

RHODE ISLAND DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

FOR THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Section I Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Rhode Island has a total of 30 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 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of State, the state election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. *(Call II.A)*
3. Following the state Party Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the state Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The state Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the state Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. *(Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)*
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the state Party must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. *(Reg. 2.9)*

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Rhode Island will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of State’s delegate selection process will occur, with a Presidential Primary held on April 2nd 2024.

C. Voter Participation

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1. Participation in the Rhode Island delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. *(Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)*

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A person must register to vote 30 days before the primary election, March 2nd,

(1) The State of Rhode Island has registration by party;

-If you are affiliated with a specific political party, you may only vote in that party's primary.

- If you vote by mail ballot and want to return to an unaffiliated status, you may do so by updating your record and changing your party. You can also complete a new paper voter registration form or contact your local board of canvassers. You will officially return to your unaffiliated status in 30 days.

- If you vote at the polls and want to return to an unaffiliated status, you may request a "disaffiliation form" from poll workers and fill it out before leaving the polling place. You will officially return to your unaffiliated status in 30 days.

(2) Unaffiliated, also known as independent, voters can vote in any party primary but, by casting a vote in a party primary, you automatically become affiliated with that party. (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.B)

(3) Declaration is done on voter registration forms & licenses and is recorded via the Secretary of State. (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.A)

- c. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the primary election will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. *(Reg. 4.3.C)*
- d. At no stage of State'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)*
 - *there are no costs associated with the delegation selection plan*
 - *the only costs associated with the plan are those who travel to the convention*
- e. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election. *(Rule 2.E)*
- f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process

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that is the first determining stage of the delegate selection process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. *(Rule 2.F)*

- g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)*
2. The Rhode Island Democratic Party is committed to advancing all efforts to enhance voter and election security. To that end, the Party and its members have submitted legislation and supported administrative rules that are designed to accomplish the following goals:
- a. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; *(Rule 2.H.1)*
 - *The voter file is updated monthly*
 - *The voter file has been purged of over 80,000 inactive voters*
 - b. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; *(Rule 2.H.2)*
 - *Secretary of State has made a strong commitment to ensuring voters are able to vote overseas*
 - c. Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems; *(Rule 2.H.3)*
 - *RI has recently gone through redistricting and won't be redistricted for another 10 years.*
 - d. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; *(Rule 2.H.4)*
 - e. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; *(Rule 2.H.5)*
 - f. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; *(Rule 2.H.6)*
 - g. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately, with votes verifiable by voters; *(Rule 2.H.7)*
 - *we work closely with our vision impaired and blind constituencies to test the system and find flaws*
 - h. Provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election administration and counter disinformation; *(Rule 2.H.8)*

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- *materials can be found on the SOS website in multiple languages*
 - i. Actively engaging with state and local officials to implement fair and honest election policies and practices; and (Rule 2.H.9)*
 - j. Support adequate funding for state and local election administration. (Rule 2.H.10)*
- 3. In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process, *(Rule 2.I and 2.I.1)*
 - a. Expand access to voting, including by Early Voting, no excuse absentee voting, drop boxes and voting by mail; *(Rule 2.I.1.a)*
 - *Early Voting begins 20 days prior to the election - some cities and towns may open on Saturdays as well which ends April 1st 2024.*
 - *Voters may request a mail ballot online*
 - b. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines; *(Rule 2.I.1.b)*
 - *multiple signs and times are posted on websites of each city and town, social media as well as physical signs are placed outside voting areas*
 - c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; *(Rule 2.I.1.c)*
 - d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; *(Rule 2.I.1.d)*
 - e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and *(Rule 2.I.1.e)*
 - f. Facilitate military and overseas voting. *(Rule 2. I.1.f)*
 - *All overseas voters will receive their ballots within 45 prior to the election*
- 4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters; *(Rule 2.I.2)*
 - a. *Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; (Rule 2.I.2.a)*
 - *RI is working on same day registration*
 - *People can register to vote via the DMV*
 - b. *Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.I.2.b)*
 - *Students are able to register when they get their driving licenses*

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- c. Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; and (Rule 2.I.2.c)
5. To ensure an open and inclusive process and resist attempts at voter suppression and disenfranchisement, the Rhode Island Democratic Party will continue to work with the Secretary of State and the Board of Elections to ensure that
 - a. Mechanisms with reasonable safeguards against error and fraud to vote absentee or vote early; (Rule 2.K.1)
RI will continue to use LBJ
 - b. Publicly reporting the total statewide and district level results for each candidate based on the first expression of preference by the participants at the first determining step, as determined in the State's Plan; (Rule 2.K.4)
 - c. Require that the allocation of all national delegates be locked in at the final expression of preference at the first determining step, as determined by the State's Plan, subject to recount; (Rule 2.K.5)
 - d. Ensure final expressions of preference as part of the presidential nominating process are securely preserved, in a method to be specified in the State's Plan, that ensures the availability of a prompt and accurate recount; (Rule 2.K.6)
 - e. Providing a standard and procedure by which a presidential candidate may request a recount that is paid for by the candidate and carried out in a timely manner; (Rule 2.K.7)
 - f. Creating mechanisms that allow voters who are unable to be a part of the process in person to participate. This can include, but is not limited to, those serving in the military, those with a disability or illness preventing participation, those who are not able to take time off from work or obtain child care, and other reasons; (Rule 2.K.8) and the last day to submit a request for a Mail Ballot application is March 12, 2024. The Mail in ballot applications will be available in the beginning of January.

6. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

The State Party is responsible for selecting, times and places for all official meetings and all events related to the state's delegate selection process will be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. All meetings will begin and end at reasonable hours and be held at handicapped accessible locations. The scheduling of meetings shall consider any religious observances that could significantly affect participation. (Rule 3.A & Reg 4)

Section II

Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the State presidential preference primary ballot, by the following:

Submitting a statement of intent to the Rhode Island Democratic Party and the Secretary of State no earlier than December 7, 2024 and no later than December 10, 2024 (Rule 1.A.7).

1. This statement of intent shall include the candidate's name, address, and a statement affirming their eligibility to fulfill the office of President of the United States. As designated by Rhode Island General Laws, Title 17, Section 17-12.1-4.

a. 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. 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 January 20, 2024 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)

b. 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, January 20, 2024, file an affidavit with the Secretary of State stating his or her name may not be placed on the ballot and the Secretary of State shall not place the candidate's name on the ballot.

c. In the State of Rhode Island there is no fee associated with candidates filing for office.

B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by **January 10, 2024**. (Rule 13.D.1)

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

Section III
Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. District-Level Delegates

1. Rhode Island is allocated 14 district-level delegates. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B*)
2. District-level delegates shall be elected by a:
 - a. Two-part primary (a presidential preference primary that includes the election of delegates). This will occur on April 2nd, 2024.
3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates.
 - a. State’s district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving (*Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A*)
 - (1) Equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections. This apportionment reflects the largest number of registered Democrats in the state and provides the best opportunity for broad participation
 - b. The number of men and the number of women in the state’s total number of district-level delegates will not vary by more than one. (*Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9*)
 - c. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table, assuming no gender non-binary delegates:

District	Males	Females	Total
#1	3	4	7
#2	4	3	7
Total	7	7	14

4. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

- a. A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. Candidates for district-level delegate must declare their party affiliation upon the statement of candidacy and only candidates that have a party affiliation of registered Democrat as of February 1st, 2024 are allowed to participate, consistent with Rhode Island General Laws, Title 17. Section 14.1. [(*Rule 13.H*)

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b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by March 11, 2024. A delegate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (*Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.22*)

c. From January 31, 2024 until 4 p.m. on February 1, 2024, 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 last week of January 2024. 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):

i. The voter signs as one's name as it appears on the voting list.

ii. 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.

iii. A statement that, if elected, one would comply with all party rules of the Rhode Island and national committees of the Democratic Party.

iv. 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 8.

v. 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)

vi. 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. In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws (R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-6).

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vii. Each district delegate candidate must submit nomination papers on or before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2024 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, February 9, 2024. (R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-7)

viii. 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 cast during the 2020 presidential nominating process. (Rule 14.C.)

ix. Candidates for delegate positions are required to file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the Rhode Island Democratic Party and the Rhode Island Secretary of State by 4 p.m. on February 1, 2024. (R.I.G.L. §17-12.1-3).

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

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than February 2nd, 4pm, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.D & Rule 13.F*)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by February 5th, a list of all such candidates they have approved. They may approve the number of delegates equal to or greater than the number of delegates allocated to the district. (*Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.23 & 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 State Democratic Chair not later than February 5th, 4pm
- d. National convention delegates 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 that level pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.23*)
- e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion

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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. (*Rule 6.I & Reg.4.10.C*)

6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

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

The State 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 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 half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. (*Rule 14.F*)

c. 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 at the State Committee Meeting on Sunday, June 9th, 2024. These delegates will be selected by a caucus of state committee members from that district, pledged to the candidate receiving the delegates.

(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 before 4 p.m. on May 1, 2024. (*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, 2024, 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 6, 2024, 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

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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 9, 2024. (Rule 14.C)

7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates

- a. To ensure the district-level binary-gendered delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the gender of the first binary delegate elected in each district will be designated. At the time of election of delegates in the district, the binary gender advantage will alternate as delegate positions are filled and the alternation shall continue across presidential preferences in order of vote-getting preference. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, but do count towards the total delegate allotment. (*Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10*)

8. The Secretary of State will certify results of the primary on April 17 .

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

B. Automatic Delegates

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials

- a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (*Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15*)
 - (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (*Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G*)
 - (3) All of State'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*)

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- b. An Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2024 National Convention. *(Call I.J)*
 - c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - (1) Not later than March 6, 2024, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in State. *(Rule 9.A)*
 - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. *(Call IV.B.1)*
 - (3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state's Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State's Delegate Selection Process. *(Call IV.C)*
 - 2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women and alternate men and alternate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. *(Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*
- C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates (PLEOs)**
- 1. Rhode Island is allotted 3 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. *(Call I.D, Call I.E & Appendix B)*
 - 2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. *(Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)*

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- 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 between May 6, 2024 and 4 p.m. on May 11th, 2024. Candidates should include a pledge of support for a singular presidential candidate, and that pledge of support may be changed prior to the filing deadline. (Rule 10.A.3, Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17) (*Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17*)
 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than May 11th, 2024, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.D*)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by May 14th, 2024, a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least as long as approval is given to at least one name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (*Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24*)
 - 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 State Democratic Chair not later than May 14th 2024, 4pm. (*Rule 13.D*)
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. (*Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C*)
 4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
 - a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (*Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F*)
 - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on June 9th, 2024 at a time and location that will be publicly announced, after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates. It will be a simple majority vote of the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee. (*Rule 10.A*)
 - c. These delegates will be selected by the Rhode Island

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Democratic State Committee (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. Members of the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee are elected in the following way:

- (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) Thirty-Two (32) at large members equally divided between men and women. Six (6) minority, two (2) LGBTQ+ 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 Town of Johnston; the Town of North Providence; the Town 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 (Rule 10.B.1 & Reg. 4.18.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. With the exception of at-large and appointed members of the State Party Committee, all members are elected using a process that mirrors the election of delegates for this convention. Specifically, they must all file candidate declarations, receive nomination papers, and collect signatures to qualify for the ballot.

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There are no fees for running on the ballot for any of these offices. (Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B)

(3) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on June 9, 2024 at a time and location that will be publicly announced. This selection occurs after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates. (Rule 10.B.3)

(4) All members of the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee have been elected and certified on February 10, 2023. (Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18.B)

(5) Membership of the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. Specifically, a majority of members of the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee are elected in the following way: 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. (Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C)

(6) The Rhode Island Democratic Party 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 ten (10) days after their election. (Call IV.A Reg 5.4A)

D. At Large Alternates and Delegates

1. The state of Rhode Island is allotted 4 at-large Delegates and 2 at-large Alternates. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.32*)
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 State Party 200 Metro Center, Warwick RI, 02886 Suite 200 by May 6th-May 11th 2024 at 4pm. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (*Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.21, Reg. 4.22, & Reg. 4.29*)
 - 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

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Democratic State Committee, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. *(Rule 19.A)*

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than May 11, 2024, 4pm, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.D)* [
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by June 9th, 4pm, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, [one (1) name remain(s) for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair no later than June 9th, 4:30pm
- d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to: *(Rule 11.C)*
 - (1) The state-wide primary vote.
- b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. *(Rule 14.E)*
- c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*

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- d. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. *(Rule 11.C)*
 - e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. *(Rule 19.B, Call 1.1 & Reg. 4.31)*
5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on June 9th 2024 at The Scottish Rite in Cranston, subject to change, which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected.
 - b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by: The Rhode Island State Democratic Committee whose membership is described in Section 3 subsection C. *(Rule 10.B, Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)*
 - c. Priority of Consideration
 - (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. *(Rule 6.A.3)*
 - (2) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. *(Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)*
 - (3) The election of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.. *(Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*
 - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. *(Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.19)*

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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 19.D.3*)
 - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (*Reg. 4.34*)
 - (3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. (*Rule 19.D.2*)
 - b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (*Rule 19.D.4*)
 - (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.

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- (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates. The delegation chooses the alternate. (*Rule 19.D.1*)
 - a. Certification of Replacements.
 - (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (*Rule 19.D.3*)
 - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State'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. 4.33*)
 - (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 a case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. (*Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6*)
 - e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (*Rule 19.E*)
2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (*Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.35*)
 - 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

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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 2024 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. *(Call, IV.D.2.b)*
- c. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. *(Call IX.F.3.e)*

Section IV Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

1. Rhode Island has been allocated **(1)** member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2024 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 2024 Democratic National Convention. *(Call VII.A.3)*
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. *(Rule 1.G)*

B. Selection of Temporary Committee Members

1. Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees, will be selected by the **Rhode Island Democratic State Committee** at a meeting on **June 9th, 2024**. The meeting shall be open to the public and well publicized in accordance with this Plan. Members of **Rhode Island Democratic State Committee** shall receive timely notice of the meeting, in accordance with State Party rules. *(Call VII.G.2)*
2. Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committee. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application which can be found on our website and should be mailed to The RI Democratic Party HQ: 200 Metro Center Blvd, Warwick, RI 02886 to **The Rhode Island Democratic State Committee** including the committee[s] for which they wish to be considered, no later than **May 11th, 2024**.
3. Temporary members serve only in the event that the respective standing committee is called to meet prior to completion of the state's delegate selection process and subsequent selection of permanent standing committee members. No temporary member may continue to serve after the selection of the permanent standing committee members unless they are elected as a permanent member. *(Call VII.G.3)*
4. Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred in a state shall reflect the Presidential preferences so established. *(Call VII.G.3)*
5. The State Chair shall certify the temporary standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. Substitutions in a state's list of temporary members may only be

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made up to ten (10) days prior to the time the standing committee meets. Substitute temporary standing committee members will be selected at a meeting of the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee in accordance with the provisions outlined above. *(Call VII.B.3 and Call VII.G.4)*

C. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting

- a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Rhode Island's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on **June 12th, 2024**. *(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 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. *(Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)*
- b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to 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)

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standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (*Call VII.C.4*)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (*Call VII.D.1*)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by **June 20th, 2024 at 4pm**, 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 a 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, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. (*Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10*)
 - b. The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as self-identified. For example, the first binary position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a male, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a female, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non-binaries but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary candidate from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.

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- (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
- (2) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee and among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)*
- (3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). *(Call VII.E.1)*
- (4) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

5. Certification and Substitution

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

Section V

Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

A. Introduction

Rhode Island will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and Convention Pages (3). *(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 24th, 2024. *(Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)*
- b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. *(Rule 3.C)*

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

C. Convention Pages

1. 3 individuals will be selected to serve as State's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place June 24th, 2024. *(Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)*
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. *(Reg. 5.7.A)*
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as State's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. *(Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)*

Section VI Presidential Electors

A. Introduction

Rhode Island will select 4 persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2024 Presidential election.

B. Selection of Presidential Electors

1. In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws, Title 17-12-13, the Presidential Electors will be voted on by State Convention to be held no later than October 14. The democratic nominees for senator and representatives in Congress and for the Rhode Island General Assembly shall be the delegates to the State Convention.
 - a) Those persons interested in serving as a Presidential Elector will submit a letter of intent to the Rhode Island Democratic Party by September 15, 2024 and recommendations to the convention will be submitted by the Democratic State Chair.
 - b.) The list of Presidential Electors shall be submitted to the Secretary of State.

C. Affirmation

1. Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. *(Call VIII)*
2. In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the State Party will take the following steps to ensure the persons selected are bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States:
 - The State Party will check their voter registration
 - The State Party will check their voting history to ensure they are Democrats in good standing.

Section VII General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

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

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- directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*
6. The Democratic Party in Rhode Island should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in a 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, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such a goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
- G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, *including being registered as a Democrat under the laws in the State of Rhode Island*. Who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. *(Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.25)*
- H. 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. *(Rule 16)*

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- I. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.A)*
- J. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.B)*
- K. All steps in the delegate selection process, except the filing of presidential candidates as allowed by rule 15.D, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs or as otherwise allowed. *(Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)*
- L. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention, the State Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in Rhode Island, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. *(Call II.B)*

Section VIII

Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program

A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

- 1. Purpose and Objectives
 - a. To make sure that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by 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,

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gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). *(Rule 4.B.1)*

- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, Rhode Island has established goals for these groups. *(Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)*
- e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the State Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*
 - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. *(Rule 6.A.1)*
 - (2) For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. *(Reg. 5.3.A)*
 - (3) For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. *(Reg. 5.3.B)*
 - (4) These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party’s imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. *(Rule 6.A.2)*

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2. Organizational Structure

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on *March 1, 2023*. The Chair may appoint a new committee or use a previously organized body appointed by the State Democratic Chair. *(Rule 6.F)*
- b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State’s Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information of the members no later than 15 days after their appointment. *(Reg. 2.2.J)*

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- c. The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (See attachments)
 - d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair. (*Rule 6.F*)
 - (2) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.
 - (3) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. (*Rule 6.G*)
 - (4) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (*Rule 6.E*)
 - e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making the State Party staff and volunteers available on a priority basis and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on *September 15, 2023*, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (*Rule 1.F*)

B. Representation Goals

1. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (*Rule 6.A*)
2. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate. The State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (*Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii*)

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3. Working in consultation with the DNC Data and Analytics team, we have determined the following goals (methodology for determining goals and data relied upon to substantiate goals is further described in Attachment 3.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	7%	16%	0%	3%	5%	15%	31%
Numeric Goals for Delegates	3	6	3	4	5	8	11

4. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be compared with the State Party’s representation goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. *(Rule 11.A)*
5. Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the State Party will conduct outreach and inclusion activities such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 6.A.3)*

C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2023. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate. *(Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process and will be available 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 ensuring that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.

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4. The State Party will publish, and make available at no cost, a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than *October 1st 2023 (Rule 1.H)*
5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. *(Rule 2.A)*
6. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters who wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. *(Rule 2.C)*
7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning *October 1st, 2023* that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for voter registration and deadlines for changing party affiliation, or who are unaware of the process for running for delegate, so that all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*

D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

1. The State Party shall direct special attention to publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process, and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party communications and on the State Party's website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. *(Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
2. The State Party shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan **(see Attachment 2.i)** for using all available and appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television, to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be posted/released throughout the state's delegate selection process to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)*

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3. A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
 - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all public meetings, shall be effectively publicized to encourage the participation of minority groups. Parties will make a good faith effort to publicize this information in an accessible manner and multilingually where necessary. *(Rule 6.D)*
4. Not later than May 3rd, 2023 the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
 - a. Materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
 - b. A summary explaining the role of the 2024 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
 - c. A summary of the State Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
 - d. A map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the State Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. *(Rule 6.H)*
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Rhode Island's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.1)*

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3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (*Rule 6.H.2*)
4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (*Rule 6.C., Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10*)

F. Outreach and Inclusion Program

1. The State Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs.
2. As such, the State Democratic Party has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.
3. The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities. All public meetings will be held in fully accessible facilities and the Party will create a process for individuals with hearing disabilities to request sign language interpretation for all meetings held during the delegate selection process.
4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the Rhode Island Democratic Party will hold several well-publicized educational workshops that will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2023. 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

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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. Additionally, the Rhode Island Democratic 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 targeted in the Party's Diversity and Inclusion Goals. Specifically, 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.

Section IX Challenges

A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3)*, and the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention." (*Call Appendix A*)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2024 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (*Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A*)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention. (*Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1*)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2024 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 2024 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 2024 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and

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

6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (*Appendix A*), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (*Appendix A, Sec. 2.A*), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that State shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (*Rule 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A*)
2. A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the State Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within 15 calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (*Reg. 3.4.B*)
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the RBC Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. Challenges to Implementation

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

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- made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above 21-day period. (*Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H*)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (*Rule 6.B*) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (*Reg. 3.4.C*)
 4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

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Section X 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 2024 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Rhode Island’s delegate selection process will occur on **April 2nd 2024**, with a Primary

Selection of 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	14	n/a	April 2, 2024	Selecting Body: <i>all registered Democrats in Rhode Island</i>
				<i>January 31st and February 1st, 2024 filing period; February 6th, 2024 deadline for nomination papers with 150 signatures to be submitted to local boards of canvassers; March 6, 2020 Presidential right of approval deadline. Feb 2, 2024 RI State Committee to select additional delegates to select if a presidential candidate has qualified but has not slated a sufficient number, shall be held June 9, 2024.</i>
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	9	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	3	**	June 9, 2024	Selecting Body: <i>Rhode Island Democratic State Committee</i>
				<i>Filing Deadline, May 11, 2024 Presidential Approval Deadline, May 14, 2024</i>
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	4	2	June 9, 2024	Selecting Body: <i>Rhode Island Democratic State Committee</i>
				<i>Filing Deadline, May 11, 2024 Presidential Approval Deadline, June 1, 2024 at 2:30pm</i>
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	30	2		

* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2024 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

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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 11, 2024</i>	<i>Rhode Island Democratic Committee</i>
1	3	<i>June 24, 2024</i>	<i>National Convention Delegation</i>

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on **June 24, 2024**.

3 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on **June 24, 2024**.

D. Selection of Presidential Electors

4 Presidential Electors will be selected by The Rhode Island State Convention to be comprised of The Democratic Candidates for Congress and the General Assembly on a date to be determined.

E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

- Presidential Candidates to File Statement of Intent and pick up nomination papers Thursday, December 28, 2023 - Saturday December 30, 2023
- File Statement of Intent seeking endorsement of a political party as its presidential candidate. Nomination papers for eligible presidential candidates can be picked up the same day. Persons other than candidates picking up nomination papers must have written authorization from the candidate.
- 148 West River St. Providence, RI 02904

December 30, 2023 (Rule 15.D)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by January 10, 2024.

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F. Timetable

Date	Activity
2023	
March 1	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 29	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
Apr 3, 2023	The Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by the State Party Executive Committee.
Apr 4, 2023	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are distributed announcing the public comment period.
May 2	The RI Executive Committee voted to approve the 2024 Delegate Selection Plan.
May 3	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are distributed before announcing the approval of the Plan.
May 3, 2023	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 13	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media.
November 2nd and 3rd	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 no later than 30 days after their announcement.)
December 28th-30th	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters. Delegate 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 <i>[e.g., www.democrats.org]</i> .
2024	
January 11	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
January 24	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State and a copy to the State Party.
February 6	District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Party.
February 9	The State Party provides a list of district-level delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
February 1	A voter who wishes to be a delegate to their party's National Convention must file a Declaration of Candidacy Form with the Secretary of State, Elections Division
February 1	Once a person files their Declaration they may pick up their signature papers
February 6	All Signature papers must be returned to their local board of canvassers to each city or town they have collected signatures in.
February 13	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved district-level delegates and alternate candidates to the State Party.

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March 11	In-person voting begins for the Presidential preference primary.
March 12	First date on which vote-by-mail ballots are mailed to voters.
April 2	Presidential preference primary.
April 4	Secretary of State certifies results of primary; pre-slated district-level delegates and alternates are allocated according to presidential preference.
April 23	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 the State Party.
May 12	State Party provides a list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 14	Presidential candidates provide an approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to the State Party.
June 9,	State Convention convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates provide an approved list of at-large delegates and alternate candidates to the State Party. State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to the State Party.
June 14	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
June 20	Deadline for Presidential Approval of standing committee candidates.
June 21	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Automatic Delegates.
June 24	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
June 27	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
October TBD	State Party Convention meets and elects the Presidential Electors.

Attachments

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

1. A copy of the terms for providing a base voter file to presidential candidates qualified under Call Article VI.

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The Rhode Island Democratic Party has put forth these names to be on the Affirmative Action Committee. The group of people selected are representatives of the many ethnicities and backgrounds of the constituents of Rhode Island.

Name	Title	Age	Community
Rev. Donnie Anderson	Reverend	75	LGBTQ+ and Faith Community
Rep. Marvin Abney	Representative District 73	73	African American
Rep. Karen Alzate	Representative District 60	35	Latina
Anthony DeRose	President of the LGBTQ+ caucus	43	LGBTQ+
Marti Rosenberg		59	LGBTQ+
Elizabeth Beretta-Perik	RIDP Party Chair	60	Committee Woman
Patrick Crowley	Secretary – Treasurer RI AFL-CIO Government Relations for NEARI	50	Union Organizer
Senator. Victoria Gu	State Senator District 38	29	Asian-American

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Xaykham Khamsvoravong	Mayor of Newport	38	Asian-American
Miranda Oakley	Disabled (Legally blind)	34	Disabled persons

Attachment 1

SUMMARY OF PROCESS FOR DELEGATE SELECTION & DEADLINES

April 3, 2023 for public review

May 3, 2023 submission to the DNC

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.

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The timeline is as follows:

Timeline:

- April 3, 2023 Plan posted online for 30-day public comment period
- May 3, 2023 30-day public comment period ends
- April 4, 2023 Affirmative Action Committee of the RIDP reviews/approves Plan
- December 28th-30th for the, 2024 filing period

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October TBD	State Party Convention meets and elects the Presidential Electors.

May 3, 2023

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 2024 Delegate Selection Plan for the Rhode Island Democratic Party has been reviewed and approved at a recent meeting of the Rhode Island Democratic State Executive Committee.

Attached you will find reference 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.

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Sincerely,

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RI DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Approves the STATE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN 2024 DNC; Formal Review by National Democratic Rules & Bylaws Committee to be done in May 2023.

WARWICK, R.I. – In compliance with the national Democratic Party guidelines for each of the fifty states and to make the 2024 Democratic National Convention as inclusive and representative as possible, the Rhode Island Democratic Party submitted its Rhode Island Delegate Selection Plan.

The Plan for the Convention, which is slated to be held in 2024, includes specific steps for identifying its Thirty (30) delegates and two (2) alternates, and requires review and input by the state party's Affirmative Action 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, 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.

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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 2024 are no earlier than January 6, 2024 and no later than January 10, 2024)

Within the Plan are details about the process and timeline for District-Level Delegates. The Plan is available online for review and will be posted for the 30-day public comment period on the Rhode Island Democratic website.

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Google Form
For public comment

First Name

Last Name

Email

Phone

CD1

CD2

Comment

May 3, 2023

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

I am writing to inform you that the Affirmative Action Committee of the Rhode Island State Democratic Party has met, reviewed, and approved The Rhode Island's Affirmative Action and Inclusion Plans, which complies with the rules and bylaws of the DNC. This was submitted within 15 days of appointment.

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 2024.

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

Joseph M. McNamara

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Chairman of the Democratic Party

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.

Name	Title	A g e	Community	Phone	Email	Address
Rev. Donnie Anderson	Reverend	7 5	LGBTQ+ and Faith Community	401-578- 0388	revdrdonnie@g mail.com	121 Wyndham Ave Providence, RI 02908
Rep. Marvin Abney	Representati ve District 73	7 3	African American	(401) 846- 5341	marvinla@aol.c om	12 Summer St Newport RI,

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Rep. Karen Alzate	Representative District 60	35	Latina	401-663-5600	karenforstatehoused60@gmail.com	984 York Ave Pawtucket RI, 02861
Anthony DeRose	President of the LGBTQ+ caucus	43	LGBTQ+	508-415-7959	afderose79@gmail.com	14 Walker Ave Lincoln RI, 02865
Marti Rosenberg		59	LGBTQ+	401-580-4741	martirosenberg@gmail.com	31 Talbot Mnr Cranston RI, 02905
Elizabeth Beretta-Perik	National Committee woman	60	Committee Woman	401-391-9840	lizperik@msn.com	10 High St, Jamestown RI, 02835
Patrick Crowley	Secretary – Treasurer RI AFL-CIO Government Relations for NEARI	50	Labor / Union Organizer	(617) 834-0253	patrick@riaflcio.com	12 Wagon Wheel Ln, Lincoln RI, 02865
Senator. Victoria Gu	State Senator District 38	29	Asian-American	401-374-1842	victoria4ri@gmail.com	2 Arnold St, Charlestown RI 02813
Mayor Xaykham Khamsyvoravong	Mayor of Newport	38	Asian-American	401-935-0588	xayfornewport@gmail.com	16 Walnut St, Newport RI 02840
Miranda Oakley	Disabled (Legally Blind)	34	Disabled Persons	401-644-4645	mirandaleeoakley@gmail.com	250 Balsam Rd, Wakefield RI, 02879

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us, thank you.

Sincerely,

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Representative Joseph M. McNamara
Chairman of the Rhode Island Democratic Party

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR THE **DISTRICT LEVEL DELEGATE** TO THE
2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

I hereby declare my candidacy for election to the position of **District Level Delegate** to the
2024 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 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 2024 Democratic National Convention, adopted and published by the Rhode Island State Democratic Committee and the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules adopted and published by the Democratic National Committee.

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Signature of Candidate: _____

Name of the Candidate: _____

Address of Candidate: _____

Witness: _____

Name Address

Witness: _____

Name Address

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED
OFFICIAL (PLEO) POSITION TO THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL CONVENTION

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

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 2024 Democratic National Convention, adopted and published by the Rhode Island State Democratic Committee and the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules adopted and published by the Democratic National Committee.

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Signature of PLEO Delegate Candidate: _____

Name of PLEO Delegate Candidate: _____

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR **AT-LARGE DELEGATE** POSITION TO THE
2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

I hereby declare my candidacy for election to the position of **Pledged Party and Elected Official Position** to the 2024 Democratic National Convention

_____ 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 2024 Democratic National Convention, adopted and published by the Rhode Island State Democratic Committee

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and the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules adopted and published by the Democratic National Committee.

Signature of PLEO Delegate Candidate: _____

Name of PLEO Delegate Candidate: _____

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://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE17/17-12.1/INDEX.HTM>) Title 17 Elections/Index of Chapters

- CHAPTER 17-1 General Provisions
- CHAPTER 17-2 General State Officers
- CHAPTER 17-3 General Assembly Members
- CHAPTER 17-4 Federal Elective Officers
- CHAPTER 17-4.1 Special Presidential Voters
- CHAPTER 17-4.2 Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote
- CHAPTER 17-6 Secretary of State
- CHAPTER 17-7 State Board of Elections
- CHAPTER 17-8 Local Canvassing Authorities
- CHAPTER 17-9 Registration Of Voters
- CHAPTER 17-9.1 Registration of Voters
- CHAPTER 17-11 Voting Districts and Officials
- CHAPTER 17-12 Party Committees and Conventions
- CHAPTER 17-12.1 Primaries for Election of Delegates to National Conventions and for Presidential Preference
- CHAPTER 17-13 Primary Voting Lists

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- CHAPTER 17-14 Nomination of Party and Independent Candidates
- CHAPTER 17-15 Primary Elections
- CHAPTER 17-16 Filing Of Nominations
- CHAPTER 17-17 Certification And Withdrawal Of Nominees
- CHAPTER 17-18 Elective Meetings
- CHAPTER 17-19 Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies
- CHAPTER 17-20 Mail Ballots
- CHAPTER 17-21.1 Registration and Voting in Federal Elections by Citizens Residing Outside the United States
- CHAPTER 17-22 Tabulation and Certification of Returns by State Board
- CHAPTER 17-23 Election Offenses
- CHAPTER 17-24 Compelling Performance of Election Duties
- CHAPTER 17-25.3 Independent Expenditures and Electioneering Communications
- CHAPTER 17-26 Penalties
- CHAPTER 17-27 Reporting of Political Contributions by State Vendors
- CHAPTER 17-29 Voter Choice Act

The following publications will receive the press release.

Media Outlets to be Contacted for Delegate Selection Process
Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations & Podcasts

Daily Newspapers;

Kent County Daily Times
The Call
The Newport Daily News
The Pawtucket Times
The Providence Journal
The Westerly Sun
Warwick Daily Times
UpRiseRI (online)
GoLocalProv (online)

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.
RI Public Radio

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

3 Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups LGBTQ+

Bay Windows
Get RI Magazine
In Newsweekly
Edge
Option Magazine

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

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WDOM 91.3

WXIN 90.7

Ray-ality TV

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

Podcasts:

The Social Experiment

Bartholomewtown

Behind the Candidates

Social Media:

-Instagram

-Facebook

- X (formerly Twitter)

- State Party Website

Rhode Island Democratic Party
VAN Access Policy
November 8 2021

Definitions

1. RIDP: The Rhode Island Democratic Party, including, but not limited to, all officers, staff, interns, volunteers, and other authorized representatives designated by the party.
2. DNC: The Democratic National Committee, including, but not limited to, all officers, staff, interns, volunteers, and other authorized representatives.
3. The Campaign: The campaign involved in this agreement, including, not limited to, its candidate, staff, interns, volunteers, and other authorized users and representatives designated by the campaign.
4. VoteBuilder and VAN: Synonymous names used to describe the online voter data management software designed, developed, and supported by NGP VAN.
5. Data: All the data obtained through RIDP, VoteBuilder, or the use of VoteBuilder, including data input into VoteBuilder by The Campaign.

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6. Public data: includes the data from the Secretary of State and any enhancements made by the DNC and RIDP, cell phone matches from the Party, DNC and Target Smart Models and other VAN-wide resources. Public data also includes updated home address and phone contact information collected by campaigns using VAN.
7. Proprietary Data: includes survey information, ids, and all other information collected by the campaign using VAN and/or entered into VAN by the campaign, with the exception of updated home address and phone contact information, which are Public Data.
8. The “Term” of this Agreement shall run from the date signed by the last party until terminated in accordance with this Agreement.

Policy

1. Every registered Democrat seeking election in RI shall have access to the voter action network conditional on and subject to the Terms of this Agreement.
2. Access for incumbents, challengers and primary candidates is predicated on the following requirements. Once such conditions are met, The Campaign will be granted VAN access & privileges outlined in this agreement within 14 days.
 - The signing of the RIDP’s VAN contract
 - Contribution for the file at the following rates:
 - \$5000 - Candidates for statewide office and US Congress
 - \$1700 - Candidates for the RI Senate
 - \$1500 - Candidates for the RI House
 - \$500 - Municipal candidates; files containing less than or equal to 10,000 voters. For every voter in excess of 10,000 there is an additional charge of \$.02/voter.

If RIDP fails to provide VAN access & privileges to the Campaign, Campaign is entitled to a full refund of payment. This does not apply to cases where this agreement is terminated pursuant to Term 15.

3. City and Town Committees will have access under the same terms and conditions as campaigns, with the exception of the contribution which is waived for city/town committees. Access limited to city/town offices only.
4. Contribution requirements are waived for incumbent State House and State Senate members. Files will be transferred electronically. Files **will not** be transferred via printed paper.
5. Candidates will have access to their VAN and will be solely responsible for manipulating it to achieve strategic campaign goals like canvassing, phoning, and mailing. RIDP will provide training, technical assistance and support.
6. The RIDP Data Director will have access to all backend data for maintenance purposes. For the duration of this agreement between RIDP and The Campaign,

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The Campaign's Proprietary Data will not be used or shared by RIDP unless given permission by The Campaign. Campaign can access their Proprietary Data in future cycles. RIDP may use the Proprietary Data during the Term of this Agreement solely as necessary to administer VAN and for no other reason. Only RIDP employees with a need to access Proprietary Data in order to administer VAN shall be granted access during the Term. No interns, volunteers, agents or other representatives of RIDP, other than employees with a need for access, shall be allowed to access the Proprietary Data during the Term.

7. While common items like phone numbers are updated for the entire file from all campaigns, Proprietary Data appended by the Campaign including without limitation proprietary **codes including id's appended to the file by the Campaign will not be transferred, provided or licensed by RIDP to any person or entity other than the Campaign unless permission is granted by The Campaign pursuant to Term 5.**

8. Public data will be available to all candidates who sign a VAN agreement with the RIDP. To the extent possible voter lists will be enhanced to include telephone numbers, national change of address data, voter history.

Terms

1. I agree that the use of the VoteBuilder system is provided by the Rhode Island Democratic Party solely for political purposes and will not be used or shared with commercial interests or purposes.
2. Public Data shall mean the following data contained in the RIDP voter file- that may be collected in one file from each campaign: voter name, address, town, city and or county, congressional district, legislative or other state or local government district jurisdiction ward and or precinct, date of birth, date of registration and party registration, contact information (excluding emails), and other appended data by the campaign that does not constitute RIDP or Campaign proprietary data.
3. I agree to comply with rules and policies set forth in this document by the RIDP.
4. I understand that during and after the Term of this Agreement, Campaign shall remain the sole and exclusive owner of all data that is not "Public Data" (including without limitation all Proprietary Data). Upon conclusion of the Term: (i) Campaign automatically grants to RIDP a non-exclusive, sublicensable, irrevocable and perpetual license to use the Proprietary Data; and (ii) RIDP automatically grants to the Campaign a non-exclusive, sublicensable, irrevocable and perpetual license to the base profile for any voter whose profile contains appended Proprietary Data. The base profile shall include the voter name, address, town, city and/or county, congressional district, legislative or

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other state or local government district or jurisdiction, ward and/or precinct and, to the extent directly provided by or available from state and/or local government officials or agencies as part of a registered voter's record as maintained by such official or agency, party registration, secretary of state voter ID number, and/or voter's history of voting in previous elections.

5. In the event that another campaign, committee or organization wishes to have access to Campaign's Proprietary Data or RIDP wishes to make it available to a data vendor or any other third party, express written permission (email to suffice) for such access or exchange will first be obtained from the Campaign. Absent express permission from the Campaign, RIDP may not provide, disclose, or otherwise make available any of Campaign's Proprietary Data to any third party, including but not limited to any other campaign or user of VAN during the Term. In the event of any authorized access, use or disclosure of any Proprietary Data, RIDP shall promptly notify the Campaign and may only speak to the press regarding the topic after consultation with the Campaign. Campaigns who wish to share Proprietary Data between each other within a cycle are permitted to do so. Votebuilder software limitations require that direct sharing of Survey Questions or Activist Codes across VAN Committees (Campaigns) be set up by the RIDP.

6. By entering into this agreement, I agree to make reasonable efforts to update all information that is received about voters on lists produced by data provided by the state party. This information shall include all modifications to phone numbers and addresses, deceased voters, survey responses and inability to make at the door contact with voters.

7. I understand that that this Agreement shall terminate: (1) If the candidate does not win their primary election, 30 days following the primary; (2) If the candidate does not win the general election, 60 days after the election, provided that if the results of the 2022 general election for the office for which the Campaign is running in Rhode Island are undecided, including if the election is recounted or contested, this agreement shall not expire until the final completion and certification of results; (3) If the candidate wins the general election, December 31st of either the year before the next election for that same office or the year the candidate leaves office, whichever is sooner, until such time as a renewal contract is signed and any associated contribution received by the Party. Nothing in this Term 7 shall be read to terminate Campaign's access to its Proprietary Data or to abridge the data licensing in Term 4 between RIDP and Campaign.

8. Renewals will be offered cycle to cycle—beginning no later than 30 days following the General Election date—with the provision that the fee be paid, and the contract signed.

9. Candidates will only be provided access to the voters in the specific district they are seeking to represent.

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10. I certify that I am authorized to enter the campaign or organization that appears below into a legal contract, and I understand that I do so by submitting this form

11. The Campaign may only use VoteBuilder and Data during the duration of the agreement to campaign for its Democratic candidate. Other uses are prohibited, even when not specifically listed among (examples of) prohibited uses.

a. The Campaign is responsible for the activity of all its users.

b. The Campaign shall designate one person as its VoteBuilder committee administrator to serve as the primary liaison between The Campaign and RIDP. The administrator is responsible for creating and managing The Campaign's user accounts and exports. The campaign may switch out who serves as the Administrator upon notice to the RIDP.

c. The Campaign may only provide access to VoteBuilder and Data to its own staff and volunteers. The Campaign may not provide access to VoteBuilder or Data to any other campaign, committee, or other third party, except when given written permission by RIDP.

d. The Campaign may request and may be granted written permission from RIDP to make voter data lists or Votebuilder access available to campaign-related vendors for services to The Campaign that are consistent with the Data's authorized use. Such request is not required for non-spreadsheet formatted data exports (e.g. Labels for mailing lists). The Campaign must require such vendors to sign a nondisclosure agreement that's consistent with the terms of this agreement and includes:

i. An acknowledgement by the vendor to be bound by this agreement

ii. An agreement by the vendor to limit its use of the Data to only the specific service it was contracted by The Campaign to provide

iii. An agreement by the vendor to destroy the Data upon completion

of its services

e. The Campaign may freely produce and distribute voter data lists to its own staff and volunteers for campaign-related activities that are consistent with the Data's authorized use. The Campaign may produce these lists using Public Data and The Campaign's Proprietary Data and may freely make these lists available to its own staff and volunteers using VAN's software for mail, walk, and phone lists (including MiniVAN, OpenVPB, Print, and Labels). This does not include spreadsheet-formatted Data exports, which are subject to RIDP approval as determined by whether the Data usage is consistent with The Campaign's obligations in this agreement. When such lists are no longer needed, they must be destroyed.

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f. The Campaign shall create or update records with accurate information obtained during campaign activities that involve the use of VoteBuilder or Data. The Campaign shall not enter incorrect or inaccurate data, such as: incorrectly marking addresses as invalid, incorrectly marking people as deceased, or selecting inaccurate canvass or survey results or responses.

g. Access to VoteBuilder and Data may not be donated, traded, loaned, or sold by The Campaign.

12. Upon any one of the circumstances listed under this Term, RIDP shall export to the Campaign, in a form reasonably acceptable to the Campaign, all Campaign Proprietary Data and the associated Public Data (limited only to base profile data as defined in Term 4). This data may either be provided by the party in full, or, if requested by Campaign or at the discretion of RIDP, the Campaign will be given a 48-hour period of temporary access in which the Campaign will be given access to their VAN committee, including Export permissions enabling the Campaign to export their Proprietary Data and the associated Public Data (limited only to base profile data as defined in Term 4). Requests for exit exports must be granted by RIDP according to one of the procedures outlined above within 7 days of the request. Requests for exit Exports beyond 60 days following DNC VAN termination cannot be granted. Nothing in this Term 12 shall be read to terminate Campaign's access to its Proprietary Data or to abridge the data licensing in Term 4 between RIDP and Campaign. This Campaign Proprietary Data Export can be initiated by the Campaign upon any of the following circumstances:

a. Upon this agreement ending or being terminated and a request being submitted in writing by the Campaign to RIDP within 60 days

b. At any time during the term of this agreement, no more than once per year, with a request being submitted in writing by the Campaign to RIDP

13. The Campaign's Votebuilder Committee Administrator's User Permissions in Votebuilder will include (but are not limited to) the following Votebuilder features. RIDP reserves the right to suspend any User Permissions as part of remediation if RIDP believes the Campaign is violating the terms of this Agreement, provided that the RIDP must give contemporaneous notice to the Administrator and work with the Administrator to remedy any issue.

a. Adding Users and changing User Permissions within their own VAN Committee. The Administrator may only grant permissions lower than their own.

b. Bulk uploading data within their own VAN Committee using Votebuilder's bulk upload interface. Due to bulk uploads' potential for misuse and/or impact on other Campaigns, bulk uploads will be monitored by RIDP.

c. Creating and managing Activist Codes and Survey Questions within

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their own VAN Committee.

14. Access to VoteBuilder or Data does not constitute endorsement by RIDP.

15. RIDP may terminate or suspend this agreement only in the event The Campaign materially breaches their obligations outlined in this agreement. Prior to termination or suspension by RIDP, RIDP shall notify The Campaign of any suspected or known violations of this agreement identifying the precise issue and work in good faith with Campaign to resolve the issue. RIDP will not offer any refund if the agreement is terminated because The Campaign violated the agreement.

The Campaign may terminate this agreement by providing written notice of termination to RIDP. RIDP may not provide a full or partial refund. NGP VAN monitors usage and may suspend or deactivate any user account, at any time, without notice, for activities detrimental to its software or hardware.

16. This agreement is the entire agreement between The Campaign and RIDP relating to access to and use of VoteBuilder and Data, and replaces any prior negotiations, representations, or agreements between the parties. Both the Campaign and RIDP acknowledge that they have not relied on any promise, representation, or warranty not contained in this agreement.

The undersigned certify that they are authorized to enter The Campaign and RIDP, respectively, into a legal contract and understand that they do so by submitting this form.

The Campaign

Name
Signature
Phone
Campaign
Email
Date

RIDP

Name
Signature
Date

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State	AfAm	Hispanic	AAPI	Native American	Disabled	LGBT	Youth
RI	7%	16%	3%	0%	15%	5%	31%

The party will be holding open meetings for recruitment for Delegates in the following cities and towns;

Cranston, Cumberland, Central Falls and Tiverton each will be held on a Tuesday or Thursday night at 6pm in a library that is handicap accessible.