

MISSOURI DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN FOR THE
2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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2024 DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN
*INCLUDING THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN
AND OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PROGRAM*

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Section I: Introduction & Description of the Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. **Number of Delegates.** Missouri has a total of **seventy (70) total delegates** and **five (5) alternates**. (Call I & Appendix B.)
2. **Governing Documents.** The delegate selection process is governed by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States (“Bylaws”), 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 Bylaws of the Missouri Democratic Party (“MDP Bylaws”), the Constitution of the Missouri Democratic Party (“MDP Const.”), Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and this Delegate Selection Plan (the “Plan”). (Call II.A.)
3. **Public Comment Period.** A draft of this Plan was available for public comment for a period of thirty (30) days beginning on **August 27, 2023**, and ending on **September 26, 2023**. (Rule I.C; Reg. 2.2.F)
4. **Revisions.** Following the State Party Committee’s adoption of this Plan, the Missouri Democratic Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Chair of the Missouri Democratic Party 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 the Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Chair and the Plan resubmitted to

the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Regs. 2.5, 2.6, 2.7.)

5. **Amendments.** Once this Plan has been found in compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the Missouri Democratic Party must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9.)

B. Description of the Delegate Selection Process

1. **Type of System.** Missouri will use a proportional representation system based on the results of a party-run presidential preference primary election (the “primary election”) for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

2. **The Party-Run Presidential Preference Primary.** The “first determining step” of Missouri’s delegate selection process will occur on **March 23, 2024**, with a party-run presidential preference primary election in every county. (§ 115.776 RSMo.)

Votes may be cast in person at a polling place in the voter’s county of residence from **8:00 a.m.** to **12:00 p.m.** on the date of the primary. Each county will have a polling place and the St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan areas will have multiple polling places.

Mail-in ballots will be made available by the MDP to voters in advance of the primary and must be requested by or before **March 12, 2024**. Mail-in ballot distribution begins on **February 12, 2024** and must be received by the MDP by or before **10:00 a.m.** on the date of the election.

(a) The MDP will retain a qualified and experienced contractor to undertake administration of the party-run presidential preference primary.

(b) The election will be decided by a standard **plurality tabulation** method, where the candidate who receives more votes than any other candidate is elected.

3. Delegate Selection Timeline. All National Convention delegates and alternates will be certified or selected by the Missouri Democratic Party State Convention on **June 22, 2024**, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Missouri Democratic Party state-level delegates and alternates will be elected by **April 18, 2024**. District-level delegates will be elected by **May 9, 2024**. Party Leader and Elected Official (“PLEO”) delegates will be selected by **May 18, 2024**. At-large delegates will be selected at the state convention on **June 22, 2024**.

C. Voter Participation

1. Legislative Updates. In 2022, Republican Governor Mike Parson signed HB 1878 which eliminated Missouri’s state-run presidential preference primary election and designated a party-run system for choosing nominees for president.

2. Delegate Selection Principles. Participation in Missouri’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Voters have only had the option to register party affiliation since Jan. 1, 2023. Most registered voters are unaffiliated. To ensure maximum participation in the presidential primary, voters may request a ballot if their registration reflects Democrat or Unaffiliated status. Voters affiliated with the Republican Party will not be permitted to receive a ballot. The MDP will use the 2024

presidential primary process to encourage voters to affiliate with the Democratic Party, using the voter education process to increase Democratic Party affiliation. Any voter who requests a ballot pursuant to this section C.2 shall be deemed a Democrat and a record of those voters who requested and received a ballot shall be maintained by the MDP.

(a) To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned eighteen (18) years of age by the date of the general election will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. (Reg. 4.3.C)

(b) At no stage of the 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)

(c) To the extent possible, 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)

(d) Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate selection process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. (Rule 2.F)

(e) No person shall vote in more than one (1) county, township, or ward mass meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)

3. Election Security. The Missouri Democratic Party will continue to take steps to seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to enhance voter and election security, combat election subversion, and to accomplish the following goals:

(a) Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible U.S. citizen who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; (Rule 2.H)

i. The Missouri Democratic Party obtains the Missouri state voter file regularly. The Party staff and DNC voter team work together to upload the list in VoteBuilder and information is protected with the cyber security systems that the DNC has incorporated therein. The State of Missouri has invested in cybersecurity systems to decrease the risk of voter records being vulnerable to digital theft in order to maintain secure state voter registration rolls. These efforts secure and protect Missouri voters' personal information;

(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)

i. The Missouri Democratic Party holds a party-run primary. The voter rolls for this process are registered voters of the State of Missouri. Using this list and VoteBuilder ensures that the Party implements an accurate and transparent procedure;

(c) Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems; (Rule 2.H.3)

i. The Missouri Democratic Party will utilize a formal request for proposal to select a qualified experienced election contractor for the party-run primary. The Missouri Democratic Party will ensure that the selected election contractor uses well-maintained and up-to-date systems.

(d) Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; (Rule 2.H.4)

i. The Missouri Democratic Party, through the selected election contractor, will ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place also have a voter verifiable paper record;

(e) Implement risk-limiting post-election audits, such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; (Rule 2.H.5)

i. The Missouri Democratic Party will require the selected election contractor to perform two (2) logic and accuracy tests prior to the election scanning to implement risk limiting post-election manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records. One (1) logic and accuracy test will be completed in advance of counting for members to participate in and observe, and one (1) will be conducted just before counting commences where volunteer members and presidential campaign representatives may observe. This is the same procedure party-run primary states utilized in 2020.

(f) Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; (Rule 2.H.6)

i. The Missouri Democratic Party will ensure that the selected election contractor will use voting systems which have recognized security measures and will meet with the DNC security team should they request to participate in the approval.

(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)

i. The Missouri Democratic Party fully supports accessible and secure voting, especially for individuals with disabilities and appreciated the Department of Justice monitoring compliance with federal law for elections administered by the State of Missouri.

ii. Missouri's party-run primary does not require using a voting machine, so that individuals may vote from home via a mailed ballot.

(h) Provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election administration and counter disinformation; (Rule 2.H.8)

i. The Missouri Democratic Party will provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election administration by creating and circulating information about the logic and accuracy test done prior to the election scanning. To counter disinformation, the Missouri Democratic Party will record the logic and accuracy test and place the paper records and electronic records on the Missouri Democratic Party website for comparison.

(i) The Missouri Democratic Party actively engages with state and local officials to

implement fair and honest election policies and practices; and (Rule 2.H.9)

(j) The Missouri Democratic Party supports adequate funding for state and local election administration. (Rule 2.H.10)

4. Voter Protection. In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process, the Missouri Democratic Party has taken steps to establish, with DNC assistance, year-round voter protection programs to support educational, administrative, legislative, and litigation-based efforts to protect and expand the vote and advance election fairness and security, including the goals set forth below: (Rule 2.I and 2.I.1)

(a) The Missouri Democratic Party regularly conducts voter education for elections at all levels. In elections administered by the State of Missouri, political parties and candidates have the authority to observe as monitors and challengers in each election. In addition to working with this aforementioned system, the voter hotline, and leveraging other DNC tools and capabilities, the Missouri Democratic Party's Voter Protection Program includes poll watchers and observers who can observe ballot processing and counting to attest to election integrity. The Missouri Democratic Party participates in the redistricting process and, when necessary, litigation to ensure fair and equitable redistricting.

(b) Voter education and inclusion is a priority. Prior to the party-run primary, the Missouri Democratic Party will send a postal mailer by **February 1, 2024**, to every household with a registered Democrat, with information explaining each way in which a Democratic

voter may cast a ballot in the Missouri Democratic Party's party-run primary using a list of all Democrats registered with the Missouri Secretary of State as of **January 22, 2024**. The same information will be made available through the state party website, social media channels (including Facebook and Instagram), targeted emails, press releases, and paid digital advertising (targeted to those voters with a private or undeliverable address) beginning no later than **February 1, 2024**.

(c) Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no-excuse absentee voting, and voting by mail; (Rule 2.I.1.a)

i. Voters may register by mail through the postcard voter registration application, at an office of their local election authority, at any state agency providing a service to the public (DMV, WIC, Social Services, et al.), or online at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register>.

(d) 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)

(e) Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; (Rule 2.I.1.c)

(f) Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; (Rule 2.I.1.d)

(g) 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)

(h) Facilitate military and overseas voting. (Rule 2. I.1.f)

5. Voter Registration. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the Missouri Democratic Party has been and is supporting efforts to make voter registration easier, including supporting: (Rule 2.I.2)

(a) Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration (Rule 2.I.2.a)

(b) Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.I.2.b)

(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)

(d) Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process. (Rule 2.I.2.d)

6. Voter Suppression and Disenfranchisement. The Missouri Democratic Party has taken steps to ensure an open and inclusive caucus process and to resist attempts at voter suppression and disenfranchisement. In addition, the Party's caucus plan meets, or will meet, the following nine requirements: (Rule 2.K)

(a) Incorporating mechanisms with reasonable safeguards against error and fraud to vote absentee or vote early; (Rule 2.K.1)

i. Working with the selected election contractor, the Party will design and develop a vote-by-mail package that includes: a copy-proof ballot, a ballot envelope, a return envelope, and an outer mail envelope complete with return postage indicia. Materials will be coded with voter-specific identifiers. The ballot for voting by-mail will incorporate features to

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safeguard against error and fraud. Facsimile and electronic delivery platforms will include cybersecurity and other security measures.

ii. All return envelope scanning for ballots cast by postal mail will be completed on a regular basis in order to produce an accurate account of returned ballots on a statewide database. This will not only assure only one vote is cast per voters, but will allow for proper security, storage, and accounting for all ballots.

iii. The ballots will be tallied via scanning machines provided by the selected election contractor (replaced with vendor name after RFP responses and selection) at a central location in Jefferson City, Missouri, on or by **March 25, 2024**, with monitors and presidential campaign representatives on hand to witness the count.

iv. The statewide count will be transmitted by the selected election contractor representative to the State Chair of the Missouri Democratic Party, who will publicly announce the results of the election no later than **March 28, 2024**.

(b) Developing a plan that demonstrates the State Party has the technical ability and financial resources to successfully run the process; (Rule 2.K.2)

(c) Creating a process for publicly reporting the total statewide and district-level results for each candidate based on the first expression of preference by the participants at the first determining step, as determined in the State's Plan; (Rule 2.K.4)

(d) Requiring that the allocation of all national delegates be locked in at the final expression of preference at the first determining

step, as determined by the State's Plan, subject to recount; (Rule 2.K.5)

(e) Ensuring final expressions of preference as part of the presidential nominating process are securely preserved, in a method to be specified in the State's Plan, that ensures the availability of a prompt and accurate recount or recanvas; (Rule 2.K.6)

(f) Providing a standard and procedure by which a presidential candidate may request a recount or recanvas that is paid for by the candidate and carried out in a timely manner; (Rule 2.K.7)

(g) 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

(h) Taking appropriate steps to ensure voters in party-run processes have a right to participate in the process. These steps could include any required rules changes and the proper education and outreach to ensure accessibility, including specifically for people with disabilities and for people with limited English proficiency in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act. (Rule 2.K.9)

7. Registration Process. The Missouri Democratic Party requires voter registration by or on the fourth Wednesday prior to the election, or by **February 21, 2024**, per Chapter 115 and will educate voters about the process. Missouri law disallows same-day voter registration. However, voters will have the

option to register electronically for future elections at voting locations. (Rule 2.I.2)

(a) The Party will highlight the online voter registration tool available by the Missouri Secretary of State's Division of Elections: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register> (Rule 2.I.2.a);

(b) The Party will encourage House District leaders to work with local high schools to lead pre-registration voting drives of high school students who are seventeen and one-half (17.5) years of age and will be eighteen (18) years of age by the general election (i.e. by November 5, 2024), but may still participate in the party-run primary for presidential preference (Rule 2.I.2.b);

(c) Persons that have been convicted of a felony and have not yet served their full sentence and full probation period are not eligible to vote in Missouri. Following the completion of the sentence, Missouri law allows restoration of voting rights to individuals convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, given that the felony or misdemeanor is not connected with the right of suffrage (Rule 2.I.2.c & Mo. Rev. Stat §115.133(3)); and

(d) Eligible Missourians will be able to register to vote for the general election until October 9, 2024, with the Division of Elections or by submitting the appropriate voter registration form and ID requirements to the Missouri Democratic Party (Rule 2.I.2.d); per state law, Missouri does not permit same-day voter registration.

8. Fundraising. The Missouri Democratic Party is committed to an aggressive fundraising program to raise necessary funds for the party-run primary. The total estimated cost of this delegate selection plan, including voter education and outreach investments, such as

those to meet the goals of increased participation and goals established in the affirmative action plan, is estimated to be **\$250,000 to \$450,000**, with election administration estimated to be **\$175,000** (Rule 2.K.2); see **Attachment L**, which is incorporated within by reference.

(a) The Missouri Democratic Party State Central Committee, with the assistance of former and current Democratic PLEOs, are responsible for raising the funding required to implement the party-run primary; with **\$175,000** of that funding expected to be raised by **December 31, 2023**, in order to continue executing strong outreach and inclusion programs, conduct voter education, and make investments in election administration.

(b) If these fundraising goals are not met, the Missouri Democratic Party reserves the right to adjust planned investments in order to administer an election and/or seek an alternative method of voting. Options may include adjusting the RFP to reduce the delegate selection plan to postal mail ballot only, or other changes, with all significant changes to be subject to approval by the Missouri Democratic Party State Central Committee.

9. Certification of Results. After the final count, the results will be reported to the State Chair of the Missouri Democratic Party, who will announce the statewide results for each presidential candidate based on the expression of preference by the voters at the first determining step of Missouri's delegate selection plan (Rule 2.K.4);

(a) The State Chair of the Missouri Democratic Party shall be responsible for certifying the use of the DNC formula to allocate national delegates. This certification shall be

locked in at the final expression of preference at the first determining step, as determined by Missouri's delegate selection plan, subject to recount (Rule 2.K.5);

(b) To ensure final expressions of preference as part of the presidential nominating process are securely preserved, the Missouri Democratic Party Executive Director shall preserve and store all paper ballots for twenty-two (22) months (Rule 2.K.6; Mo. Rev. Stat §115.493);

(c) Any Presidential candidate may request a recount of the results by submitting a request in writing to the State Chair of the Missouri Democratic Party. The request must include the scope of the recount, a description of the challenge, and an explanation about how the national delegation could be altered as a result of the problem or its correction as well as a commitment to pay for associated costs. The decision to grant a recount lies with the Missouri Democratic Party State Central Committee. If a recount is granted, it is the responsibility of the requesting presidential campaign to pay for the recount. Any recount granted will be conducted at a centralized location in Jefferson City, Missouri, and a maximum of two (2) representatives from each campaign will be allowed to participate. Requests for recounts must be received by the State Chair no later than **5:00 p.m. Central on March 27, 2024**, and considered by the Missouri Democratic Party State Central Committee no later than **5:00 p.m. Central on March 29, 2024**. (Rule 2.K.7);

(d) With vote-by-mail, those who are serving in the military, homebound, disabled, with illness preventing participation, working, without childcare, or other reasons which would prevent in person participation, will be able to vote (Rule 2.K.8); and

(e) The Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee will consider steps to ensure voters in Missouri's party-run primary, like those in government-run primary states, are able to participate in the process. These steps could include any required rules changes and the proper education and outreach to ensure accessibility, including specifically for people with disabilities and for people with limited English proficiency in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act (Rule 2.K.9).

D. Delegate Selection Meetings

1. Responsibility. The Missouri Democratic Party shall be responsible for selecting the dates, times, and locating the availability of publicly accessible facilities or virtual spaces for all official party meetings and events related to the national delegate selection process.

2. Scheduling. The dates, times, and places for all official Party meetings and events related to Missouri's delegate selection process must be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings must begin and end at reasonable hours. The Missouri Democratic Party is responsible for selecting the dates and times and locating and confirming the availability of publicly accessible facilities or virtual spaces for all official meetings and events related to the process. The state party will consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. (Rule 3.A,C & Reg. 4., Rule 2.K.9, Reg. 4.5.B.)

Section II: Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the Missouri Democratic Party party-run presidential preference primary ballot by completing the following no later than **5:00 p.m. Central on January 22, 2024** (Rule 15.D):

1. Filing a statement of candidacy form with the State Party Chair (the Statement of Candidacy forms will be available by contacting the Missouri Democratic Party office on or after **January 2, 2024**) (Rule 1.A.8, Rule 15.D, Rule 1.A.7),
2. Certifying in writing to the State Party Chair the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) (Rule 13.D.1),
3. Submitting an affirmative action plan to 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), and
4. Paying the necessary filing fee of **\$2,500.00** to the **Missouri Democratic Party, 4218 Roanoke Rd, Suite 304, Kansas City, MO 64111**.

Note: “Uncommitted” shall automatically appear on the ballot. Write-ins are not allowed. (Rule 11.C, Rule 14.A, Rule 14.C, Rule 14.D, Rule 14.E, & Rule 15.H)

Section III: Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. District-Level Delegates

1. **Number of Delegates.** Missouri is allocated **forty-two (42)** district-level delegates to the 2024 National Convention. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B)

(a) Missouri will allocate the **five (5)** alternate delegates to the 2024 National Convention at the at-large level.

2. **Summary of Process.** District-level delegate positions will be apportioned to presidential preferences proportionally from the party-run presidential preference primary results.

(a) District-level delegates shall be elected by a multi-tier caucus and convention system.

(b) Candidates desiring to be a district-level delegate must be elected from tier to tier in order to be a Congressional Convention, State Convention, or National Convention delegate.

(c) Ward, County, and Township state-level delegates shall be elected as the first step of Congressional Conventions.

(d) One must first be elected as a state delegate in order to run for or have a vote for a district-level national delegate(s) elected at the Congressional Convention or to vote at the State Convention.

3. **State-Level Delegates Elected at Ward, Township, and County Mass Meetings.**

(a) State-level delegates elected to represent their ward, township, or county will be selected at mass meetings on or before **April**

18, 2024. The state-level delegate filing period opens at **8:00 a.m. Central on January 2, 2024**, and will close at **5:00 p.m. Central on April 11, 2024.** Local Committees will be responsible for ensuring those in their respective political district area file the qualifying form to run as a state delegate. Nominees for state delegate to the state and congressional conventions must all fill out the online qualifying form.

(b) Within each congressional district convention, only those presidential preferences including uncommitted, who on the basis of the presidential preference primary are entitled to at least one National Convention delegate from the congressional district in which the jurisdiction is located (qualified preference), can have caucuses formed on their behalf. Delegate positions shall be allocated according to the congressional district primary vote except that preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold shall not be entitled to any delegate, and accordingly shall not be deemed a qualified preference. If no presidential preference reaches a (15%) threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage received by the leading vote-getter.

(c) Candidates for ward, township, and county mass meetings state delegates must be gender balanced and will be decided by plurality at-large voting. All candidates for delegate for each respective candidate in their respective sub-district (county, ward, township) will run against each other for X number of positions and each voter selects up to X candidates on the ballot (voters will have X votes; however, they are unable to vote for the same candidate more than once). Voters will only be able to cast their ballot within the caucus of one presidential candidate. The X candidates with the most votes are the winners with providing for gender balance.

(d) All unfilled state delegate spots at the ward, township, or county state delegate level will be automatically filled by the next highest vote getters from other candidates who filed to run as delegate in the same congressional district but were not elected at their ward, township, or county level. *For example*, if in Jackson County Ward 1, only 2 candidates file to run for the 4 total delegate spots, the remaining 2 spots will be filled by someone in a pool of those who also ran in Jackson County at their ward or township level and didn't secure enough votes in their ward or township. All state delegate counts are available [here](#).

(e) State delegates will be selected at the ward and township level for Jackson County, St. Louis County, and St. Louis City and otherwise will be elected at the county-wide level.

(f) In Blue Township in Jackson County, state delegates will be selected at the sub-district level. In the remainder of this plan, these sub-districts in Blue Township are considered the equivalent of wards.

(g) The Local Committees and Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committees will advertise widely the processes for filing for state-level delegates and requesting a ballot and empower candidates to outreach to their networks to vote by requesting a ballot.

4. District-Level Delegates Elected at Congressional District Conventions

(a) State-level delegates elected to represent their ward, township, and county are eligible to run as district-level delegates to the National Convention and comprise those who get to vote for national delegates.

(b) Congressional district conventions shall be held for each congressional district in the

State of Missouri on or before **May 9, 2024**. District-level delegates to the National Convention will be selected in this process.

(c) Within each convention, only those presidential preferences including uncommitted, who on the basis of the presidential preference primary are entitled to at least one National Convention delegate from the congressional district in which the jurisdiction is located (qualified preference), can have caucuses formed on their behalf. Delegate position shall be allocated according to the congressional district primary vote except that preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold shall not be entitled to any delegate, and accordingly shall not be deemed a qualified preference. If no presidential preference reaches a (15%) threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage received by the leading vote-getter.

(d) District-level national delegate filing period opens at **8:00 a.m. Central on April 19, 2024**, and will close at **5:00 p.m. Central on April 25, 2024**. Local Committees will be responsible for ensuring those in their respective political district area file the qualifying form to run as a national delegate. Ballots for district-level national delegates from their congressional district will be finalized by **April 26, 2024**, following the selection of the state-level delegates selected at mass meetings, who will then vote on the district-level national delegates. Nominees for district-level national delegates selected by the congressional conventions must all fill out the online qualifying form.

(e) Presidential candidates will be provided a list of delegate nominees by **5:00 p.m. Central on May 2, 2024**, and will have the opportunity to review the list of nominees for national delegates and can approve the delegate nominees by **May 6, 2024**.

(f) Candidates for national convention delegate must be gender-balanced and will be decided by plurality at-large voting. All candidates for delegate for each respective presidential candidate in their respective congressional district will run against each other for the allotted number of positions and each voter selects up to the allotted candidates on the ballot. Voters will only be able to cast their ballot within the caucus of one presidential candidate. The candidates with the most votes are the winners with providing for gender balance.

(g) Nominees for national delegate will have the opportunity to write a statement of candidacy due by the end of the filing period. They must include gender identity and candidate preference.

5. State Democratic Committee Meeting

(a) A Missouri Democratic State Committee meeting shall be held **May 18, 2024**.

(b) The State Chair shall issue a public call setting forth the time date and virtual meeting place of this meeting no later than **May 1, 2024**. In the event the State Chair is unable to issue the call, the State Vice Chair shall issue the public call.

(c) Election of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on **May 18, 2024**, by vote of State Central Committee members, which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates.

(d) PLEO national delegate filing period opens at **8:00 a.m. Central on April 19, 2024**, and will close at **5:00 p.m. Central on May 12, 2024**. The State Party, Democratic committees,

and caucuses will be responsible for advertising that the PLEOs file the qualifying form to run as a national PLEO delegate.

6. State Democratic Convention

(a) The Missouri Democratic Convention shall be held on **June 22, 2024**.

(b) The State Chair shall issue a public call setting forth the date, time, and place of the State Democratic Convention no later than **May 1, 2024**. In the event the State Chair is unable to issue the call, the State Vice Chair shall issue the public call.

(c) The State Democratic Convention shall be held in a public place designated in the call.

7. Procedures for Convention

(a) State-level delegates to the State Democratic Convention and Congressional Conventions shall be apportioned on the basis of one (1) delegate for any fraction of the first four thousand (4,000) votes and one (1) delegate for each additional four thousand (4,000) votes or major fraction thereof of the combined votes for the Democratic nominee for president and governor in the 2020 general election and one (1) delegate for any fraction of the first ten thousand (10,000) population and one (1) delegate and for each additional ten thousand (10,000) or major fraction thereof as of 2022 Census Bureau population estimates. Delegates to the State and Congressional Conventions are elected at the ward and township level for St. Louis County, St. Louis City, and Jackson County and at the county-wide level for all other counties.

8. Designation of Chairs and Secretaries

(a) The State Chair shall chair the State Democratic Committee meeting and the State Democratic Convention. The State Secretary shall serve as Secretary of these events. In the event that the State Chair is unable to serve, the next available highest ranking officer of the State Democratic Committee shall serve. If no officer is able to serve, those delegates attending and eligible to participate shall elect a temporary chair and secretary.

9. Participation Certification, Official Rolls

(a) All persons who wish to participate in the process of electing state-level delegates shall complete a **Party Registration and Declaration Statement** which declares they are a Democrat, voted in the state-run primary, and choose a candidate preference. This form will be available at ward, township, and county meetings, as well as online at MissouriDemocrats.org, beginning **April 1, 2024**.

(b) *State Democratic Committee Meeting:* The duly elected members of the Missouri State Democratic Committee shall constitute the official roll of the State Democratic Committee meeting. The State Secretary shall be responsible for taking and safeguarding the minutes of the meeting, and for distributing them to the proper authorities in the event of a challenge or appeal.

(c) *State Democratic Convention:* The certification lists from the election of state-level delegates representing their wards, townships, or counties and vacancies filled shall constitute the official roll of the State Democratic Convention. The State Secretary shall be responsible for taking and safeguarding the minutes of the State Democratic Convention

and for distributing them to the proper authorities in the event of a challenge or appeal.

10. Meeting Procedures

(a) As the first order of business at the State Democratic Convention, the Convention Chair (i.e., the State Chair) shall explain the procedure and rules for the selection of delegates.

11. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

(a) Missouri's district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections. (Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A). This method ensures a fair measure of Democrats in Missouri, as voter participation is historically driven by presidential elections.

Congressional District	Delegates		
	Men	Women	Total
1st	4	4	8
2nd	3	3	6
3rd	2	3	5
4th	2	2	4
5th	3	3	6
6th	3	2	5
7th	2	2	4
8th	2	2	4
Total	21	21	42

(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 (1). (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9). In the case of a gender non-binary delegate, they will not be counted in the men or women category.

12. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

(a) A district-level delegate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote (Rule 13.H).

(b) Candidates elected as state-level delegates can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2024 National Convention by submitting a filing form designating their singular presidential preference with the State Party via an online form available at www.MissouriDemocrats.org/2024 by **5:00 p.m. Central on April 25, 2024**. The online form will be available beginning **April 19, 2024**.

i. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated filing form with a pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23).

ii. No person shall be nominated and elected a delegate or alternate who is not a resident and registered voter in the political subdivision from which they are being elected, and a member of the Democratic Party. Delegates must be eighteen (18) years of age by the date of the 2024 general election (November 5, 2024) and declare that they are a Democrat who is not a member of any other political party other than the Democratic Party.

iii. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates. But no slate may receive preferential treatment or be publicly identified as the “official” slate. No slate may appear on the

official ballots used for casting votes for delegates or alternates.

iv. After the delegate filing period ends on **April 25, 2024**, delegates shall be elected by written ballot with adequate safeguards.

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

(a) The State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), no later than **5:00 p.m. Central on May 2, 2024**, 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 Chair **no later than 5:00 p.m. Central on May 6, 2024**, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate to be selected. (Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.24 & Reg. 4.25)

(c) Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair no later than 5:00 p.m. Central on **May 6, 2024**.

(d) National convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.24)

(e) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)

14. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

(a) The MDP party-run presidential preference primary election is a “binding” primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate 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)

15. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates

(a) To ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification), delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning

with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order, with positions assigned to either men and women alternating by gender as mathematically practicable, until the maximum mathematically equal possible number assigned to the binary genders has been assigned. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the men or women category. (Rule 6.C, Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)

(b) In no case shall the apportionment of delegate positions by gender for the purpose of attaining as equal division of binary genders as mathematically possible be used to prevent gender non-binary individuals from seeking or attaining positions as Congressional District-level Delegates. There is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non-binary individuals, but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary individual from running as a delegate.

(c) When a gender non-binary individual is elected to fill a Congressional District level delegate position, the maximum possible number of binary gendered positions is reduced by one to compensate, maintaining the same total number of delegates. Reductions in the maximum number of binary gendered positions will alternate between reductions first in male, then women delegates, maintaining as equal a number of each binary gender as mathematically possible.

(d) In the case where gender non-binary individuals have qualified to run in multiple Congressional District Conventions which will be occurring simultaneously in different parts of the State, the State Party will provide oversight to alternate reductions in binary gendered

delegate positions between Congressional District conventions, maintaining as equal a division as mathematically possible among binary gendered members of the entire Congressional District level delegation statewide.

16. Certification. 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. Categories. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:

- (a) 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)
- (b) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)
- (c) All of Missouri'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)
- (d) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)
- (e) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state, including: all former Democratic Presidents or Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and

all former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee. (Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.14)

2. Automatic-Pledged Delegates. 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)

3. Certification. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:

- (a) 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 Missouri. (Rule 9.A)
 - (b) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call IV.B.1)
 - (c) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Missouri's Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State's Delegate Selection Process. (Call IV.C)
- 4. Gender Equality.** For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as men or women. (Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)

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

1. Number. Missouri is allotted eight (8) 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, high-population county executives, 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, high-population county executives, and state-wide elected officials. (Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16).

(b) An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by identifying their presidential or uncommitted status. Persons eligible for pledged party and elected official delegate positions shall submit their filing form to run as PLEO delegate by **May 12, 2024**, via an online webform available beginning **April 19, 2024**, at www.missouridemocrats.org/2024. Presidential candidate preference may be modified before the filing deadline. (Rule 10.A.3, Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17)

(c) If persons eligible for pledged PLEO delegate positions have not already made known their presidential preference (or uncommitted status) as candidates for district-level or at-large delegate positions, their

preference shall be ascertained through the following alternative procedure: submit a signed statement of candidacy designating a singular presidential preference and pledge of support to the State Democratic Chair via fax or email by **May 12, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.** This preference may be modified before the filing deadline. (Rule 10.A.3 & 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), not later than **May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 10.A.3 & Rule 13.D)

(b) Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by **May 15, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.** a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)

(c) Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than **May 15, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.** (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 **May 18, 2024**, which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates.

(c) PLEO national delegate filing period will last until **5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2024**. The State Party, Democratic committees and caucuses will be responsible for advertising that the Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs) file the qualifying form to run as a national PLEO delegate.

(d) The state committee meeting may be held virtually via webinar or conference call. If it is, an online voting process may be utilized for the selection of the PLEO delegates in compliance with the Democratic National Committee's principles and best practices for secure electronic voting. The approval of virtual balloting will be conditional pending review of the process by the DNC Tech and Security Teams.

(e) During the **May 18, 2024**, State Committee Meeting, State Committee Members will select the PLEO delegates.

(f) State Committee Members will select PLEO delegates on **May 18, 2024**. During the meeting, PLEO national delegate candidates will be given one minute to address the state committee members.

(g) Votes on PLEO national delegates will be decided by a plurality vote.

(h) Pledged party leader and elected official delegate slots will be allocated to presidential preference according to the statewide March 23, 2024 party-run presidential preference primary election results, except that preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a statewide basis, and candidates who have withdrawn prior to the meeting, shall not be entitled to any pledged party leader and elected official delegates. If no candidate reaches the 15% threshold statewide, the threshold shall be half the statewide percentage of the front-runner. The apportionment of preference, if any shall be made as follows: (Rule 10.A)

i. Divide the total number of votes obtained by all still qualified preferences into the number of votes obtained by each such preference.

ii. Multiply such percentage determined for each qualified preference by the total number of pledged delegates to be selected by the participants.

iii. Each candidate and uncommitted preference, if any, shall be entitled to have elected the number of delegates pledged to him or her as is indicated by the integer (whole number) of the product, with any remaining delegate being allotted, in order, to those candidates having the highest remainder. If such remainder shall be exactly the same, the remaining delegate shall be selected by lot.

iv. Alternates are not selected at the party leader and elected official level. Alternates for this level are the same persons as the at-large alternates.

(i) These delegates will be selected by the State Party committee, which is apportioned into 34 State Senate districts that were apportioned by a judicial panel divided equally based on the 2020 census. One man and one woman are elected by democratic voters from each State Senate District to serve on the Missouri Democratic State Committee for a two-year term starting in November 2020. (Rule 10.B)

i. A maximum total of sixty-eight (68) votes are available based on those in attendance. Candidates to be elected as one of the eight (8) delegates to the Democratic National Convention are to be divided by the party-run presidential preference primary certified election results. The members of the State Committee are to be separated into Caucuses by Presidential Candidate preference. Only those sixty-eight (68) members can vote based only on those in attendance (no proxies allowed). Each member may vote for the number of candidates based on the number of Delegates allocated to that caucus.

ii. Alternates are not selected at the Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit.

5. The State Democratic Party Chair who represents the State Committee, which is comprised of sixty-eight (68) elected individuals, one man and one woman from each of the State's 34 state senate districts every 2 years following the November election in an open process and at an open meeting (Rule 10.B), 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. 5.4.A)

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. **Number.** The state of Missouri is allotted **fourteen (14) at-large delegates** and five (5) at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34)

2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

(a) Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions must file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference with the State Party by **May 31, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.** via an online webform available at www.missouridemocrats.org/2024, which will be available beginning **April 19, 2024**. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support online web form filing no later than the filing deadline. (Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.22, Reg. 4.23, & Reg. 4.31)

(b) The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the Missouri Democratic State Convention, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 19.A)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

(a) The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than **June 3, 2024**, at 5:00 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.D) (Reg. 4.24.D & Reg. 4.31.C)

(b) Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by **June 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, two (2) names remain for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)

(c) Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than **June 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

(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 the state-wide primary vote. (Rule 11.C)

(b) Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 14.E)

(c) If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front- runner. (Rule 14.F)

(d) If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 11.C)

(e) If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. (Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.33)

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

(a) The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on **June 22, 2024**, at the State Convention, which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. (Call III).

(b) Selection of Democratic National Convention delegates and alternates will follow the procedures set forth in "Meeting Procedures" previously in plan. Prior to caucus division, the Convention Chair will announce any categories that must be addressed to meet affirmative action goals through the election of

at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National convention as determined by the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee. The Convention Chair shall also announce the number of men and women delegates and alternates to be elected to maintain the required equal division ratio in the entire delegation. In the case of gender non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the men or women category. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose.

(c) Caucuses will proceed to elect delegates and alternates according to the process outlined in this plan. Delegates and alternates shall be apportioned to each presidential preference or uncommitted caucus on the basis of the formula set out in Meeting Procedures of this plan. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at---large delegates and alternates, then those at---large positions that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionately divided among the remaining preferences entitled to allocation. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at---large alternate position. This apportionment will be announced by the Convention Chair.

6. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the state convention (Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)

7. Priority of Consideration

(a) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to Missourians who are Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Native American, Asian Americans or Pacific

Islanders, those who identify as LGBTQIA+, those with disabilities, young people ages 18 to 36, 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)

(b) 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)

(c) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)

(d) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.20)

8. 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)

i. 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.

ii. Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

a. In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.

b. If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.36)

iii. 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)

i. 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.

ii. 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 delegate chooses the alternate (Rule 19.D.1)

(d) *Certification of Replacements*

i. 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)

ii. 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 Missouri's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call IV.D.1)

iii. Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of

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the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.35)

iv. 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. 4.37)

(a) Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized

by the Democratic Governors' Association. (Call IV.D.2.a)

(b) Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 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) Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. (Call IV.D.2.c)

(d) In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. (Call IX.F.3.e)

Section IV: Convention Standing Committee Members

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A. Introduction

1. Missouri has been allocated three (3) member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform, and Rules), for a total of nine (9) 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. Temporary Standing Committee Members

1. Temporary members for the Convention Standing Committees will be selected by the Democratic State Committee at a meeting on **May 18, 2024**. The meeting shall be open to the public and well publicized in accordance with this Plan. Members of the 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 committees. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application to the Missouri State Democratic Committee with their name, contact information, for what temporary Convention Standing Committee they wish to be considered, and presidential preference or uncommitted status, no later than **May 15, 2024**. Applications can be submitted via

3. A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each of the standing committees. The men and women membership of each standing committee shall be as equally divided among men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation; i.e. the variance between men and women on any committee or, among the three (3) committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. (Call VII.E.2) In the case of gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either a man or woman, and the remainder of the standing committee members shall be equally divided between men gender (men) and women gender (women). (Call VII.E.1)
4. 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)
5. Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred in a state shall reflect the Presidential preferences so established. (Call VII.G.3)
6. 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 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 State Democratic 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 Missouri's National Convention delegates, on **June 22, 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 Missouri 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 Missouri. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (Call VII.C.2)

(c) Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (Call VII.C.3)

(d) Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing committees. When such allocation results in an 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 Chair, by **June 22, 2024**, after the election of the at-large delegates and alternates and prior to the election of standing committee members which follows the election of at-large delegates and alternates at the State Convention, a minimum of one (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) on **June 22, 2024**, after the election of the at-large delegates and alternates. Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call VII.D.2)

4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

(a) Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Missouri's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective men and women members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)

(b) In Missouri, presidential candidates are likely to be allocated only one of the three positions on a standing committee. Therefore, the standing committee slots are pre-designated for gender identity as in the following table:

	Credentials	Platform	Rules
Member #1	Woman	Man	Woman
Member #2	Man	Woman	Man
Member #3	Woman	Man	Woman
Total	3	3	3

(c) 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 women, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a male, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and womens, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non- binaries but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.

i. A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.

ii. The men and women membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. (Call VII.E.2)

iii. Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either men or women, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between men gender (men) and women gender (women). (Call VII.E.1)

iv. 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 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 DNC Secretary 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

Missouri will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and three (3) to serve as Convention Pages. (Call IV.E, Call IV.F.1 & Appendix C)

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting

(a) The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at the State Convention to be held on **June 22, 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. Three (3) individuals will be selected to serve as Missouri'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 at the State Convention on **June 22, 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 man or woman, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. (Reg. 5.7.A)

3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Missouri'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

Missouri will select ten (10) persons to serve as presidential electors for the 2024 presidential election.

B. Selection of Presidential Electors

1. The presidential electors shall be selected by the state delegates starting **June 22, 2024**, at the Missouri Democratic State Convention. Candidates may make known their interest by notifying the State Party before **June 21, 2024**. One (1) elector will be elected from each congressional district. There will be two (2) at-large electors elected after each congressional district has their elected elector. (Call VIII)

2. The Nominating Committee shall report its nominees for presidential electors, and the chair will receive all other nominations which may be made from the floor. The Convention shall then proceed to elect presidential electors. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote per each congressional district (eight (8) votes total) to elect the eight (8) electors from each congressional district, and then each delegate will be allowed to vote for two (2) nominees for the two (2) at-large elector positions.

3. The Nominating Committee shall report its filings for national committee persons. There shall be elected such number of committee persons as shall be allocated to Missouri by the DNC, with voting conducted in such a manner as to ensure equal division of national committeemen and national committeewomen, with a maximum deviation of one in the event of Missouri is allocated an odd number of committee persons. Each delegate shall be entitled to as many votes as there are committeepersons to be elected, but not cumulatively.

4. The final list of electors will be provided to the Missouri Secretary of State before or during the National Convention.

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: Electors must sign a pledge provided by the Missouri Democratic Party to vote for the candidates nominated by the Democratic Party. This requirement is in lieu of any state enforcement statute. (Call VIII)

Section VII: General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

A. The Missouri 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 Missouri Democratic Party 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 Missouri Democratic Party 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 Missouri Democratic Party 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 Missouri Democratic Party, on all levels, should support the broadest possible

registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.4)

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

6. The Missouri Democratic Party 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. Missouri'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. This 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 men or women, 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 in states that permit Democratic Party registration,] 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. No less than 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 16)

I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with (i.e., deliver a signed proxy to) another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than one (1) proxy at a time. [This provision for proxy voting is discretionary. Alternatively, a Plan may prohibit proxy voting.] (Rule 17 & Reg. 4.30)

J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 18.A)

K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 18.B)

L. All steps in the delegate selection process, 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)

M. 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 Missouri, 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 Missouri. (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 Missouri should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.1)

(d) Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, Missouri has established goals for these groups. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)

(e) To encourage full participation by all Democrats in party-run primary, the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Missouri Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Native American, Asian Americans or Pacific Islanders,

those who identify as LGBTQIA+, those with disabilities, young people ages 18 to 36, 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)

i. The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the party-run primary and 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)

ii. 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)

iii. 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)

iv. These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party’s imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.2) 2.

2. Organizational Structure

(a) A Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee was appointed by the State Chair on **April 13, 2023**. (Rule 6.F)

(b) The State Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State’s Delegate Selection and Affirmative

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Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information of the members no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.J)

(c) The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. See **Attachments** for list of the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee with each member's relevant demographic information.

(d) The Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:

i. 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)

ii. Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.

iii. 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)

iv. Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Native American, Asian Americans or Pacific Islanders, those who identify as

LGBTQIA+, those with disabilities, young people ages 18 to 36, and women. (Rule 6.E)

(e) Financial and staff support for the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers, and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.

(f) Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin no later than **November 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 Missouri Democratic Party has determined the demographic composition of Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Native American, Asian Americans or Pacific Islanders, those who identify as LGBTQIA+, those with disabilities, young people ages 18 to 36, and women 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 Missouri Democratic 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. Based on the report titled [“Demographics of Democratic Supporters”](#) from the DNC Tech Team issued **December 2022**, the following table gives the best estimates of the percentage of Democratic supporters in Missouri who fall into each of the listed demographic categories.

Category	Percent	#Delegates
Black or African American	21%	15
Hispanic or Latino	5%	4
Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	2%	2
American Indian and Alaska Native	1%	1
People with Disabilities	17%	12
People who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender	6%	5
Youth	34%	24

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 Missouri Democratic 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 Party-Run Presidential Primary and Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning no later than **February 1, 2024**. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the party-run presidential primary and 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 speaker’s bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee, comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.

3. The Missouri Democratic Party’s education efforts will include extensive outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party’s constituencies and making sure that information about the party-run presidential primary and delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies. This outreach specifically shall include outreach to organized labor, church groups and other organizations with significant members of, historically-underrepresented constituencies. Outreach and educational efforts include, but are not limited to, educational content provided online, virtual trainings and seminars, and printed educational handouts, flyers, and brochures.

4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can vote and 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 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than **October 2, 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 wishing to register or to change their party enrollment status. (Rule 2.C)

7. The Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented no later than **November 15, 2023**, that will provide education programs directly to voters, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)

D. Efforts to Publicize the Party-Run Presidential Primary and Delegate Selection Process

1. The Missouri Democratic Party shall direct special attention to publicizing the party-run presidential primary, how it works, and 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 Missouri Democratic Party shall have a Presidential Primary and Delegate Selection Media Plan 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 vote and participate in the delegate selection process, including 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)

3. A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's historically underrepresented constituencies. This effort shall include robust efforts to work

with community leaders and organizations with ties to those communities.

(a) Information about the party-run presidential primary and 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, LGBTQ press, disability press, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.

(b) The Missouri Democratic 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 voting in the state-run primary, meetings, caucuses and conventions shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D)

4. Not later than **November 15, 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 voting in the party-run presidential primary and 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 Missouri Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Missouri may impose reasonable specific affirmative action obligations on presidential candidates consistent with the delegate selection system employed by the Missouri Democratic Party. (Rule 6.H)

2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by **January 22, 2024**, which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Missouri'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)

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 Missouri Democratic Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs.

2. As such, the State Democratic Party has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.

3. The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities.

(a) The Missouri Democratic Party will ensure all voting, meeting and convention sites at all levels will be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. The State Convention will be ADA compliant and provide seating space for wheelchairs, a sign-language interpreter and voting assistance as needed.

(b) All correspondence regarding the delegate selection process will include information on how to petition the Missouri Democratic Party Chair to request accommodation. All requests must be made by **March 1, 2024**, and will be reviewed by the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee.

4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the State Party will implement the State Outreach Plan and monitor the efforts of county parties to implement local outreach programs.

Section IX: Challenges

A. Jurisdiction and 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 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 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 Missouri 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 10 days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within 10 days after expiration of the above 21-day period. (Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H)

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

Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C)

4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

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Section X: Summary

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Missouri will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the party-run presidential preference primary election to apportion its delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Missouri’s delegate selection process will occur with the party-run presidential preference primary election on March 23, 2024. Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following table:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates and District-Level Alternates	42	0	May 9, 2024	Selecting Body: The Congressional District Convention participants will select the district-level delegates.
				In order to be elected as a District-Level Delegate to the National Convention, one must first run at the Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County level. These meetings take place on or before April 18, 2024, and the filing deadline to participate as a candidate is April 11, 2024. If a candidate is elected at the April 18 mass meetings, he or she is eligible to run at the Congressional District Conventions. He or she must file to run at the Congressional District Conventions by April 25, 2024, with the State Party.
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates*	6	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A.1 of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	8	-	May 18, 2024	Selecting Body: State Democratic Committee
				PLEO delegate candidates must file a signed statement of candidacy and signed pledge of support that designates a singular presidential preference or uncommitted status with the State Party by May 10, 2024.
At-Large Delegates and At-Large Alternates	14	5	June 22, 2024	Selecting Body: State Convention participants will select the At-Large delegates.
				Candidates must 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 State Party by May 31, 2024.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	70	5		

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B. Selection of Standing Committee Members

Members of the Standing Committees (Credentials, Platform, and Rules) will be selected by Missouri's National Convention Delegates as summarized on the table below:

	Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Dates	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
Temporary Standing Committees	3	9	May 18, 2024	Any Democrat may apply for a position as a temporary member of the standing committees. Persons wishing to be considered must submit an application to the Missouri State Democratic Committee with their name, contact information, for what temporary Convention Standing Committee they wish to be considered, and presidential preference or uncommitted status, no later than May 15, 2024. Applications can be submitted via missouridemocrats.org/2024 or via email to conventions@missouridems.org .
Standing Committees	3	9	June 22, 2024	The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Missouri's National Convention delegates, on June 22, 2024.

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegate Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates at the State Convention on or about June 22, 2024. Three (3) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on or about June 22, 2024.

D. Selection of Presidential Electors

Ten (10) Presidential Electors will be selected by State Delegates at the State Convention on or about June 22, 2024. One (1) will be elected from each congressional district and two (2) will be elected statewide.

E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

A presidential candidate gains access to the Missouri Democratic Party party-run presidential preference primary ballot by completing the following no later than 5:00 p.m. Central on January 22, 2024:

- Filing a statement of candidacy form with the State Party Chair (the Statement of Candidacy forms will be available by contacting the Missouri Democratic Party office on or after January 2, 2024);

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- Certifying in writing to the State Party Chair Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s);
- Submitting an affirmative action plan to 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; and
- Paying the necessary filing fee of \$2,500.00 to the Missouri Democratic Party, 4218 Roanoke Rd, Suite 304, Kansas City, MO 64111.

F. Timetable Summary

Date	Activity or Deadline
Thursday, April 13, 2023	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
Tuesday, April 25, 2023	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee begins meeting to draft a proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan.
Friday, May 12, 2023	End of 2023 Session of the Missouri General Assembly, confirming implementation of a party-run primary system.
Saturday, August 26, 2023	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment by the State Party Committee.
Sunday, August 27, 2023	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
Tuesday, September 26, 2023	Period for public comment on the state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
Saturday, September 30, 2023	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
Monday, October 1, 2023	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
Monday, October 1, 2023	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
Sunday, December 31, 2023	Fundraising deadline for \$175,000 in election administration funds.
Tuesday, January 2,	Presidential candidate filing opens with the State Party.

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Tuesday, January 2, 2024	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site.
Monday, January 22, 2024	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party, filling a statement of candidacy, submitting an affirmative action plan, and paying the necessary filing fee.
Monday, January 22, 2024	List pulled from the Missouri Secretary of State for all registered Democrats in Missouri.
Thursday, February 1, 2024	Postal mailer sent with instructions on how to participate in the presidential preference primary. Other advertising campaigns begin.
Saturday, March 23, 2024	Presidential preference primary
Monday, March 25, 2024	Deadline for primary results to be announced.
Thursday, April 11, 2024	Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County Mass Meeting delegate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State Party.
Thursday, April 18, 2024	Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County Mass Meetings take place across the state.
Thursday, April 25, 2024	Filing deadline for candidates elected at the Ward, Township, Legislative District, and County Mass Meetings to run for district-level delegate at the Congressional District Conventions.
Thursday, May 2, 2024	State Party provides a list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
Monday, May 6, 2024	Presidential candidates provide a list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the State Party.
Thursday, May 9, 2024	District-level delegates are selected at the Congressional District Conventions.
Sunday, May 12, 2024	Pledged PLEO deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
Monday, May 13, 2024	State Party provides list of PLEO candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State Party.
Saturday, May 18, 2024	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
Saturday, May 18, 2024	State Democratic Committee convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected.
Monday, May 27, 2024	State Party certifies elected PLEO delegates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
Friday, May 31, 2024	At-Large deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the State

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	Party.
Monday, June 3, 2024	The State Party provides a list of at-large delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
Friday, June 7, 2024	Presidential candidates provide an approved list of at-large delegate candidates to the State Party.
Saturday, June 22, 2024	State Convention
Saturday, June 22, 2024	State Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select at-large delegates, standing committee members, and the Delegate Chair. The State Chair names the Convention Pages selected in consultation with the DNC members.
Tuesday, June 25, 2024	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
Tuesday, July 2, 2024	State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the at-large delegate and alternate candidates.
Tuesday, July 2, 2024	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Pledged PLEOs and At-Large Delegates and Alternates.
Tuesday, July 2, 2024	State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Unpledged Delegates.
Monday, August 19, 2024	The DNC 2024 Convention in Chicago begins.

Section XI: Attachments

Attachment A: *Statement from State Party Chair re: Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee Composition*

Attachment B: *Summary of Delegate Selection Process*

Attachment C: *Timetable Summary of Delegate Selection Process*

Attachment D: *Press Release from State Party Announcing Plan Adoption*

Attachment E: *Statement from State Party Chair re: Plan Submission*

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Attachment A

April 13, 2023

RE: Statement from State Party Chair re: Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee Composition

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as notice that the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee of the Missouri Democratic Party is in compliance with Rules 5.C, 6.A, and 7. It further affirms that names, demographic data and contact information of members were submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee fifteen (15) days after their appointment.

The members are as follows:

First	Last	CD	Email	Cell	Demographic Information
Jose	Caldera	3	jsc42c@gmail.com	(573) 200-1157	Hispanic or Latino
Patricia	Hernandez	5	phernandez586@gmail.com	(816) 877-7093	Hispanic or Latino; American Indian or Native American
Bernadette	Holzer	8	holzerformissouri@gmail.com	(417) 247-2010	Person with a Disability
Gunnar	Johanson	7	gunnartjohanson@gmail.com	(417) 880-0831	Youth
Zachary	Mallory	5	zachary.mallory3@redcross.org	(816) 204-1893	LGBTQ+; Youth
Henry	Martin	6	henrymartin14@gmail.com	(816) 678-3156	Black or African American
Matt	Michel	8	mpmy87@gmail.com	(573) 718-4492	Youth
Nanda	Nunnelly	7	nanda4mo@gmail.com	(417) 499-1525	Black or African American; American Indian or Native American; Person with a Disability
Asma	Raza	2	asmagr@gmail.com	(314) 662-0467	Asian American or Pacific Islanders
Yvonne	Reeves-Chong	4	seedistheword@gmail.com	(573) 586-7035	Black or African American
Chade	Shorten	6	cashorten@gmail.com	(660) 216-7994	Youth
Jessica	Slisz	3	jessicarslisz@gmail.com	(573) 310-3997	Person with a Disability; Youth
Clem	Smith	1	clem314@gmail.com	(314) 267-8818	Black or African American
Daniela	Velazquez	1	dv@danielavelazquez.com	(813) 210-3532	Hispanic or Latino
Brian	Wingbermuehle	2	brian@brianwingbermuehle.com	(314) 698-8989	LGBTQ+; Youth

Sincerely,



Hon. Russ Carnahan
Chair, Missouri Democratic Party

Attachment B

See [Section X. 2024 Missouri Delegate Selection Plan](#), *supra*

Attachment C

See [Section X.F. 2024 Missouri Delegate Selection Plan](#), *supra*

.Attachment D

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, August 28, 2023



Office: 573-777-1364

Address: 4218 Roanoke Rd., Ste 304, Kansas City, MO 64111

Information: info@missouridems.org

Missouri Democratic Party releases its National Convention Delegate Selection Plan Public comment period - open for 30 days

KANSAS CITY - The Missouri Democratic Party has released its initial draft of the 2024 delegate selection process. This plan outlines the party-run presidential primary and the process for selecting delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago on August, 19-22, 2024.

Since 2000, Missouri has had a state-run presidential preference primary, but in a bill passed by the Republican legislature in 2022, the state-run primary was eliminated and designated a party-run system for choosing nominees for president.

“The Republican-run legislature eliminated our state-run presidential primary. Our plan endeavors to get the broadest possible public participation and to meet important diversity goals that reflect who we are as Missourians,” said Russ Carnahan, Chairman of the Missouri Democratic Party.

The party-run primary will determine the percentage of the state’s delegates allotted to each qualifying Democratic presidential candidate. The Missouri Democratic Party will utilize vote-by-mail with in-person voting on March 23, 2024.

The Party expects that a subsequent version of this plan, incorporating public input, will be adopted by the entirety of the Democratic Party State Committee after the 30-day period of public comment. A copy of the plan and a process for members of the public to provide feedback is available at <https://www.missouridemocrats.org/delegate-selection>

Following the State Party Committee’s adoption of this Plan, the Missouri Democratic Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.

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Attachment E

September 30, 2023

RE: *Statement from State Party Chair re: Plan Submission*

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as notice that the Missouri Delegate Selection Plan, including all attachments and appendices, was placed on the State Party website, missouridemocrats.org, for a 30-day public comment period. During that 30-day period, comments were open and solicited prior to the final vote to approve the Plan by the State Committee. Attached are copies of the comments received during the commenting period.

Additionally, following the public comment period, and approval by the State Committee, the Plan was submitted to the RBC pursuant to Reg. 2.2.C.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Russ Carnahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Russ" and last name "Carnahan" clearly legible.

Hon. Russ Carnahan
Chair, Missouri Democratic Party

Enc.: *Copy of Public Comments Received*

Attachment F

September 30, 2023

RE: *Statement from Delegate Selection Chair re: Plan Compliance*

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as notice that the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee of the Missouri Democratic Party is in compliance with Rule 6.F.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gunnar Johanson

Gunnar Johanson
Committee Chair

Attachment G

All Comments from the Plan's Public Comment Period

Name: Angie Dunlap

Section of the Plan Commenting On: C. Voter Participation

1. There are many, many MO voters who have not marked a party on their voter registration and have been voting for years. It seems that a voter must update their registration and mark a party affiliation in order to participate in the Democratic presidential primary. Is this so?

2. In section 2.b it says that any young individual who will have turned eighteen by the November general election will be allowed to participate in the Democratic party primary election. But this is not really true. A young person who turns 18 yrs old the day of the general election (November 5, 2024) can vote in the general election if they are registered to vote in MO. But the earliest that a young person can register to vote in MO is six months prior to their 18th birthday. Six months prior to general election is May 5th. I think works out that all those who are turning 17 1/2 between February 21 -May 5 will not be able to participate in the primary even though they will be able to vote in the general November election. In section 7, you state the ability to vote more clearly by saying a participant should be registered to vote by February 21, 2024 . Any young person who is 17 1/2 by February 21, 2024 and registered to vote with a Democratic party affiliation can participate.

3. If you have to use a ranked choice voting system, there will need to be much education about how RCV works.

4. If you do not raise enough money to have the primary election as described, am I reading it right that you might go with a mail-in ballot only? (Section 8)

Name: Sue Gibson

Section of the Plan Commenting On: 1.B.2

Comment: I would argue that the number of polling places per county should be apportioned in a manner that would limit how far any individual must travel to vote, rather than based on greater population, advantaging the most populous areas and disadvantaging rural voters

Your Name: Shirley Seabaugh

Reason For Getting In Touch: Presidential primary and/or caucus

Comment: I am a member of a county Democratic Central Committee. I believe we should automatically be considered Democrats for this process.

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Name: Christian Movick

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Section IX, C. "Challenges to Implementation"

Comment: Section IX, C. "Challenges to Implementation": "A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented." This part of the plan seems to suggest that if delegates do not vote how they are supposed to, per how Missourians voted in the primary, then it can be challenged. It was said previously in the plan as well that delegates are required to do so. I believe there should be some form of penalty for not voting how they are supposed to, whether it be that they can never be a delegate again for Missouri Democrats or a fine that you agree to have to pay if they are to become a delegate. Anything that would penalize the delegates in some way if they do not vote how they are supposed to is something I would recommend being put into this plan.

Additionally, I would disagree with requiring Missourians to register as a Democrat to vote in the primaries. Historically, Missouri has not done this and this will disenfranchise many who will be blindsided when they go to the polls to vote and realize they were supposed to have registered as a Democrat beforehand. This will especially hurt elderly voters, young voters that already have low turn-out rates, those that are more Independent leaning that have voted Democrat or want to vote Democrat as well, and Democrats that have become hardcore Democrats but never officially declared their party affiliation due to never having to before. I greatly worry that this will blindside many, and therefore disenfranchise them so they will not be able to vote for who they believe best represents them in the Missouri Democrat primaries.

All else looks great; I especially love the inclusion of Ranked Choice Voting. Thank you for your time.

Name: Christian Chellis

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Gender selection criteria

Comment: As you have mentioned self-identification of either man or women. I identify as neither man nor woman, so as I agree that we should strive for equal number of genders represented, there are more than two genders. I argue that it is even more gender inclusive to not require a specific number of each gender as delegates, as that does not mean all the delegates will be men, but it means that each gender, especially those who are neither female nor male has more equal opportunity than otherwise. We must guarantee a minimum number of delegates for women, but not half.

Name: Christian Chellis

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Party-held primary election

Comment: I disapprove of having a primary election, or at least the delegate selection entirely based on that primary election. It doesn't seem like many people will be able to access that primary election, and that our nominee should be selected by members of our party at meetings, instead of anyone willing to vote then. The party-run primary election is susceptible to republicans who can manipulate it, and nominate us bad candidates who won't be elected in the general election.

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Name: Christian Chellis

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Preference primary

Comment: I also disapprove of the Presidential preference primary because most people will be very far away from it and would not be able to access it. As many people would not be able to register for it, and probably won't. It may also be manipulated by republicans.

I feel like that is going to be a hard election to secure, as well as a hard election, as well as a hard election to access.

As not many people would be able to vote in it, That defeats the purpose of having an election.

The local mass meetings, are more accessible as more people would be able to go them, and there will be participants there who will not rig the election, like republicans.

I feel like the nomination results would be so much better by only electing nominees by the mass meetings rather than by a primary election.

Name: Terrence Michael Messonnier

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Multiple Related Sections

Comment: Section I.D.2 states that the scheduling of delegate selection meetings shall be at a time and place that will encourage participation.

Section II.A.4.a appears to give Congressional Districts discretion in choosing a date and time that works for that district by giving them until May 9 to hold their district convention. But II.A.4.e all but eliminates that discretion by giving the presidential candidates a deadline of May 6 to reject candidates running for district-level delegates meaning that the earliest possible date for holding the district convention is May 7. Finally, the time table for delegate selection indicates that the district conventions will be held on Thursday, May 9 (with no discretion for choosing a different date).

I would strongly encourage expanding the dates that can be used. In the rural districts, delegates may have to travel two or three hours to get to the district convention if not more. A weekday evening meeting limits participation to those who can take off from work that afternoon. A weekend meeting allows much greater participation.

Name: Terrence Michael Messonnier

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Section 1.C.3.a

Comment: This section appears to imply that participation will be limited to those who have changed their registration to Democrat. Especially in the rural parts of the state, election authorities have not been doing much in terms of outreach to notify those currently registered of the option to change their registration to reflect their party. It is hard enough to get people to register, and I expect that the number of those who voted in 2022 who have taken advantage of this option is a very small percent of registered voters. I think the party should be encouraging folks to register by party, but the voting rolls should include all people who are currently unaffiliated, at least for this cycle.

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Name: Ursula Smith

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Primary voting

Comment: Confused on HOW to get mail in ballot? How to determine if someone can vote in Dem party?? Vs show up at Republicans caucuses. We aren't open primary state any longer? But we don't know how to declare??

Name: Winston Apple

Section of the Plan Commenting On: I. B.

Comment: I am happy to see that we will be utilizing ranked choice voting in our presidential primary. I wish we had used ranked choice voting to elect our Party Chair in 2017. I was a member of the DNC at that time, and we had a number of excellent candidates for that position. There were numerous rounds of balloting since none of the candidates had a majority of the votes. The voting caused the meeting to run late and many of us had to leave the meeting to catch flights home before the final round of voting. Ranked choice voting not only would have streamlined the process, enabling us to move on to other business, it would also have given us the opportunity to cast votes in support of numerous candidates, albeit in order of preference. I would have appreciated the opportunity to cast a vote for several of the candidates.

Name: Gary Bloom

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Selection of the Delegates, The Qualifying Candidates Campaigns should be choosing who their delegates are (SUBJECT TO AA Numbers) --- not people who are activists and want to go to state convention as "anybody's delegate"on

Name: Larry R Bradley

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Section One, The Delegate Selection Process and its voting methodology.

Comment: I am extremely happy that the Party has decided to use Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) to determine the top choices among its Presidential candidates. RCV is a more modern, superior way of voting in today's complex society. I would recommend that the Party use this selection method as a means of justifying the superiority of Democratic Presidential candidates to its competitors in the general election. For example, a caucus limits the time available for voters to show up and vote. Inclement weather, age, illness and other factors may prevent their voters from participating. Caucuses require people to physically demonstrate their choices to other voters and such physical presence may lead to intimidation. RCV overcomes all those flaws.

I am also happy RCV is being used as it accounts for a candidate dropping out after the election is held. With RCV, a voter's vote can transfer to their next choice and still count. With the first-past-the-post (FPTP) ballot we have been using, voters only had one choice and "wasting their vote" on a drop out was all too common.

Two other reasons I strongly support using RCV are these. The RCV process guarantees a result that reflects the will of the voters. In other cases, that means guaranteeing a majority winner (50% plus one or

better.). Here it means Democrats will identify its true top choices with at least 15% of the vote. Second, voters' choices are not restricted as they have been with the antiquated FPTP ballot we have been using. Voter choice with RCV is, in other words, not restricted by the so-called "spoiler scenario." Voters can vote for the candidate they truly want to vote for without fear that doing so will enable the candidate they most oppose to win.

Finally, I will make a comment regarding a procedural matter the Party may want to modify this document to include for clarification. The majority of the RCV ballots will be sent by mail to a central location run by the vendor. There will, however, be ballots physically cast in person on March 23, 2024 in each county of the state (page 4). Those March 23 ballots must be consolidated and transmitted to the central calculating office. The calculations determining the top candidates cannot begin until all ballots have been received. Whether that transmission is done physically or electronically, the action must be taken in a secure manner. Democratic voters should be advised that this is part of the process and security of the transmission should be part of the RFP in selecting the vendor the Party uses to run this process. I am clearly an advocate for RCV and happy to discuss this with you. Again, my congratulations for advocating the RCV process be used for the Presidential Primary in 2024.

Name: Lori White

Section of the Plan Commenting On: caucus

Comment: Finding this link was too hard. And I also don't have a clear idea of what i could be commenting on. Were there group town halls where comments and thoughts could be collected and shared?

Name: Michael Kelley

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Ranked Choice Voting

Comment: I'm writing to ask members of the MDP to please support the inclusion of Ranked Choice Voting in the updated plan. RCV is an approach to voting that can be helpful for the MDP because it helps to build trust and consensus, ensuring that the candidate who receives the party's nomination is truly someone supported by the majority of the party.

Name: Susan Vaughn

Section of the Plan Commenting On: Section 1 — Voter Participation

Comment: Most voters in our county have not declared a party. How are you going to publicize that, which means going to the courthouse. Who selects poll location, poll workers. How is the county committee involved in any of the processes with regard to selecting location, poll workers, public education/awareness. How and where will ballots be delivered with regard to those voting in patrons. Currently, election ballots are delivered to courthouse following certain procedures—ballots are initialed at the top; placed in locked bag; sheriffs take that ballots at the courthouse. Poll workers are trained with regard to checking in voters and following procedures for safe elections. What will keep people from registering as D, voting by mail, then registering R and participating in R caucus. Many of us who are committee members also are poll workers and know procedures that the county follows, and this plan seems a little loose and lacking in detail.

Attachment H

Forms to be Filed by Delegate Candidates

Online forms to be filed by potential delegate candidates will be available on the MDP's website beginning on January 2, 2022. These forms will be produced as fillable web-based forms, accessible using e-reader technology. Printed forms may be provided upon request. The various forms are described within the table below:

Form Name	Available	Due	More Information
Form H1 - <i>State-Level Delegate Filing Form</i>	Jan. 2, 2024	Apr. 11, 2024	State-level delegates will be selected at ward, county, and/or township mass meetings on or before April 18, 2024.
Form H2 - <i>District-Level Delegate Filing Form</i>	April 19, 2024	April 25, 2024	District-level delegates will be selected at congressional district conventions on or before May 9, 2024.
Form H3 - <i>PLEO Delegate Filing Form</i>	April 19, 2024	May 12, 2024	PLEO delegates will be elected by the State Democratic Committee on or about May 18, 2024.
Form H4 - <i>At-Large Delegate Filing Form</i>	April 19, 2024	May 31, 2024	At-large delegates will be elected at the State Convention on or about June 22, 2024.

Attachment I

Relevant State Statutes and Other Legal Authority

Source	Title (Date Last Amended)
Chapter 115, RSMo., generally	Election Authorities and Conduct of Elections https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneChapter.aspx?chapter=115
Section 115.155, RSMo.	Registration — application — oath — transfer of data to election authority ... (8/28/2022) https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=115.155&bid=51433&hl=
Section 115.163, RSMo.	Precinct register required — voter identification cards, procedures and ... (8/28/2022) https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=115.163&bid=51436&hl=
Section 115.168, RSMo.	Party affiliation change, procedure. (8/28/2022) https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=115.168&bid=51438&hl=
Section 115.399, RSMo.	Presidential and vice-presidential candidates, when certified to secretary ... (6/13/1996) https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=115.399&bid=6131&hl=
Section 115.628, RSMo.	Voter registration records — notification of registered voters of party ... (8/28/2022) https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=115.628&bid=51458&hl=
Section 115.776, RSMo.	Caucuses, nomination for presidential candidates — delegates for national ... (8/28/2022) https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=115.776&bid=51460&hl=
Mo Const. Art. I, generally	Bill of Rights https://www.sos.mo.gov/CMSImages/Publications/CurrentMissouriConstitution.pdf
Mo Const. Art. VIII, generally	Suffrage and Elections https://www.sos.mo.gov/CMSImages/Publications/CurrentMissouriConstitution.pdf

Attachment J

Presidential Candidate Qualifying Form



PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

Candidate Information

Name of Candidate: _____

National Campaign Address: _____

Campaign Telephone Number: _____

Campaign Email Address: _____

Campaign web site: _____

Authorized Representative

The (Name of Candidate) _____ campaign designates the following individual as its official contact with the Missouri Democratic Party in connection with the 2024 Democratic National Convention delegate selection process:

Name of Candidate's Authorized Representative: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Filed by (filled out by Party):

Name _____ Date _____

Title _____

Signature _____

Filing fee

This application must be accompanied by a Filing Fee of \$2,500. Make checks payable to the Missouri Democratic Party. Application must be filed by 5:00 p.m. January 22, 2024.

Missouri Democratic Party, 4218 Roanoke Rd, Kansas City, MO 64111, www.missouridems.org, 573-777-1364

Attachment K

State Delegate Selection Media Plan

The Missouri Democratic Party will implement a media outreach plan in the pursuit of several goals:

1. Broadly inform Missourians on how they can participate in the delegate selection process, with special emphasis on underrepresented constituencies.
2. Clearly communicate the process to Democrats through our online presence and earned media.
3. Generally promote MDP and our programs.

These goals of this media plan will be accomplished through the use of *social media* and *earned media*.

Social Media:

The MDP will use our online platforms to inform, educate, and promote. The MDP maintains a robust social media presence through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

The MDP will also ask partners, county parties, constituency caucuses, and elected Democrats to help us spread the word by sharing our social media content.

Earned Media:

We will work to inform media outlets around Missouri about our delegate selection process through:

Statewide press releases announcing the process for participating in our delegate selection process.

Media conference call to answer questions and further promote the process and opportunities for Missourians to participate.

Pitching to Missouri outlets that provide current affairs programming through radio and TV.

Special emphasis will be made to work with media outlets and programs that cater to minority audiences including, but not limited to, The St. Louis American and The Kansas City Call.

Targeted follow up contact with news outlets serving Missouri's rural communities.

Attachment L

2024 Primary Budget and Fundraising Plan

The Missouri Democratic Party solicited proposals from election administration vendors in Summer 2023 regarding the 2024 presidential nominating contest. Based on submissions, the Merriman River Group (MRG) proposal for election administration \$97,500

Includes:

- \$30,000 administrative fee (includes poll worker training, ballot request helpline and voter request helpline)
- \$37,500 Ballot printing and mailing
- \$30,000 Tabulation and Counting Facility

Additional expenses: \$71,650

- \$26,850 Postage for Ballot Packets
- \$22,800 Prepaid postage for ballot return
- \$12,000 Ballot Bags
- \$10,000 Lodging/Expenses for Election Administrators

Voter Education: \$100,000

Total: \$269,150

Page 10 of the DSP states:

1. **Fundraising.** The Missouri Democratic Party is committed to an aggressive fundraising program to raise necessary funds for the party-run primary. The total estimated cost of this delegate selection plan, including voter education and outreach investments, such as those to meet the goals of increased participation and goals established in the affirmative action plan, is estimated to be **\$250,000 to \$450,000**, with election administration estimated to be **\$175,000** (Rule 2.K.2).

The Missouri Democratic Party State Central Committee, with the assistance of former and current Democratic PLEOs, are responsible for raising the funding required to implement the party-run primary; with **\$175,000** of that funding expected to be raised by **December 31, 2023**, in order to continue.

Attachment M

See [Section III, 2024 Missouri Delegate Selection Plan](#), *supra*

Attachment N

Letter from the DNC Office of Party Affairs & Delegate Selection with recommended revisions.

Missouri 2024 Delegate Selection Plan

Staff Evaluation October 20, 2023

I. Introduction and Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Pg. 4, Sec. A.1.: Update Number of Delegates to 70 (You updated it everywhere else in the plan - thank you!). The original Appendix B to the Call of Convention included a Distinguished Party Leader in the calculation of Automatic Delegates. Our records indicate that the Distinguished Party Leader who was previously allocated to Missouri no longer resides in the state.

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

2. Pg. 4-5, Sec. B.2.: The RBC did not approve the provisions in the Plan for using ranked choice voting. The Plan will need to be revised accordingly. Please feel free to contact the staff of the Office of Party Affairs and Delegate Selection for any guidance.

C. Voter Participation

3. Pg. 9, Sec. C.6.: Plan omits language related to Rule 2.K.3 (implementing same-day voter registration and party-affiliation changes at the voting location). Add language acknowledging the principles detailed in Rule 2.K.3 and explain why same-day registration is omitted from the plan (state law, voter confusion, etc.). Your explanation of party-affiliation on Pg. 6 in Sec. C.2 is sufficient.
4. Pg. 9, Sec. C.8.: Add language in this section incorporating Attachment L by reference to provide additional evidence that the State Party has the financial and technical ability to successfully run the process in compliance with Rule 2.K.2.

III. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

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

5. Pg. 22, Sec. C.4.(b)&(d): The language related to the use of virtual meetings/online voting processes is sufficient. If you choose to utilize those, please work with the PADS office and the DNC Tech and Security Teams.

Attachment O

October 31, 2023

RE: Response to Staff Evaluation

To the DNC Office of Party Affairs & Delegate Selection:

We have received your Staff Evaluation, dated October 20, 2023, containing recommended revisions to our 2024 Delegate Selection Plan. We have completed revisions to bring the Plan into compliance and again request full approval. The revisions are described herein:

1. Updated the number of delegates in **Section I.A.1** to the correct number (70) and corrected the number of automatic delegates in **Section X** to reflect the relocation of a Distinguished Party Leader who no longer resides in the state.
2. Removed any reference in **Section I.B.2** to a ranked choice voting style of tabulation for all mail-in ballots in the party-run presidential preference primary; ballots will now be traditionally tabulated with the victor earning a plurality of the votes cast. This change was made over an objection by the Missouri Democratic Party. The MDP would like to note that it does not expect the estimated cost of the party-run presidential preference primary to be affected by this change. The MDP does, however, expect the removal of ranked choice voting tabulation to negatively affect our fundraising efforts for election administration and voter education, and harm the inclusivity and equitability of the party-run presidential primary election.
3. Added language to **Section I.C.7(d)** acknowledging that state law in Missouri does not permit same-day voter registration.
4. Added language to **Section I.C.8** incorporating Attachment L by reference.

The DNC's support is essential to administering a legal, inclusive, and participatory party-run presidential preference primary election in 2024. Absent such support, and upon the failure to reach our initial fundraising goal of \$175,000 by December 31, 2023, the Party will be required to hold an outdated, non-accommodating in-person caucus. We look forward to working with the DNC to ensure this does not happen.

Sincerely,



Hon. Russ Carnahan
Chair, Missouri Democratic Party