

Instructions for the Model Delegate Selection Plan For the 2012 Democratic National Convention

This **Model Delegate Selection Plan** is furnished to State Democratic Parties (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Democrats Abroad) to assist with the preparation of their respective Plans for the 2012 delegate selection process. In preparing their Plans, State Parties are welcome, but not required, to follow this “model” format.

Provisions applicable for both typical primary or caucus states are included in this Model Plan. A State Party can adapt this document to the requirements of its own unique primary or caucus system. State or date references appear in parentheses (e.g., *(state)* or *(date)*); state/system-specific choices or notations are indicated in brackets (e.g., *[indicate system: primary or caucus]*). All of these variables appear as ***bold and italicized*** text.

State Plans must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee by May 2, 2011. Before submitting the Plan, it must be approved by the State Party following a 30-day public comment period.

The Model Plan is available to State Parties electronically from the Office of Party Affairs and Delegate Selection at the Democratic National Committee.

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4/13/12

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4/14/12

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COLORADO DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

FOR THE 2012 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

ISSUED BY THE COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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The Colorado Delegate Selection Plan For the 2012 Democratic National Convention

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Section 1

Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Colorado has a total of **86** delegates and **6** alternates. (Call, I. & Appendix B.)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Colorado, the Colorado election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call, II.A.)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the State Party Committee, it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Regs. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Colorado will use a proportional representation based on the results of the caucus and conventions for apportioning delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Colorado’s delegate selection process will occur on March 6, 2012 with a Precinct first-tier Caucus.
3. Voter Participation in Process
 - a. Participation in Colorado’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. By state statute, no person shall be eligible to vote in a precinct caucus, or to be a delegate to any assembly, or to be a candidate for a committeeperson, unless such person has been a resident in the precinct for no less than thirty (30) days and unless he/she has been a registered Democrat for not less than two months prior to the date of the caucus or assembly, as shown on the registration books of any county clerk and recorder in the State of Colorado, except that any person who attained the age of 18 or became a naturalized citizen within a two month period immediately preceding shall be eligible to vote at precinct caucuses even though he/she has been a registered Democrat for less than two months. If a registered Democrat has

become a resident of the county during the two months immediately preceding the precinct caucus, such affiliation with the party at said prior residence shall be counted in determining whether the person has been a registered Democrat for two months (Rules 2.A & 2C & Reg 4.3)

The Colorado Democratic Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated and new voters to register and enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters wishing to register or change their party enrollment status. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. Individuals who do not meet the guidelines for participation pursuant to state statute or state party rules will be encouraged to attend and observe their local precinct caucus but may not vote.

- b. At no stage of Colorado'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. 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.)
- d. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E. & Reg. 4.6.)

Section II Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate is eligible to participate in the Colorado's first-tier caucuses, if he/she has been a registered Democrat for a period of at least 12 months immediately preceding the date of the General Election.

Presidential candidates are not required to provide the Secretary of State any information prior to the official nomination process. After the nomination process, the DNC is required to provide the Secretary of State the Designation of Nomination form. A copy of the form from 2008 can be found here:

<http://www.sos.state.co.us/ImageView/ViewDocument.do?quitButtonDestination=quitImageResult&fileId=20085631827&masterFileId=20085631827&division=5&searchType=>

Uncommitted candidates for President and write-in candidates for President are not eligible to participate. (Rules 11.B., 14.A., 14.B., 14.D., 14.E., & 14.H.)

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- 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 23, 2012 5:00pm close of business VIA FAX (303-623-2443) OR EMAIL TO DSP2012.COLORADODEMS.ORG, OR U.S MAIL OR IN PERSON. (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 6.I.)

Section III Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. District-Level Delegates and Alternates

1. Colorado is allocated 47 district-level delegates and 0 district-level alternates. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B., I.I. & Appendix B.)
2. The District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by the caucus/convention system. The first step in the process for District-Level delegates is to be elected from their respective precinct caucus to their County Assembly. However, in Colorado each County has different rules for electing their District-Level Delegates. Some counties will elect a portion from the caucus and complete the process at the County Convention. From the County Convention delegates who choose to go the District-level route will then be elected to their Congressional District Convention. It is there, at the Congressional District Assembly, where Colorado will elect their 46 District-level delegates. The Congressional Conventions will be held between April 1 and April 13, 2012 with locations to be determined by the respective Districts. Each Congressional District Chair has been notified to begin the process of determining their location along with timelines. Where there is an elected Democratic Congressman/woman, the Chair will coordinate to determine their availability to coordinate the Assembly process at the same meeting. Delegates to the National Convention elected at the District level will be based on the application form and if the interested person has attended the caucus and been an elected delegate to the Congressional Convention. Voting procedures for election of District-level delegates will be determined by the Congressional District and will be by written and signed ballot, which are held for 45 days after the election (per state party rules). Each District has been assigned a specific number of males and females to be elected and those individuals receiving the most votes will be awarded the delegate slots.
3. Delegates and alternates to the County Assembly/Convention are elected at the precinct caucus. In some counties delegates or alternates are elected from the precinct caucus directly to the congressional and/or state assembly/convention.

In other counties, delegates to the congressional assembly/convention and state assembly/convention are elected at the county assembly/convention.

- a. **Precinct Caucus:** March 6, 2011 7:00pm

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- b. **County Assembly/Convention:** Between March 7, 2012 and March 31, 2012
- c. **Congressional Assembly/Convention:** April 1st to April 13, 2012
- d. **State Assembly/Convention:** April 14, 2012

4. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. Colorado’s district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving one-third weight to each of the following criteria: (Rule 8.A.; Regs. 4.10., 4.11 & Appendix A)
 - (1) Equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic Presidential candidates in 2004 and 2008;
 - (2) Equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in 2008 presidential and the 2010 gubernatorial elections;
 - (3) Equal weight to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2004 and 2008 and the Democratic Party registration or enrollment as of January 1, 2011.
- b. Colorado has an odd total number of district-level delegates; therefore, the overall variance between male and female shall not exceed one. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)
- c. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
#1	4	4	8	0	0	0
#2	4	4	8	0	0	0
#3	3	4	7	0	0	0
#4	3	3	6	0	0	0
#5	3	2	5	0	0	0
#6	4	3	7	0	0	0
#7	3	3	6	0	0	0
Total	24	23	47	0	0	0

5. District-Level Delegates Filing Requirements

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- a. A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. The election will be held between April 1, 2012 and April 13, 2012. (Rule 12.H.)
 - (1) An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating his or her presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by no later than March 15, 2011, 5:00pm close of business. (Rules 12.B. & 14.F.) Application forms will be provided by the State Party and must be completed and returned to the State Party via fax, US Mail, or in person. All forms must be completed in total by the applicant and signed by the applicant via fax (303-623-2443) or email to DSP2012.coloradodems.org, or U.S Mail or in person to 777 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, Co 80204. **Forms received after due date will not be accepted.**
6. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than March 21, 2012 at close of business, 5:00pm MT, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate via fax (303-623-2443) or email to DSP2012.coloradodems.org, or U.S Mail or in person to 777 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, Co 80204. (Rules 12.D. & 12.F.)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by March 28, 2012, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate men and three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women, and three (3) times the number of candidates for alternate men and three (3) times the number of alternate women to be selected. (Rule 12.E.(1), Reg. 4.23.) The Presidential representative shall provide a physical copy signed by the representative a confirmed list of accepted and rejected delegates via fax (303-623-2443) or email to DSP2012.coloradodems.org, or U.S Mail or in person to 777 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, Co 80204 , or hand delivered to the State Democratic Party Headquarters no later than 5:00pm MT.
 - 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 Democratic Chair not later than March 28, 2012, by 5:00pm MT.
 - 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. 4.23.)

- e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of March 31, 2012, by 5:00pm MT.

7. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

A. Caucus/Convention Proportional Representation Plan (Rules 13.A., 13.B. & 13.D.)

1. Colorado 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, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates. (Rule 13.B.) Date/time and location of Congressional District Assembly/Conventions will be provided as soon as they are confirmed.

2. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)

3. District-level National Convention delegates pledged to a presidential candidate shall be elected by a caucus of voting members of the congressional district convention who sign statements of support for that presidential candidate. Uncommitted delegates likewise shall be elected for the uncommitted caucus. (Rule 12.G.)

4. A separate ballot shall be prepared for each preference group listing the persons approved by the presidential candidate or authorized representative (s). Because the DNC charter prohibits secret ballots in situations where those voting represent other Democrats, the ballots must be signed. Unsigned ballots and ballots marked for more delegates than are to be elected shall be considered spoiled and shall not be counted.

5. The number of delegate positions allocated to each presidential candidate shall be determined by a preference poll taken at the Congressional district convention, considering threshold requirements.

- a. Step 1: Tabulate the percentage of the vote that each presidential preference (including uncommitted status) receives in the congressional district to three decimals.
- b. Step 2: Re-tabulate the percentage of the vote, to three decimals, received by each presidential preference excluding the votes of presidential preferences whose percentages in Step 1 fall below 15%.

- c. Step 3: Multiply the number of delegates to be allocated by the percentage received by each presidential preference.
- d. Step 4: Delegates shall be allocated to each presidential preference based on the whole numbers that result from the multiplication in Step 3.
- e. Step 5: Remaining delegates, if any, shall be awarded in order of the highest fractional remainders in Step 3 (rule 13).

8. Apportionment from one level to the next level.

a. The delegations to the State Convention will be based upon each county's vote for most likely, Senate in the 2010 General Election The State Party will divide a number of base delegates among the counties according to each county's share of the statewide total. For counties that did not receive a base number of delegates under the calculation, there delegate total will increase to the county minimum.

The delegations for the Congressional Districts and other multi-county districts are the same as for the State Convention and Assembly if the county is wholly within the district. (Note that an apportionment is not necessary for single-county districts, as these assemblies are comprised of all of the delegates to the county assembly within those districts.)

For counties in Congressional Districts and other multi-county districts which are split by those districts, the delegation numbers were determined by the following formulas. Where the formula resulted in a county receiving only one delegate, the number was increased to the split county minimum. Multiple formulas exist due to the lack of data available in many counties, primarily due to "vote centers" resulting in no precinct-level data being reportable. The formulas for each county are determine based off the information that is available.

9. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex 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 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)

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 of April 24, 2012, at 5:00pm MST, after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

B. Unpledged Delegates

- 1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials

- a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A.(1), Call, I.F., J., & Reg. 4.13.)
 - (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.2., Call I.G.)
 - (3) All of Colorado's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.(3), Call I.H. & J.)
 - (4) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.(4), Call I.H. & J.)
 - (5) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.(5), Call I.G., and Reg. 4.13.)

- b. The certification process for the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - (1) Not later than March 1, 2012, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Colorado. (Rule 9.A.)
 - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call, IV.B.1.)
 - (3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state's unpledged delegates 10 days after the completion of the State's Delegate Selection Process. (Call, IV.B)

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

1. Colorado is allotted 9 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call, I.D., E. & Appendix B)

2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. All PLEO statements of candidacy will require a signed pledge of support for a presidential candidate. Application forms will be provided by the State Party and must be completed and returned to the State Party via fax, US Mail, or in person. All forms must be completed in total by the applicant and signed by the applicant via fax (303-623-2443) or email to DSP2012.coloradodems.org, or U.S Mail or in person to 777 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, Co

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80204.. **Forms received after due date will not be accepted.** (Rule 9.B.(1) & Reg. 4.15.)

- b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy by 5:00pm MST, on March 15, 2012 via fax (303-623-2443) or email to DSP2012.coloradodems.org, or U.S Mail or in person to 777 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, Co 80204. (Rules 9.B.(3), & 14.G., Reg. 4.16.)
 - c. Candidates for PLEO may file for District level, PLEO, and State delegate positions simultaneously. If elected at District level, the name is removed from PLEO and State delegate ballots. If not, the name remains for PLEO and State delegate ballot positions.
 - d. 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 included in a written pledge with their statement of candidacy. (Rule 9.B.(3) & Reg. 4.16.)
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 5:00pm MST, March 21, 2012, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 9.B.(3) & 12.D.)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by 9:00pm MT, April 13, 2012, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. The Presidential representative shall provide a physical copy signed by the representative a confirmed list of accepted and rejected delegates via fax (303-623-2443) or email to DSP2012.coloradodems.org, or U.S Mail or in person to 777 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, Co 80204. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
 - 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 9:00pm MT, April 13, 2012.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of April 2, 2012, at 5:00pm MST, of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in section III.C.3.b of this Plan.
4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

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- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 9.B.(2), 10.C., 13.E. & F.)
 - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at the State Convention on April 14, 2012 at location to be determined. This will be after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and will be prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. (Rule 9.B.)
 - c. These delegates will be selected at the state convention by written and signed ballot. Those delegates with the most amount of votes will be elected as the national delegates. (Rule 9.C.)
 - 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 unit.
5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.D. & Call, IV.A.)

D. At-Large Delegates And Alternates

1. The state of Colorado is allotted 16 at-large delegates and 6 at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B., II. & Appendix B)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by 5:00pm MST, March 15, 2012. The Colorado Democratic Party's physical and mailing address is via fax (303-623-2443) or email to DSP2012.coloradodems.org, or U.S Mail or in person to 777 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, Co 80204. **Forms received after due date will not be accepted.** Application forms will be provided by the State Party and must be completed and returned to the State Party via fax, US Mail or in person. All forms must be completed in total by the applicant and signed by the applicant. (Rules 12.B. & 14.G.; Regs. 4.21. & 4.27.)
 - 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 State Convention those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 18.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 5:00pm MST on March

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21, 2012, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.D.) (Reg. 4.22. & 4.27.)

- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by 9:00pm MT on April 13, 2012 via fax (303-623-2443) or email to DSP2012.coloradodems.org, or U.S Mail or in person to 777 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, Co 80204, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum, two (2) names remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
 - 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 9:00pm MT, April 13, 2012.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action 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 at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in section III.D.3.b of this Plan.
4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
 - a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the division of preferences among convention participants, provided that no person participating shall automatically serve by virtue of holding a public or Party office. (Rule 9.D. & Reg. 4.18.)
 - b. Preferences which have not attained a 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 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 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 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 on April 14, 2012 at **(TBD location)**, which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. At Large national convention delegates

and alternates pledged to a Presidential candidate shall be elected by a caucus of the voting members of the State Convention who signed statements of support for that Presidential candidate. Uncommitted delegates and alternates, likewise, shall be elected from the uncommitted caucus. This selection must occur not later than April 14, 2012. (Rule 8.D. & Call, III.)

- b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the delegates to the State Convention through open process in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection by written ballot. A printed ballot with a signature of the participant will be used at each of the election stages. Those delegates who receive the most votes will be the elected males and females and those with the most votes who did not receive enough votes to be elected as delegates will be designated as alternates. A written procedure for counting of ballots and observation of the ballot counting will be provided in advance to each candidate for delegate and to the presidential authorized representative. (Rules 10.B. & 8.E.)
- c. **Priority of Consideration**
 - (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.A.)
 - (2) In order 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/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability. (Rules 5.C., 6.A.(3), & Reg. 4.7.)
 - (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A. & 6.C.)
 - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rules 6.A.(3), 10.A. & Regs. 4.8 & 4.19.)
- 3. 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 ten (10) days (5:00pm MST, April 24, 2012) 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 18.D.(2))

- (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and sex of the delegate he/she replaces, 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 alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one 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 6.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. 4.32.)
- b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.(3))
- (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
 - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate he/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.
- (1) The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: The alternate who receives the highest number of votes becomes the delegate. (Rule 18.D.(1))
- c. Certification of Replacements
- (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 18.D.(2))
 - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the Colorado's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call, IV.D.1.)

- (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 48 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call, IV.D.1. & Reg. 4.31.)
 - (4) 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 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., VIII.F.3.b. & Reg. 5.5.)
 - d. 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. (Rule 18.E.)
2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Rule 18.E. & Reg. 4.33.)
 - 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 2012 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates. (Call, IV.D.2.b.)
 - c. Unpledged 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.C.2.c.)
 - d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate. (Call, VIII.F.3.d.)

**Section IV
Convention Standing Committee Members**

A. Introduction

1. Colorado has been allocated (3) member(s) on each of the three standing committees for the 2012 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of (9) members. (Call, VII.A. & Appendix D.)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.A.3.)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G.)

B. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Colorado's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 21, 2011 at 10:00am at State Party Headquarters located at 777 S. Santa Fe, Denver CO 80204. (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 Colorado 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 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 Colorado. 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 standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (Call, VII.C.4.)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call, VII.D.1.)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by 5:00pm MST, April 18, 2012, 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. The presidential representative will submit the required information via fax or in person to State party Headquarters at 777 S. Santa Fe, Denver, CO 80204 or fax 303-623-2443. (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 Colorado's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)

Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by gender. 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*, 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.

- (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
- (2) The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership

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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 not remain constant for the three standing committees. (Call, VII.E.1.)

- (3) 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 the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected. (Call, VII.B.4.)

Section V The Delegation

- A. COLORADO will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 2 to serve as Convention Pages. (Call, IV.E., F.1. & Appendix C.)

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 21 2012. Selection of the Delegation Chair should be made at the same time the standing committee members are chosen, or no later than seven days after the at-large delegates have been selected. (Call, IV.E.)
 - 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, at 5:00pm MST, April 24, 2012, after his or her selection. (Call, IV.E.)

C. Convention Pages

1. 2 individuals will be selected to serve as Colorado'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 on April 21, 2012 at State Party Headquarters located at 777 S Santa Fe, Denver, CO 80204. (Call, IV.F.3., Appendix C & Reg. 5.6.)
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Reg. 5.6.A.)
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Colorado's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. This certification shall be made not later than the time the state certifies its standing committee members.] (Call, IV.F.3. & Reg. 5.6.B.)

Section VI

General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The COLORADO Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the 'six 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.)
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Colorado 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 or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). (Rule 4.B.(1))
 2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to the Democratic Party in Colorado should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.(2))
 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Colorado 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))
 4. The Democratic Party in Colorado, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.(4))
 5. The Democratic Party in Colorado 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.

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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))

6. The Democratic Party in Colorado 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 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. COLORADO's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate 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 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 12.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 12.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 12.J.)
 - G. 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 12.H. & Reg. 4.24.)
 - H. 40% (forty percent) 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 15)
 - I. THE COLORADO DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN PROHIBITS PROXY VOTING. (Rule 16 & Reg. 4.28.)
 - 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 17.A.)

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- 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 17.B.)
- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rules 1.F. & 11.B.)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention, COLORADO 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 2012 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, Outreach and Inclusion Plan

A. Statement of Purpose 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 Colorado. (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 Colorado 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 or physical 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/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability, Colorado 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 2012. (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 Colorado Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.A.)
 - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A.(1))
 - (2) 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 6.A.(2))
- f. In order to achieve full participation of other groups that may be under-represented in Party affairs, including members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities and youth, the Colorado Democratic Party has adopted and will implement Inclusion Programs. (Rule 7)

2. Organizational Structure

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair on March 2, 2011. (Rule 6.F.)
- b. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.K)
- c. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan.
- d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - (3) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.

- (4) Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G.)
 - (5) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.E.)
 - e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin not later than September 16, 2011, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F.)

B. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2011. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places which are easily accessible to persons with physical 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 populace. (Rules 3.A., 3.C. & 3.D.)
2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the 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 State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. 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 relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than September 16, 2011. (Rule 1.H.)

5. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 2.C.)

C. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party newspaper. 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. (Rules 3.C. and 3.D.)
2. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. (Rules 4.B.(3) & 6.D.)
3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's organizations, student newspapers, gay and lesbian press, disability press, and any other speciality 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 State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules shall be effectively publicized, multilingual where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D.)
4. Not later than September 16, 2011, a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:
 - a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;

- b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
- c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2012 Convention; and
- d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

D. Representation Goals

The 2011 Colorado Outreach Commission, as in years past, reaffirms the Affirmative Action and Inclusion goals of both plans.

Colorado received a 20% increase in delegates for the 2012 Convention, the Colorado Outreach Commission took steps to increase delegates for those constituencies that showed an increase in “participation,” which assisted in electing Democrats in the past two election cycles.

1. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. (Rule 6.A.)
2. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate and furthermore, the State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation.

Hispanic/Latino

For the Hispanic/Latino population, the Colorado Outreach Commission established delegation goals using data from the 2008 New York Times and CNN exit polls and data collected during the 2010 US Census.

The 2010 US Census identified 1,041,043 Hispanics living in Colorado which makes up 20.7% of the total population. The number of Hispanics living in Colorado is up 41.2% from 2000. The New York Times exit polls showed 61% Hispanic/Latino participation in voting for Obama the 2008 General Election. The 2008 CNN exit polls showed a 67% rate of Hispanics supporting Obama and other Democratic candidates in the 2008 elections.

There are approximately 343,544.37 Democratic Hispanics/Latinos, or 32% of the total number of registered Democrats. This number was reached by determining the percentage of Hispanics/Latinos in Colorado and dividing it by one-third (approximately one-third of the total population of Colorado are Democrats).

In the CNN 2008 Exit Poll, 13% identified themselves as Hispanic/Latino. Multiply this number by .67 (using CNN data) of those stating that they supported Obama and divide by .54 (total support of Obama in Colorado), it will result in .1612 and multiply by 92 (number of delegates) it will equal 15.06.

Obama will not win Colorado without the Hispanic/Latino vote and therefore, there will be a very rigorous GOTV effort on behalf of the Democratic candidate. Additionally, with the high increase of the Hispanic/Latino population of 41.2%, the Colorado Outreach Commission voted to increase the Hispanic delegation goal from 17 to 21 as a means of fostering inclusion.

African American

For African Americans, the Colorado Outreach Commission delegation goals used CNN and New York Times exit polls, conducted during the 2008 Presidential race, coupled with data gathered from the 2010 US Census.

The 2010 US Census identified 201,168 African Americans living in Colorado which makes up 4.0% of Colorado's total 5,029,196 (up 25% from 2000) population. The number of African Americans living in Colorado is up 22.2% from the 2000 Census. The CNN 2008 exit polls showed that 96% of African Americans living in Colorado voted for Obama and supported other Democratic candidates in the 2008 General election.

There are approximately 66,385 Democratic African Americans, or 6% of the total number of registered Democrats. This number was reached by determining the percentage of African-Americans in Colorado and dividing it by one-third (approximately one-third of the total population of Colorado are Democrats).

In a CNN Exit Poll, 5% of those surveyed identified themselves as Black/African American. Multiply that number by .96 (those who voted for Obama) and divide by the .54 of support "Obama received in Colorado it will equal to 8.8%. Multiply by 92 (number of delegates for 2012), it equal to 8.17.

Colorado Outreach Commission decided to increase the African American delegate goal from 7 to 9.

Asian/Pacific American

For Asian/Pacific Americans, the Colorado Outreach Commission established delegation goals using CNN exit polls coupled with race data gathered from the 2010 US Census.

The 2010 US Census data identified 140,817 Asian/Pacific Americans living in Colorado which makes up 2.8% of Colorado's total population. The number residents identifying themselves as Asian/Pacific is up 46.0% in Colorado compared to the data collected during the 2000 Census. The CNN Exit Polls indicates that 63% of Asian/Americans living in Colorado supported Democratic candidates during the 2008 General election.

There are approximately 46,469.76 Democratic Asian/Pacific Americans, or 4.33% of the total number of registered Democrats. This number was reached by determining the percentage of Asian/Pacific Americans in Colorado and dividing it by one-third (approximately one-third of the total population of Colorado are Democrats).

With the 20% increase of delegates and the large percentage of Asian/Pacific Americans voting for Democratic candidates in Colorado, the Colorado Outreach Commission increased the Asian/ Pacific delegate goal from 3 to 4.

Disability

No exit poll data exists to help determine the **Disability** delegation goals. The 2000 US Census took a survey to identify individuals who are disabled but failed to conduct the same survey during the 2010 US Census. The 2000 Census showed that 638,654 individuals identified themselves as someone with a disability.

The Colorado Outreach Commission determined the delegation goals using information from the 2000 US Census survey, additional research from the Center For an Accessible Society, and the Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations. The Rutgers School's data is based on an analysis of each state's disability population based on the federal government's Current Population Survey Voting Supplement for 2008. The Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relation's 2008 voter turnout data shows that 66.8% of persons with a disability voted in Colorado.

There are approximately 210,755.82 Democrats with disabilities, or 14.6% of the total number of registered Democrats. This number was reached by determining the percentage of disabled persons in Colorado and dividing it by one-third (approximately one-third of the total population of Colorado are Democrats).

Additionally, the Center for an Accessible Society survey shows that people with disabilities are more liberal compared to the general population and tend to vote for Democratic candidates.

Based on the 20% increase in delegation and the information received from the mentioned resources and to foster inclusion of an under-represented constituency group, the Commission voted to increase the delegation goal of the Disability community from 4 to 8.

NOTE: A special thanks to Carrie Lucas chair of the DEMS with Disability Initiative for her research, presentation and advocacy to make sure that fair representation and inclusion is given to the disability community

LGBT

For the LGBTdelegation goals there was a lack of new data. In 2008, the Colorado Outreach Commission used information from the UCLA School of Law and Politics Williams Institute. However, there is no new data that suggests a significant change in Colorado's LGBT community. Without data suggesting otherwise, Colorado's LGBT community is still at 5.1%. Data from the UCLA School of Law and Politics Williams Institute shows that the LGBT population in Colorado votes democratic. However, the

UCLA School of Law and Politics Williams Institute does not provide any data reinforcing this claim.

There are approximately 84,324.9 LGBT Democrats, or 7.8% of the total number of registered Democrats. This number was reached by determining the percentage of LGBT persons in Colorado and dividing it by one-third (approximately one-third of the total population of Colorado are Democrats).

Even though we were unable to find new LGBT data, the Colorado Outreach Commission decided, since we have a 20% increase in delegates, and to foster inclusion of an un-represented constituency group, to increase the delegation goal of the LGBT from 4 to 5.

Native American

For the Native American delegation goals the Colorado Outreach Commission is using data collected during the 2010 US Census. The 2010 US Census data shows 55,321 people in Colorado identify themselves as American Indian & Alaskan Native. This equals 1.1% of Colorado's total population and is an increase of 26.6 % from data collected during the 2000 Census.

However, the Colorado Outreach Commission could not find any tracking data from exit polls to determine any participation rates. Our Research failed to produce accurate data from additional sources.

Using the math from previous groups, we can estimate that there are approximately 18,255.97 Democratic Native Americans, or 1.7% of the total number of registered Democrats. This number was reached by determining the percentage of Native Americans in Colorado and dividing it by one-third (approximately one-third of the total population of Colorado are Democrats).

Therefore, the Colorado Outreach Commission voted to not increase the delegate goal and therefore it remains 2.

Youth

Youth delegation goals are set with Youth identified as between the ages of 18 to 35. The 2010 US Census identified 367,331 people living in Colorado between the ages of 20 and 24, which is 7.3% of the total population; and 729,538 for ages 25 to 34, which is 14.5% of the total population equaling a total of 21.8% of Colorado's population.

There are approximately 361,800.35 Democratic Youths, or 33.7% of the total number of registered Democrats. This number was reached by determining the percentage of youths in Colorado and dividing it by one-third (approximately one-third of the total population of Colorado are Democrats).

Colorado's Exit Poll on age shows there was a 14% participation of ages 18 to 29 in the 2008 Presidential election.

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CNN Election Center 2008 Exit Poll showed that there was a 68% support of Obama in 2008 for ages 18 to 24, a 69% support of Obama for ages 25 to 29, and a 22% support for ages 30 to 39.

With the increase of population from 18.6% in 2008 to 21.8% present, the Colorado Outreach Commission voted to increase the delegate goal from 13-16.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBT Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Numeric Goals for Delegation	9 6% of registered Democrats	21 32% of registered Democrats	2 1.7% of registered Democrats	4 4.3 % of registered Democrats	5 7.8% of registered Democrats	8 14.6% of registered Democrats	16 33.7% of registered Democrats

3. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and unpledged) shall be compared with the State Party’s goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process which helps to bring about a representative balance.

4. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (Rule 6.A.(3))

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Colorado Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 6.H.)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by January 2, 2012 which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Colorado’s delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. (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 (including uncommitted status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state’s delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in

the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)

Section VIII Challenges

A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention* (Regs., Sec. 3.), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2012 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A.)
2. Under Rule 20.B. of the *2012 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 Plans. (Rule 20.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 2012 Democratic National Convention. (Call, Appendix A. & Reg., 3.1.)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2012 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 2012 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 2012 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 2012 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 fifteen Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A.), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Rule 20.A. & Reg. 3.4.A.)
2. A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within fifteen (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 Regs., 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 fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period. (Regs. 3.4.C., E., & H.)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan 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 section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (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.

**Section IX
Summary of Plan**

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Colorado will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Caucus apportioning its delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Colorado’s delegate selection process will occur on March 6, 2012, with a Caucus.

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

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	47	0	Between 4/1/2012 & 4/13/12	Congressional District Convention Attended the caucus and filed by March 15, 2012.
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	14	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 8.A. of the 2012 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	9	**	4/14/12	State Convention File by March 15, 2011
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	16	6	4/14/12	State Convention File by March 15, 2011]
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	86	6		

* Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2012 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact

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number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

** Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates. [Applicable to most states.]

B. Selection of Standing Committee Members (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)

Standing committee members will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
3	9	April 21, 2012	Presidential candidates must submit to the State Party Chair by 5:00pm MST on April 18, 2012 via fax (303-623-2443) or email to DSP2012.coloradodems.org, or U.S Mail or in person to 777 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, Co 80204. a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate.

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on April 21, 2012.

2 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on April 21, 2012

D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by January 23, 2012.

E. Timetable

Date	Activity
2011	
March 2, 2011	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 2, 2011	Proposed Delegate Selection is tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
March 2, 2011	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection Plan. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment

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	period.
March 2, 2011	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
March 15, 2011	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee including names, contact information and demographic data.
April 2, 2011	Period for public comment on Delegate Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
April 21, 2011	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
April 27, 2011	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 16, 2011	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media.
2012	
January 2, 2012	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.)
January 4, 2012	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 at www.coloradodems.org
January 23, 2012	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
March 6, 2012	Precinct Caucuses must be held.
March 15, 2012	District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.

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March 15, 2012	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
March 21, 2012	State Party provides list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
March 21, 2012	State Party provides list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
March 28, 2012	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
March 6 - 31, 2012	County Conventions must be completed in this time frame.
April 13, 2012	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State Party.
April 1 – 13, 2012	Congressional Conventions must be completed in this time frame. Congressional Conventions elect District-level Delegates.
April 14, 2012	State Convention convenes.
April 21, 2012	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention pages.
May 1, 2012	State Party certifies District-level delegates, PLEO, and at-Large Delegates and alternates along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages to the Secretary of the DNC.

Exhibits to the Affirmative Action Plan

A. Members of the Affirmative Action Committee

Margaret Atencio, Hispanic/Latino (H/L); Victoria Hayens, African American (AA); Leslie Herod, LGBT and AA; Robert Kalish, LGBT; Andrea Merida, H/L; Alan Pettis, AA; Jeffery Shaw, White (W); Jacqueline Shumway, W; Vivian Stoval, Disability (Dis), AA; Jose Rodriguez, H/L; Erin Minks; Steve McGroder, Pamela Difatta; Ron Greenwell; Epimenio Griego, H/L; Lisa Palacio, H/L; Adam Bowen, GLBT; John Case, Ema Muehlbach, AA; James Bowen; Carrie Lucas, Dis; James Tucker, AA; Kristina Lins, Gloria Stultz, Gena Ozols, Young Democrat (YD); Thomas Schomburg; Susan Marinelle; Dennis Obduskey; Tove Forgo; Guillermo Serna, H/L; Jeffrey Vetter; Timothy Allport, Labor; Saijai Choy, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AP); Wes Song, YD, AP; and Joe Beaver, Dis.

B. Media Outlets to be Contacted Regarding the Delegate Selection Process

Major Daily Newspapers: Alamosa Valley Courier, Aspen Daily News, Aurora Sentinel, Boulder Daily Camera, Canon City Daily Record, Colorado Daily, Colorado Springs Gazette, Denver Daily News, Denver Post, Durango Herald, Fort Collins Coloradoan, Fort Morgan Times, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, Greeley Tribune, Longmont Daily Times Call, Pueblo Chieftain, Summit Daily News, Telluride Daily Planet.

Radio: Boulder, KBCO FM 97.3; Boulder, KGNU FM 88.5 ; Carbondale, KDNK FM 90.5; Colorado Springs, KCSF AM 1300 ; Colorado Springs, FM 100.7; Colorado Springs, AM 1460; Denver, KCFR AM 1340; Denver, KCUV FM 102.3 ; Denver, KHOW AM 630; Denver, AM 760; Denver, KOA AM 850; Fort Collins, FM 88.9; Grand Junction, AM 1100; Greeley, AM 1310 website] KFKA AM 1310; Pueblo, KCSJ AM 590; Telluride, KOTO FM 91.7; Walsenburg, KSPK FM 102.3.

Television Stations: Colorado Springs, KKTU TV 11 (CBS); Colorado Springs, KRDO TV 13 (ABC), Colorado Springs, KXRM TV 21 (Fox) ; Denver, KBDI TV 12 (PBS); Denver, KCNC TV 4 (CBS); Denver, KDVR TV 31 (Fox), Denver, KMGH TV 7 (ABC); Denver, KUSA TV 9 (NBC); Denver, KWGN TV 2; Durango, KREZ TV 6 (CBS); Durango, KRMU TV 20; Grand Junction, KJCT TV 8 (ABC); Grand Junction, KKCO TV 11 (NBC); Grand Junction, KREX TV 5 (CBS); Grand Junction, KRMJ TV 18 (PBS); Pueblo, KOAA TV 5 (NBC); Pueblo, KTSC TV 8 (PBS).

Colorado Minority Newspapers: De Hecho, Arvada; El Hispano, Aurora; El Pueblo Catolico, Denver; El Semanario, Denver; Hispania News, Colorado Springs & Southern Colorado; Hola Colorado, Denver, Impacto, Denver; Mision, Glenwood Springs; LatiNoticias, Greeley; African American Voice, Colorado Springs; Denver Weekly Newspaper, Denver; Out Front Colorado, Denver; Gay and Lesbian Press, Denver; Intermountain Jewish News, Denver; Rocky Mountain Jiho, Denver; Urban Spectrum, Denver; Korean Times, Denver; Colorado Chinese News, Denver; Korean Daily, Denver;

Colorado Minority Radio Stations: KAVA/KBNO, Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo; KCUV, Denver; KEXO, Grand Junction; KGNU, Boulder; KGRE, Greeley; KJJD, Windsor; KRMX, Pueblo West, KUVO, Denver, KNRC, Denver, KSKX 105.5, Colorado Springs;

Colorado Minority TV: KMAS, TV Telemundo Station Group; Denver; Univision, Channel 50, Denver, Azteca American, Denver; LeSea, K Estrella, Castle Rock; K TeleFutura, Boulder;

Public Comment Period (The Colorado Democratic Party only received 1 public comment during the 30 days period):

From: Robert Reed

The Delegate Selection Plan needs minor clerical corrections that I have noted below. Some may not be needed as there are also some notes or DNC directives that may be removed. The plan appears complete outlining the process, where to obtain forms and filing deadlines for delegates.

Section III

Outline lettering and numbering for this section needs redone (pages 3 through 12)

Outline subsection capital lettering needs to match "Table of Contents"

Times in **May** and **June** should be references as Mountain Daylight Time i.e. **MDT**; page 8, remove extra spaces at top of page; page 10, subsection 1. a. remove *J* at end of paragraph (subsection should be 5. a.); page 12, remove extra spaces between subsections at top of page; page 16, move **Section V** to top of page; bold **A. COLORADO** or if this is just a note remove; subsection C. 3. remove *J* at end of paragraph; page 17, move **Section VI** to top of page; page 21, remove extra spaces between subsections c. and d.; page 22, remove extra spaces between subsections 5. and C.

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Please call if I need to clarify any of the above information.

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**Copy of Press Release Summarizing Components of Colorado's Delegate Selection Plan**

**For Immediate Release**  
April 12, 2011

Contact: Matt Inzeo  
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**Colorado Democratic Party Announces 2012 National Convention Delegate Selection Plan**

Denver – The Executive Committee of the Colorado Democratic Party passed the 2012 Delegate Selection Plan. The Plan was passed by voice vote during the Executive Committee meeting on April 9, 2011.

In 2012, Colorado will have 86 total Delegates traveling to Charleston, North Carolina to attend the Democratic National Convention.

Based on the Colorado Democratic Party's 2012 Delegate Selection Plan, Colorado's Delegation will be equally divided between men and women, and participation in Colorado's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats.

Colorado's 2012 Delegate Selection Plan outlines the steps the Party will take to educate voters and publicize the process to become a delegate, emphasizing the minority news outlets. The Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for historically under represented parties, such as: African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women.

Colorado's district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving:

- (1) Equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic Presidential candidates in 2004 and 2008;
- (2) Equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in 2008 presidential and the 2010 gubernatorial elections;
- (3) Equal weight to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2004 and 2008 and the Democratic party registration or enrollment as of January 1, 2011.