18 **Q. All LD Delegates shall be permitted to vote on platform and resolutions. If the platform is not**  
19 **completed during the time allotted for the Caucus, then in addition to the LD Delegates, elected or**  
20 **appointed Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) and Members in good standing of the 46th District**  
21 **Democrats shall be permitted to vote on platform and resolutions.**

22 **R. Consideration of platform shall be as follows:**

23 **1. Each section of the Platform as proposed by the Platform & Resolutions Committee shall be**  
24 **considered as the equivalent of a motion to adopt (needing no second). The chair shall invite**  
25 **Delegates who disagree with the substance of a bulleted item (plank) within a section to flag the**  
26 **item (plank) for debate and removal as not representing the sentiment of the majority at this time.**  
27 **Removal of a plank will be by simple majority of those voting.**

28 **2. The Platform is designed to be short and readable. It is not comprehensive, but is an**  
29 **expression of 46th District Democratic values. Comments are/were requested online for four weeks**  
30 **prior to the committee deadline Feb. 21st; therefore no Platform amendments are allowed (other**  
31 **than deletions of a plank). However, the Platform Committee invites technical corrections of**  
32 **grammar and fact to be submitted to them in writing prior to final adoption, without being subject**  
33 **to a vote. All decisions of the Committee Chair on technical corrections will be final.**

34 **3. For all motions, the Chair will recognize two speakers pro and con, with each speaker to**  
35 **speak no more than one minute.**

36 **4. Sections of the platform passed shall constitute the platform as passed.**

37 **5. Any sections of the platform that meet the criteria for consideration at the caucus that are**  
38 **not considered prior to adjournment shall be considered at the next regular meeting of the 46th**  
39 **District Democrats.**

40 **S. Consideration of resolutions shall be as follows:**

1           **1. Up to 10 resolutions submitted before February 14th and proposed by the Platform**  
2 **Committee shall be considered in priority order, with their recommendation serving as a motion to**  
3 **adopt. Signed amendments shall be submitted to the Platform committee table in writing prior to**  
4 **debate. Technical corrections may be accepted by the Platform chair without debate. Resolutions**  
5 **that are adopted at the caucus will be submitted to the King County Platform & Resolutions**  
6 **Committee and to the Washington State Platform & Resolutions Committee for their**  
7 **consideration.**

8           **2. Additional qualifying resolutions will be submitted for newsletter publication and**  
9 **consideration at the next General Meeting. The required Washington State Democratic Central**  
10 **Committee format can be found on the following web page:**  
11 **<http://46dems.com/wsdcc/rulesforresolutions.pdf> All resolutions shall be limited to one page and**  
12 **must contain contact information for their author. Duplicate submissions shall be merged.**

13           **3. Any resolutions that meet the criteria for consideration at the caucus but are not considered**  
14 **prior to adjournment or recess, may be considered at a future regular meeting of the 46th District**  
15 **Democrats.**

16 **T. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.**

17 **U. In order to elect a diverse delegation to the State Convention, per the Affirmative Action Goals**  
18 **identified in the 2010 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan, particular efforts shall be made to**  
19 **encourage LD Caucus participation by women, African Americans, Hispanic/Latinos, Native**  
20 **Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and persons with disabilities. The LD Caucus also encourages**  
21 **participation by youth, persons over 65 years of age, LGBT individuals, Labor, persons with a high**  
22 **school education or less, and persons of economic disadvantage.**

23 **V. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested by February**  
24 **21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.**

25 **W. A motion to adjourn shall be out of order prior to the adoption of the platform or 5:00 p.m.,**  
26 **whichever occurs first.**

27 **X. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail in all matters not specifically covered**  
28 **herein.**