

EXHIBIT 10:
NEVADA DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

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Section I: Summary of the Plan

Subsection A: Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Nevada will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the caucus system for apportioning its delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

The "first determining step" of Nevada's delegate selection process will occur on January 19th, 2008, with precinct caucuses. All dates further mentioned in this plan should be assumed as 2008 dates unless otherwise noted. [*Nevada's total delegation size is 37*]

Delegate candidates must file a statement of candidacy and a pledge of support.

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

Delegate Breakout Chart 1.1

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body/Filing Requirements and Deadlines
Congressional Districts CD I (Clark) CD II (All) CD III (Clark)	16 total 8 males 8 females	3 total CD I – 1 CD II – 1 CD III – 1	April 19 th 2:30 p.m. Time Certain	State Convention – Tier 3 – Presidential Preference Caucus by CD I, CD II, and CD III Filing Deadline April 19 th by 10:00 a.m.
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	7 total 3 males 4 females	N/A	April 19 th	Secretary of the Democratic National Committee certification: 1 Senator, 1 Democratic Congresswoman, 5 Democratic National Committee Members (Rule 9.A.)
Unpledged Add-On Delegates** (Rule 8.B.)	1 total 1 male	N/A	April 19 th	State Convention. Does not need to file a certification of candidacy or Presidential Preference.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEO)	3 total 2 males 1 female	N/A	April 19 th Approximately 4:30 p.m.	Tier III. State Convention after Presidential Caucuses. State Convention body as a whole reconvenes

				after base delegate and 4 alternate selection Must file intention to be a candidate, <u>Binding Presidential Preference</u> , pledge of support deadline: April 19 th by 10:00 a.m.
At-Large Delegates and Alternates	6 total 3 males 3 females	1 total	April 19 th Approximately 4:30 p.m.	State Convention (See Above)
Total Delegates and Alternates	33 total	4 total		

* Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, of Party Leaders and Elected Officials who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any Distinguished Party Leader (none in Nevada) specified in rule 9.A.

** Unpledged Add-on Delegates refers to those delegates chosen according to Rule 9.B. of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules.

Subsection B: Selection of Standing Committee Members [Reg 2.2.A.]

Selection of Standing Committee Members will be for the Credentials, Platform and Rules committees.

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

Standing Committee Breakout Charter 1.2

Members per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	April 19 th	<p>Presidential Candidate will provide a list of nominees for the positions with the State Chair</p> <p>May file to be a candidate after County Convention, until 10:00 a.m., April 19th, at State Convention time allowed for Presidential Candidate Approval</p>

Subsection C: Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on April 20th at a meeting chaired by the State Chair with a quorum of at least fifty-percent (50%) of the delegates.

Two Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on April 19th.

Subsection D: Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by January 15th. The deadline for the late Presidential entries is 30 days following the candidate's announcement.

Subsection E: Nevada Timetable 1.3

Date	Activity
2007	
February 1 st	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair
February 15 th	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Plans
March 1 st	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.

March 1 st	<p>Period for public comments on state plan is scheduled.</p> <p>Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.</p>
March 30 th	This is the last day for public comments to be received. Public comments to the state plan are compiled for review by the State Party Committee after a 30 day review period beginning on March 1 st .
March 31 st	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to the DNC Rules and By-Laws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the plan.
May 1 st	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and By-Laws Committee.
August 30 th	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits are sent to all state media.
October 1 st	Precinct Level Delegates are Apportioned.
2008	
January 7 th	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying the steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide the full participation statement to the State Party not later than thirty (30) days after their announcement.)
January 15 th	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
January 19 th	Precinct caucuses in each county of CD I, CD II and CD III. Delegates elected to county conventions.
February 23 rd	County conventions in each county of CD I, CD II and CD III. Delegates elected to state convention.
March 1 st	DNC Secretary confirms to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Unpledged delegates who legally reside in Nevada.
April 18 th	State Convention Registration is open from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
April 19 th	<p>State Convention Convenes</p> <p>10:00a.m. Filing deadlines for district level delegate and alternate candidate, PLEO's, and at-large delegate and alternate candidates.</p> <p>Standing Committee Member candidates file a statement of candidacy with the State Chair.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. State Party provides lists of district-level delegate and alternate candidates and at-large delegates and alternate candidates to the respective presidential candidates. Presidential candidates provide a list of approved</p>

	<p>standing committee member candidates to State Party.</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Presidential candidate provide lists of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Alternate filing deadline for PLEO candidates.</p> <p>4:15 p.m. State Party gives list of PLEO's to presidential candidates.</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Presidential candidates return the list of approved PLEO's to the State Party.</p> <p>4:35 p.m. State Convention elects Unpledged add-on delegates and PLEO's. Fifteen (15) minutes after PLEO selection, presidential candidates file approved list of at-large delegates and alternates.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. State Convention elects at-large delegates and alternates. After at-large selection, presidential candidates submit the list of standing committee member candidates.</p>
April 20 th	<p>National Convention delegates elect standing committee members and the delegation chair.</p> <p>Convention pages appointed by the State Chair in consultation with state DNC members.</p>
April 22 nd	<p>Deadline for State Chair to certify the election of the delegates, alternates, standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages to the DNC Secretary.</p>

Section II: Presidential Candidates

- A. Nevada has no requirement for filing as a presidential candidate and no presidential primary. [*NRS 293.150 – 293.163*] [*Rules 14.A. – 14.E. and 14.H.*]
- B. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing, to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by January 15th. [*Rule 12.D.1.*]
- C. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this plan and is equally divided between men and women. [*Rule 7.1.*]

Section III: Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Subsection A: Introduction

1. Nevada has a total of thirty-three (33) delegates and four (4) alternates. [*Call, I & Appendix B*]
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the Charter and By-Laws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2008 Democratic National Convention [*Call*], the Regulations of the Rules and By-Laws Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention [*Regs*], the rules of the Democratic Party of Nevada, the Nevada election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. [*Call, II.A.*]

Subsection B: District-Level Delegates and Alternates

1. Nevada is allocated sixteen (16) district-level delegates and three (3) district-level alternates (one (1) alternate is elected at-large). [*Rule 8.C., Call I.B. & I.I.*]
2. District-level delegate positions will be allocated to presidential preferences through a proportional representation system based on a three-tier caucus system, with the first determining step on January 19th (non-binding presidential preference), precinct meetings in each county of CD I, CD II, and CD III. [*Rules 11.A. & 13.A.*]
3. The January 19th non-binding presidential preference caucus will open its doors for registration at 11:00 a.m. (with the exception of at-large caucuses) and be conducted in public venues and with limits on the amount of time allowed for candidate debates so that each caucus may be run efficiently and participants time respected. Caucus registration will remain open until viability is determined by 12:00 p.m.

The caucus will be called to order, by the Temporary Chair, at 11:30 a.m. At that time the Temporary Chair will announce the caucus rules and read a letter from the State Chair and Senator Harry Reid.

The first actionable order of business will be the election of the Permanent Chair. Following the election of the Permanent Chair the Secretary will be elected.

By 12:00 p.m. the Permanent Chair will determine viability based on the total number of eligible caucus attendees and the number of delegates assigned to that precinct under the NRS. The ratios and formulas used to calculate the number of delegates for precincts follow NRS 293.133 [*See Appendix A*]

The ratios used to determine viability are as follows:

- For precincts with one (1) delegate;
 - i. There is no viability threshold and the delegate shall be elected by a simple majority vote of those eligible caucus attendees present and voting.
- For precincts with two (2) delegates;
 - i. Viability shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the eligible caucus attendees present.
- For precincts with three (3) delegates;
 - i. Viability shall be one sixth (1/6) of the eligible caucus attendees present;
- For precincts with four (4) or more delegates;
 - i. Viability shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the eligible caucus attendees present.
- *When determining viability the number will be rounded up (e.g. 6.1 = 7)*

Once a hard count of the eligible caucus attendees present is completed the Permanent Chair will use the aforementioned formulas to determine viability and announce that number to the caucus. At this time the Permanent Chair will also explain the procedures for breaking into preference groups to the eligible caucus attendees present.

Following the Permanent Chair's explanation eligible caucus attendees, present at the time viability was determined, will break into preference groups for initial alignment. The time period for initial alignment shall be at least fifteen (15) minutes and may be extended at the discretion of the Permanent Chair.

After initial alignment has concluded the Permanent Chair will make three (3) announcements to the caucus:

1. The number of participants that was required to reach viability; and,
2. The results of the initial alignment including which preference groups are viable; and,
3. Those preference groups that did not meet the threshold for viability.

At the conclusion of the announcement of the results of initial alignment, if there are any non-viable preference groups, the eligible caucus attendees in those groups will have another fifteen (15) minutes to realign in second alignment. Only those eligible caucus attendees who aligned with non-viable groups will be allowed to realign. Eligible participants in viable groups will have their pledge cards collected after initial alignment and only those eligible attendees with pledge cards will be counted in second alignment.

Following second alignment the Permanent Chair will allocate the delegates for that precinct to the viable preference groups using the following formula:

$$\frac{\# \text{ of Members within a Presidential Preference Group } \times \# \text{ of Delegates elected from that Precinct Caucus}}{\text{Number of Eligible Caucus Attendees at that Precinct Caucus}}$$

This result is then rounded up at .5 and down below .5.

These caucus results will be determined at the caucus by the Permanent Chair using the caucus mathematics worksheet. A representative from each preference group will verify the caucus math. Those results will then be reported to the State Party using a telephone based reporting system.

To fill the delegate positions awarded to each preference group, eligible participants shall elect, by a show of hands, within that preference group, those delegates to county convention for any person nominated to run as a delegate. Delegates can self nominate or be nominated by another person. A potential delegate does not need to be present to be nominated and elected as a delegate so long as that person is a registered Democrat residing within that precinct. However, in order to run for a national delegate position a person must be elected as a delegate at all three levels of the three tiered system (precinct caucus, county convention, and state convention) as well as attend each level; therefore, any person elected as a delegate without attending the precinct caucus will be ineligible to run for any national delegate position. Preference groups will be instructed by the Permanent Chair to elect as equal a number of men and women as possible. The Permanent shall read the following statement from the State Charter prior to the election of delegates: "Discrimination in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs on the basis of sex, race, age, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, physical disability or economic status is prohibited. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party business, Diversity Programs shall be implemented with particular concern for minority groups as defined in the Democratic National Committee Charter."

Alternates to the county convention shall be elected using the same guidelines as delegates to the county convention. However, there shall be no cap on the number of alternates that may be elected. Alternate participation at the county convention is detailed in these rules.

Following the election of county convention delegates and alternates by viable preference groups further party business will be conducted. Resolutions for the county party platform shall be submitted by any eligible caucus attendees. Eligible caucus attendees may discuss these resolutions, however, there will be no vote and all resolutions shall be forwarded to the county convention platform committee.

Eligible caucus attendees will also nominate any eligible persons for that county's central committee. These nominations will not be voted on and shall be forwarded to that county chair for consideration conducive to that county party's by-laws.

Nevada will hold At-Large Precinct caucuses where there is a large concentration of shift workers so that these voters have every possible opportunity to participate in a precinct caucus. These At-Large Precinct caucuses will be conducted similarly to the aforementioned precinct caucuses.

For more information and a full outline of At-Large Precinct caucuses see Appendix C.

4. Allocation of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

a. The district-level delegate and alternates shall be elected by a three-tier caucus system.

i. The first tier and determining step is January 19th at the precinct meetings which elect delegates to the county convention.

1. Potential delegates and alternates must file a non-binding Presidential Preference pledge of support, or uncommitted status, in writing by 11:30 a.m. on January 19th (potential delegates will do while entering the precinct meeting).

2. A non-binding Presidential Preference Poll will be conducted at the precinct caucuses based on the written pledges of support.

3. Delegates to the county conventions are elected by precinct caucus eligible participants. State law provides for the election of at least one delegate for any precinct with at least one registered Democrat per NRS 293.133, Section 1 [See *Appendix A*]. The apportionment of delegates for precincts shall be as of October 1st, 2007. All Nevada Democratic registered attendees become automatic delegates should the maximum number of delegates not be met. Delegates are not bound to their declared Presidential Preference at the precinct caucus per the State Party Charter.

ii. The second tier and step are the February 23rd county conventions. Further detail is provided in section 5 of this subsection.

iii. The final tier and step is the April 22nd state convention. Further detail is provided in section 6 of this subsection.

5. District-Level Delegates and Alternates shall be elected by county conventions held on February 23rd in each county of CD I, CD II, and CD III. [NRS]
 - a. Exact registration times will be set by each county's respective convention committee. However, each convention committee shall be directed to open registration for no less than three (3) hours between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22nd; and no less than two (2) hours prior to the conventions call to order while remaining open until 12:00 p.m.
 - b. County conventions will call to order no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 23rd.
 - c. Alternates to the county conventions will be allowed to attend regardless of voting status. If there are vacancies in the allotted number of delegates, alternates will be allowed to participate as a voting delegate in the order of their sign in time.
 - d. All delegates and alternates must file a Presidential Preference or uncommitted status by 10:00 a.m. on February 23rd. Potential delegates and alternates must file an intent to run as a delegate to the National Convention in writing in a form prescribed by the State Party by 10:00 a.m. on February 23rd. The election of delegates to the State Convention shall be by non-secret signed ballot.
 - e. A non-binding Presidential Preference Poll will be conducted at the county conventions based on written pledges of support.
 - f. Delegates to county conventions shall be considered to have aligned with a preference group when they are registered for the convention. A delegate shall be required to designate his or her preference group at the time of his or her registration, and a delegate who refuses to designate a preference group shall be registered by the Credentials Committee as uncommitted.

The Credentials Committee of the Convention in question shall have the responsibility of determining the number of delegates within each preference group, and shall, upon completion of registration, present a report to inform the convention of the size of each preference group.

Following the report of the Credentials Committee, all delegates will be afforded a one (1) hour period to realign with other groups if they so desire. A delegate choosing not to realign shall continue to be counted as part of his or her initial alignment as aforementioned.

Any preference group who fails to obtain fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of registered delegates at the county conventions shall be declared non-viable.

Upon completion of the one (1) hour period for initial alignment of all delegates, the Credentials Committee shall report to the convention the viable and non-viable groups' to the convention. Members of non-viable groups shall have reasonable amount of time, not less than one half hour, in which to realign in second alignment with or into other viable groups if they so choose. Members of viable groups will not be allowed to realign in second alignment.

Following second alignment, the Credentials Committee shall report to the convention the final preference groups and their relative strength within the convention.

- g. Election of delegates and alternates to the State Convention will occur at the county conventions and shall be conducted by non-secret signed ballot. State law provides for the election of one (1) delegate per 150 registered Democratic voters in each county. [NRS] All Nevada registered Democratic attendees become automatic delegates should the maximum number of delegates not be met. Delegates are not bound to their declared Presidential Preference from the county conventions.

6. State Convention – April 18th, 19th, and 20th

- a. Registration for the State Convention will begin the evening of Friday, April 18th. Registration will close at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th.
- b. The State Convention will call to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 19th.
- c. Alternates to the State Convention will be allowed to attend regardless of voting status. If there are vacancies in the allotted number of delegates. Alternates will be allowed to participate as a voting delegate in order of their sign in time.
- d. Potential Delegates and Alternates must file intent to run as a delegate to the National Convention and pledge of support by 10:00 a.m., April 18th. All delegates must sign a binding Presidential Pledge of Support, or uncommitted status, by 10:00 a.m., April 19th.

- e. A binding Presidential Preference Poll will occur by 10:00 a.m., April 19th.
- f. Delegates to the state convention shall be considered to have aligned with a preference group when they are registered for the convention. A delegate shall be required to designate his or her preference group at the time of his or her registration, and a delegate who refuses to designate a preference group shall be registered by the Credentials Committee as uncommitted.

The Credentials Committee of the Convention in question shall have the responsibility of determining the number of delegates within each preference group, and shall, upon completion of registration, present a report to inform the convention of the size of each preference group.

Following the report of the Credentials Committee, all delegates will be afforded a one (1) hour period to realign with other groups if they so desire. A delegate choosing not to realign shall continue to be counted as part of his or her initial alignment as aforementioned.

Any preference group who fails to obtain fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of registered delegates at the state convention shall be declared non-viable.

Upon completion of the one (1) hour period for initial alignment of all delegates, the Credentials Committee shall report to the convention the viable and non-viable groups' to the convention. Members of non-viable groups shall have reasonable amount of time, not less than one half hour, in which to realign in second alignment with or into other viable groups if they so choose. Members of viable groups will not be allowed to realign in second alignment.

Following second alignment, the Credentials Committee shall report to the convention the final preference groups and their relative strength within the convention.

- g. Viability and the fifteen percent (15%) Presidential Preference threshold will be determined by 12:00 p.m. on April 19th. Presidential Representatives shall be notified at this time.
- h. Final approval/disapproval of applications for district-level delegates by Presidential Representative shall be received at 12:00 p.m. on April 19th.
- i. At 2:30 p.m. on April 19th, delegates and alternates shall be elected by Congressional District caucuses (3): CD I (Clark County), CD II (All Counties) and CD III (Clark County). Each district will separate into a

different room and after brief delegate/alternate candidate remarks the election will be by non-secret signed ballot of those qualified to run.

i. CD II is further divided into three distinct regions: Clark County, Washoe County, and then remaining rural counties. When caucusing election of CD II delegates will be within these regional subgroups.

j. At approximately 4:30 p.m. on April 19th the state convention as a whole will select the one (1) unpledged add-on delegate, followed by the two (2) PLEO delegates, followed by the two (2) at-large delegates, followed by the one (1) at-large alternate.

7. Nevada’s district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving: [*Rules 8.A., Regs 4.9, 4.10 & Appendix A*]

a. Equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates: 2004 Presidential election and the most recent gubernatorial elections, 2006.

b. The state’s total number of district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women within each Congressional District. [*Rule 7.C.[1] & Reg 4.9*] Nevada has a total delegation of 33 delegates and alternates.

c. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

District Level Delegate Breakout 3.1

Congressional District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
CD I (Clark)	3	3	6	-	1	1
CD II (Washoe)	1	2				
CD II (Rural)	1	-	1	-	1	1
CD II (Clark)	1	1	2	-	-	-
CD III (Clark)	2	2	4	1	-	1
Unpledged PLEO	3	4	7	-	-	-
Unpledged Add-on	1	-	1	-	-	-
PLEO’s	2	1	3	-	-	-
At Large	3	3	6	1	-	1
<i>CD I</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>CD II</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>CD III</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Subtotal	17	16	33	2	2	4
Total	17	16	33	2	2	4

8. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

- a. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. [*Rule 12.A.*]
- b. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. [*Rule 12.H.*]
- c. Candidates for delegate or alternate positions shall file statements of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by April 19th at 10:00 a.m. [*Rules 12.B. and 14.F.*] National Delegate and Alternate candidates must be elected delegates to the State Convention.
- d. All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements for district-level delegate positions, except that the state may allow candidate who were not chosen at the delegate level to be considered at the alternate level. [*Rule 12.C.*]

9. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval for District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. The State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than April 19th by 10:30 a.m., a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. [*Rules 12.D. & 12.F.*]
- b. Each presidential candidate or that candidate's authorized representative(s) must then file with the State Chair by April 19th at 12:00 p.m., a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that a minimum of three (3) names remain for every National Convention Delegate or Alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. The State Chair will certify to the RBC Co-Chairs, by April 22nd, that each presidential candidate has used their best efforts in selecting diverse district-level delegate candidate that meet the affirmative action considerations. [*Rules 6.1. & 12.E. & Reg. 4.24*]
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Chair no later than April 19th by the 12:00 p.m. deadline.

- d. National convention delegate and alternate 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 or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). [*Rule 12.E. & Reg. 4.24*]

10. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. Caucus/Convention – Proportional Representation Plan [*Rules 13.A., 13.B. & 13.D.*]
 - i. Nevada is a caucus/convention state. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the caucus participants in each district. Therefore, the national convention delegates elected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the caucus vote won in that district by each preference group, except that preference groups falling below a fifteen percent (15%) threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates. At the third tier, the state convention this determination will be made by 12:00 p.m., April 19th, and an announcement made to the convention prior to caucus meetings and elections and to presidential representatives. [*Rule 13.B.*]
 - ii. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a fifteen percent (15%) threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the votes received in that district by the front-runner minus ten percent (10%). [*Rule 13.F.*]
 - iii. Within each Congressional District, district-level delegates shall be chosen by eligible convention delegates who have signed statements of support for a given presidential candidate. Eligible delegate may only vote for persons running for a district-level delegate or alternate position that are pledged to support the same presidential candidate. [*Rule 12.G.*]
 - iv. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention by submitting a statement of candidacy and pledge of support to the State Chair by 10:00 a.m. on April 19th. Any supporter who desires to participate will be asked to sign an affidavit stating they are a Democrat and a registered voter in that Congressional District. Each candidate will be allowed to make a speech. Following candidate speeches, ballots will be distributed to participants. Candidates are eligible to vote. Each participant may vote for the

total number of delegates in the district by gender. Votes will be tallied by the caucus chair and volunteers. Any candidate can watch the tallying process. There will only be a second balloting if there is a tie for the last delegate position in either gender. [*Rule 13.C.*]

11. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

a. In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be majority designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by gender as mathematically practicable, will continue with the next highest vote getting preferences in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned. [*Rule 7.C.[1] & Reg. 4.9.*]

b. Procedure for Gender Balance with Presidential Preference

i. Their Tier – State Convention – April 18th, 19th and 20th

1. The absolute deadline for Presidential Preference and pledge of support is filed in writing by the delegates to the State Convention as they register their credentials on April 18th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.n. and on April 19th from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. At the same time, a final opportunity to file a written form to run as a delegate in Congressional District I, Congressional District II, and Congressional District III and the County in which they reside within those Congressional Districts.

2. By 12:00 p.m., the announcement will be made to the state convention of the Presidential Preference Poll results and the final candidates for delegate seats and the numbers allocated to CD I, CD II, and CD III by Presidential Preference and Gender.

3. At 2:30 p.m., time certain, the election of sixteen (16) base delegates and three (3) alternates will be voted upon by written non-secret, signed ballot in three (3) caucuses.

a. CD I – Clark County has six (6) district-level delegates (3 male and 3 female) and one (1) female alternate; by Presidential Preference.

- b. CD II – Washoe county has three (3) district-level delegates (1 male and 2 female) and one (1) female alternate; by Presidential Preference.

CD II – Rural counties have one (1) male delegate by Presidential Preference.

CD II – Clark county has two (2) district-level delegates (1 male and 1 female); by Presidential Preference.

- c. CD III – Clark county has four (4) district-level delegates (2 male and 2 female) and one (1) male alternate; by Presidential Preference.

- 4. After the base district delegates and alternates have been elected in caucus by written non-secret, signed ballot with election monitors present elections will occur for the unpledged add-on delegate followed by pledged party leaders and elected officials three (3) delegates (2 male and 1 female). Presidential preference and ethnicity, age, and gender balance shall be considered.
- 5. Votes will be taken by written non-secret, signed ballot and there will be an election committee with presidential candidate representatives present. [*Rule 12.6 & 13.C.*]
- 6. After the delegates are elected, the three (3) alternates will be elected, using the same process described above.

12. The State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state's district-level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days (April 22nd) after their election. [*Rule 8.C. & Call. IV A.*]

Subsection C: Unpledged Delegates

- 1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEO)
 - a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - i. Five (5) members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; [*Rule 9.A.[1] & Call. I.E., I., J. & Reg.*]

4.14] Chair, First Vice Chair, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman and an At-Large member.

- ii. All of Nevada's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; [*Rule 9.A.[3], Call. I.G. & J.*]
- b. The certification process for the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
- i. Not later than March 1st, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall official confirm to the State Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Nevada. [*Rule 9.A.*]
 - ii. Official Confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above. [*Call. IV.B.1.*]

2. Unpledged Add-On Delegates

- a. Nevada will select one (1) unpledged add-on delegate. [*Rule 9.B. Call. I.H. & Reg. 5.1.*]
- b. The procedures to be used in selecting the one (1) unpledged add-on delegate will be as follows:
 - i. Selection of the one (1) unpledged add-on delegate will occur at approximately 4:30 p.m. on April 19th, at the state convention, which is after the election of district delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates. [*Rule 9.B.*]
 - ii. At approximately 4:30 p.m. on April 19th, the state convention will reconvene and vote as a body for: The unpledged PLEO (one, 1) who does not have to declare as a candidate or Presidential Preference, will be nominated by the State Chair to achieve gender balance among the unpledged five (5) DNC members (two (2) male and three (3) female), one (1) male Senator, one (1) female Congresswoman, making the unpledged group of delegates three (3) male and four (4) female. The unpledged PLEO must be a male making the unpledged group of delegates four (4) male and four (4) female. This delegate will be approved by the State Convention; which is the same selecting body used to select the three (3) pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (two (2) male and one (1) female), and five (5) At-Large delegates and four (4) alternates. [*Rule 9.B.[1]*]

- iii. The equal division and affirmative action provisions of Rule 10.A. apply to the selection of these unpledged add-on delegates. [*Rule 9.B.[2]*]
- iv. The list from which the selecting body chooses the unpledged add-on delegates shall contain at least two (2) names for every unpledged add-on position to be filled. [*Rule 9.B.[3]*]
- v. Unpledged add-on delegates, selected pursuant to Rule 9.B., shall be certified in writing by the State Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. [*Call. IV.B.2.*]

Subsection D: Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates

1. Nevada's allotted three (3) pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. They will be allotted to CD I, CD II and CD III. Nominations from State candidates must be filed with the State Chair for each Congressional District. To assure Gender Balance and Presidential Preference. [*Call 1.C. & 1.D.*]
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and statewide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders; state legislators; and other state, county, and local elected officials and State Party leaders. [*Rule 9.C.[1] & Reg. 4/16*]
 - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by the filing requirements: a statement of candidacy may be filed by April 19th with the State Chair's office located as 1210 S. Valley View Road, Suite #114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 or at the state convention, April 19th, by 10:00 a.m. or following the election of the district level delegates by 4:00 p.m. [*Rule 9.C.[3], & 13.G., Reg 4.17.*]
 - c. Pledged PLEO delegate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status by written statement. [*Rule 9.C. [3]*] Pledged PLEO delegates will be required to present a written statement of their preference and a pledge of support.
 - d. For three (3) pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials, two (2) males and one (1) female, (Presidential Preference) caucus recommendation.

Prior filing for intent to be a delegate may be submitted by April 19th to the State Chair allowing time for Presidential Candidate approval. The final deadline for filing as a candidate and for Presidential Preference will be

Friday, April 18th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday April 19th by a 1:00 p.m. deadline. Gender balance and Presidential Preference must be observed.

Votes will be taken by written ballot and there will be an election committee with Presidential Candidate representatives present. [*Rule 12.6. and 13.C.*]

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval

- a. The State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than April 19th, by 4:00 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for a PLEO delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. [*Rules 9.C.[3] & 12.D.*]
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Chair, by April 19th, by 12:00 p.m., a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. [*Rule 12.E.[2] & Reg. 4.24.*]
- c. The State Chair shall certify to the RBC co-chairs whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts in selecting diverse pledged PLEO delegate candidates that meet the affirmative action considerations by April 22nd. [*Rule 6.1.*]
- d. 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 Chair not later than April 19th by 4:30 p.m.

4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. [*Rule 9.C.[2], 10.C., 13.E. & 13.F.*]
- b. Selection of the three (3) pledged PLEO delegates will occur at approximately 11:30 a.m. on April 19th at state convention, which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and the one (1) unpledged add-on delegate and prior to the selection of the six (6) at-large delegates. The caucuses will reconvene as a body of the state convention. Names will be placed in nomination from the submitted declaration of candidacy and Presidential Preference. Two (2) PLEO's will be designated from CD I and one (1) from CD II (two (2) males and one (1) female) will

be elected by written non-secret, signed ballot. [See *election procedure, Rule 9.C.*]

- c. These delegates will be selected by: the state convention with recommendations from the CD I, CD II and CD III caucuses with consideration for gender balance. [Rule 9.D.]
 - d. Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one (1) unit. [Reg. 4.13.]
5. The State Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election. [Rule 8.D. & Call. IV.A.]

Subsection E: At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The State of Nevada is allotted six (6) at-large delegates and one (1) at-large alternate. [Rule 8.C., Call. 1.B.&I.]
2. At-Large Delegates and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by April 19th, at the 10:00 a.m. deadline. [Rules 12.B. & 14.G., Regs. 4.22 & 4.28.]
 - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. [Rule 18.A.] After the at-large delegates are elected by the state convention, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing.
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval
 - a. The State Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than April 19th, by the 10:00 a.m. deadline, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. [Rule 12.D.]
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Chair, by 4:35 p.m. on April 19th, deadline, a list of all such candidates he or she has 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 12.E.[2] & Reg. 4.24.*]

- c. The State Chair shall certify to the RBC co-chairs whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts in selecting diverse pledged at-large delegate candidates that meet the affirmative action considerations by April 22nd. [*Rule 6.1.*]
- d. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential delegate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Chair no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 19th.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. At-Large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the state convention poll and division of preference among participants.
- b. Preferences which have not attained a fifteen percent (15%) threshold on a statewide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. [*Rule 13.E.*]
- c. If no presidential preference reaches a fifteen percent (15%) threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus ten percent (10%). [*Rule 13.F.*]
- d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. [*Rule 10.C.*]
- e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. [*Rule 18.B., Call. I.I & Reg. 4.30 & 4.33.*]

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at approximately 5:00 p.m. on April 19th at the state convention, which is after all unpledged delegates and pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. [*Rule 8.D. & Call. III.*]
- b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the State Convention as a whole using non-secret, public written ballots. They shall be elected

using a fair reflection of presidential preference described in Section III, Sub-Section E, 4.

Subsection F: Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:

a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: [*Rule 18.D.[2]*]

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 sex of the delegate he or she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

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

2. If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 7.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 18.D.[2], the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. [*Reg. 4.33.*]

b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: [*Rule 18.D.[3]*]

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 he or she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: [*Rule 18.D.[1]*]
 - i. The alternate who receives the highest number of votes becomes the delegate.
 - 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 Chair. [*Rule 18.D.[1]*]
 - 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 State Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. [*Call. IV.C.1*]
 - iii. Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 48 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. [*Call. IV.C.1. & Reg. 4.32.*]
 - iv. In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 48 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 when a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. [*Call. VIII.F.3.d., VII.F.3.b & Reg. 5.4.*]
 - 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 sex and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced.
2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following conditions: [*Rule 18.E. & Reg. 4.34.*]
 - 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 official 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 Governor's Association. [*Call IV.C.2.a.*]

- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee and unpledged add-on delegates 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 2008 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgement by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of the unpledged candidates. [*Call IV.C.2.b.*]
- c. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate. [*Call IV.C.3.b.*]

Section IV: Selection of Standing Committee Members

Subsection A: Introduction

1. Nevada has been allocated one (1) member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2008 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of three (3) members. [*Call. VII.A. & Appendix D.*]
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention. [*Call. VII.A.3.*]
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. [*Rule 1.G.*]

Subsection B: Selection of Members

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Nevada's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 19th. [*Call. VII.B.1.*]
 - b. A quorum shall consist of no less than fifty percent (50%) of the state's delegates to the National Convention. [*Rule 15*]
 - c. All members of the delegation shall receive timely 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 committee allocated to Nevada shall proportionally represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. [*Call. VII.C.1. & Reg. 5.7.*]
 - 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 Nevada. 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 Approval

- 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. Individuals who wish to be considered for standing committee position must file a pledge of support to a Presidential candidate and statement of candidacy with the State Chair by 10:00 a.m. on April 19th at the State Convention. Each presidential candidate or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must approve of a list of candidates and submit to the State Democratic Chair, by April 19th by 10:30 a.m. 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 submitted by the presidential candidates [including uncommitted status]. Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one 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 Nevada's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. [*Rule 7.1 & Reg. 4.10.*]

- b. Nevada has three (3) standing committee positions. Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by gender. For example, the first position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a (male), the second position for a (female), to be determined, and the remaining positions shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by sex, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee. Presidential preference will determine preferred member and gender sequence after results of previous elections are evaluated.
 - i. A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee at 12:00 p.m., April 20th.
 - ii. The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must remain constant for the three (3) standing committees. [*Call. VII.E.1.*]
 - iii. The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate sex.

5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. [*Call. VII.B.3.*]
- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected. [*Call. VII.B.4.*]

Section V: Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

Subsection A: Introduction

Nevada will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and two (2) to serve as Convention pages. [*Call. IV.D., E.1 & Appendix C.*]

Subsection B: Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 20th; at 12:00 p.m. (Selection of the Delegation Chair should be made at the same time the standing committee members are chosen, no later than seven (7) days after the at-large delegates have been selected.) [*Call. IV.D.*]
 - b. A quorum shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of the state's delegates to the National Convention. [*Rule 15*]
 - c. 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 Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection. [*Call. IV.D.*]

Subsection C: Convention Pages

1. Two (2) individuals will be elected to serve as Nevada's Convention Pages by the State Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place on April 20th. [*Call. IV.E.3. & Reg. 5.5*]
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under their state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. [*Reg. 5.5.A.*]
3. The State Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Nevada's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection by April 23rd. [*Call. IV.D. & Reg. 5.5.B*]

Section VI: General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

1. Participation in Nevada's delegate selection process is open to all registered Democratic voters who wish to participate, checked against registration lists provided by the Registrar of Voters or a registration card by the Registrar of Voters. Registered unaffiliated or non-Democratic voters may not participate in the Democratic Caucuses. A person not showing up on the list of registered voters may register as a Democrat on site, regardless of whether that is a new registration or a party change, and participate in the delegate selection process. [*Rules 2.A. & 2.C.*]
2. At no stage of Nevada'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. Fees or contributions associated with the state's delegate selection process include registration fees for expenses for the County and State Conventions which include rent for the site, hotels and meals, printing and mailing expenses. No one is refused if they cannot pay. [*Rule 2.D.*]
3. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. [*Rule 2.E.*]
4. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. Binding presidential preference vote and delegate selection election take place at the third tier, the state convention. [*Rule 3.E. & Reg. 4.5.*]
5. The Nevada Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the "seven basic elements" as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. [*Rules 4.A & C.*]
 - a. All public meetings at all levels of the Democrat Party in Nevada shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, philosophical persuasion or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). [*Rule 4.B.[1]*]
 - b. No test for membership in or any oaths of loyalty to the Democratic Party in Nevada 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]*]

- c. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Nevada on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. [*Rule 4.B.[3]*]
 - d. The Democratic Party in Nevada, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." [*Rule 4.B.[4]*]
 - e. The Democratic Party in Nevada 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 each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. [*Rule 4.B.[5]*]
 - f. The Democratic Party in Nevada should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice of 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 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]*]
 - g. State Democratic Party Officers are prohibited from endorsing or demonstrating official aid to or support of one Democratic candidate over another in the 2008 Nevada precinct caucuses.
6. Discrimination on the basis of "status" in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. [*Rule 5.B.*]
 7. Nevada's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. [*Rule 7.C.*]
 8. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. [*Rule 12.A.*]

9. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. [*Rule 12.I*]
10. Delegates elected to the National Convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. [*Rule 12.J*]
11. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. [*Rule 12H. & Reg. 4.23.*]
12. No less than fifty percent (50%) 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 convention delegates, alternates, state committee members, and other official National Convention participants. [*Rule 15*]
13. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having appeared at such meeting and having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than one (1) proxy at one time. [*Rule 16 & Reg. 4.29.*]
14. 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 process. [*Rule 17.A.*]
15. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. [*Rule 17.B.*]
16. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place with the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. [*Rules 1.F. & 11.B.*]

17. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, Nevada thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, and that the voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States, and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees for the Democratic National Convention. [*Call II.B.*]

Section VII: Affirmative Action Committee and Outreach Plan

Subsection A: Statement of Purposes and Organization

1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Nevada. [*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 Nevada should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status, philosophical persuasion or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). [*Rule 4.B.[1]*]
- d. In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs, by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability, Nevada has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2008. [*Rule 5.C. & Reg. 4.7.*]
- e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Nevada Democratic Party has adopted and will implement affirmative action programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, LGBT and women. [*Rule 7.A.*]
 - i. The goal of the affirmative action programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. [*Rule 7.A.[1]*]
 - ii. This goal 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 7.A.[2]*]
- f. Recognizing that other groups of Americans in addition to those described in (e) above may be under-represented in Party affairs, including members