

PUERTO RICO DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

FOR THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION



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Section I

Introduction & Description of

Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Puerto Rico has a total of 59 delegates and 5 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 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the Rules of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico, (“DPPR”), the Puerto Rico Election Code for the 21st Century, Act 78-2011, as amended, 16 L.P.R.A. §§ 4001, et seq., the Compulsory Presidential Primaries Act, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, 16 L.P.R.A. §§ 1321 et seq., and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call II.A)
3. Following the DPPR Executive Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the DPPR shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The DPPR 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 DPPR Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the DPPR must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)
5. Puerto Rico will use a government run voting primary election to establish presidential preference and election of delegates. The Compulsory Presidential Primaries Act, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, 16 L.P.R.A. §§ 1321 et seq., provides the filling terms and conditions required for presidential candidates to participate in the primary and the basic procedures for delegate selection. The Compulsory Presidential Primaries Act is hereby made an integral part of this Delegate Selection Plan and in case any conflict arises between the English and Spanish texts of the law, the Spanish text shall prevail.

B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Puerto Rico will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary Election for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Puerto Rico’s delegate selection process will occur on **March 29, 2020**, as provided by law, with a Primary Election.

C. Voter Participation

1. Participation in Puerto Rico’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. (Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)
 - a. Pursuant to the Puerto Rico Election Code, any citizen of the United States of America and of Puerto Rico who is legally domiciled in the Island’s jurisdiction and who, by the date of a scheduled election event, has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, is duly qualified prior to said election event, and has not been declared mentally incompetent by a Court of Law, shall be a voter in Puerto Rico. (Act 78-2011, as amended, Section 6.003, 16 L.P.R.A. §4063). The deadline to register to vote is fifty (50) days preceding the Primary Election. (Act 78-2011, as amended, Section 6.015, 16 L.P.R.A. §4075). Puerto Rico does not require prior declarations of party affiliation as a pre-requisite to participate in the Primary Election. However, all voters must certify under oath that he or she has not participated, nor shall participate in any electoral process regarding the selection of presidential candidates or delegates to national nominating conventions for the same presidential election of a national party other than the Democratic Party. This oath shall be taken by a polling station official duly certified by an electoral representative. (Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, Article 17, 16 L.P.R.A. §1333).
 - b. Puerto Rico does not have registration by national party. The Primary Election is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. (Rule 2.A). In the Primary Election or in any subsequent stages for election of delegates, the voters declare Democratic Party preference by signing next to their name in the official voter list or signing a party affiliation form as provided by law or regulation. (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.A).
 - c. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the primary election and is registered to vote will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process. (Reg. 4.3.C and Act 78-2011, as amended, Article 6.003, 16 L.P.R.A. §4063)

- d. At no stage of Puerto Rico'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)
 - e. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election. (Rule 2.E and Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, Article 17, 16 L.P.R.A. §1333)
 - f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of Democratic National Committee ("DNC") Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in the Primary Election, which is the first determining stage of the delegate election process, and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. (Rule 2.F and Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, Article 17, 16 L.P.R.A. §1333)
 - g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. (Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)
2. The DPPR has taken steps and is taking steps to seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to enhance voter and election security, to accomplish the following seven goals:
- a. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; (Rule 2.H.1)

The DPPR is bound by the provisions of the Puerto Rico Election Code for the 21st Century (Act 78-2011, as amended, 16 L.P.R.A. §§ 4001, et seq.) that provides for a General Voter Registry that uses a separate and exclusive information system for an effective management and adequate protection of personal information of the voters. Only officials from the State Election Commission of Puerto Rico can access this information by means of an authentication of users requiring two factors for validation and a minimum of two users from separate local parties. The system transmits voter data from the local Permanent Registration Boards to the main server on a private network. Voter database is encrypted and backed up on a daily basis to three different and separate locations.

- b. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; (Rule 2.H.2)

The General Voter Registry of Puerto Rico is regulated and fully complies with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (“HAVA”), Pub. L. 107–252.

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

All the optical scanning machines acquired by the State Election Commission of Puerto Rico in 2015 are under a maintenance contract until 2024. Thus, for the Primary Election of 2020 these machines will be in condition and ready to use for its designated purpose.

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

Puerto Rico does not use electronic voting systems or direct-recording electronic (DRE) voting machines. The electronic canvass system operated in Puerto Rico uses paper ballots that remain as record of the counted votes.

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

The regulations adopted by the State Election Commission of Puerto Rico regarding a general canvassing after every election held since 2015 requires a mandatory post-election audit of the electronic canvass system. This audit is performed by randomly selecting a ballot sample and comparing the image captured of the paper ballot deposited in the electronic device ballot box versus the actual paper ballot and the result of the canvas of votes in the corresponding polling station.

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

The electronic canvassing system features acquired by the State Election Commission of Puerto Rico in 2015 comply with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Latest Voluntary Voting System Guidelines.

- g. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately. (Rule 2.H.7)

At each polling center for every election held in Puerto Rico, including the Primary Election, an easily accessible polling station is provided for individuals with disabilities. A telephone voting option is also available in each polling

station for voters with vision loss or who have a disability that restricts their ability to vote independently, in compliance with Section 301 (a)(3)(B) of HAVA. Likewise, for the Primary Election ballots in braille system will be available.

3. The DPPR has taken steps and continues to take steps to establish and promote legislation and regulations, with DNC assistance, for year-round voter protection programs to support educational, administrative, legislative, and litigation-based efforts to protect and expand the vote and advance election fairness and security, including the six goals set forth below (Rule 2.I and 2.I.1). The current Puerto Rico Election Code for the 21st Century, Act 78-2011, as amended, 16 L.P.R.A. §§ 4001, et seq., and the Compulsory Presidential Primaries Act, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, 16 L.P.R.A. §§ 1321 et seq., are being reviewed and in the midst of being amended. The Governor and the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, as well as the State Election Commission of Puerto Rico, will be taking action before the election cycle of 2020 begins. The DPPR will be active in the evaluation and consideration of proposed legislation and regulations to guarantee that the goals set below are achieved.

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

The current laws and regulations in Puerto Rico do not provide for no excuse absentee voting, same-day voter registration, and general voting by mail. Absentee voting for voters not in Puerto Rico on election day is limited to specific categories of voters like military in active duty, students enrolled in duly accredited colleges, and other limited instances. (Act 78-2011, as amended, Section 9.035, 16 L.P.R.A. §4175). Only absentee voters can vote by mail. There is another very limited category known as advanced voters who may vote ten (10) days prior to the election and end at least one (1) day prior to the election at specific polling stations. (Act 78-2011, as amended, Section 9039, 16 L.P.R.A. §4179).

However, the DPPR is promoting amendments to current laws to expand early voting for all voters who for any reason choose to do so, as well as to adopt no excuse absentee voting. We are also encouraging the adoption of same day registration on Primary Election day applying the provisional voting of Section 9.042 of Act 78-2011 (16 L.P.R.A. §4182) for all of those who register after the General Registry closes fifty (50) days prior to the election event.

- b. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines; (Rule 2.I.1.b)

The Puerto Rico Election Code for the 21st Century requires that polling places shall be preferably established in state or municipal public buildings that may be available in the corresponding municipality, and which are located at the side of

highways, roads, or streets that are easily accessible to automobiles and pedestrians. (Act 78-2011, as amended, Section 9.017, 16 L.P.R.A. §4157). All polling places must comply with the legal required accessibility standards. For the Primary Election at least one polling station will be available in each of the electoral precincts into which Puerto Rico is divided for election purposes. The number of precincts must be determined by the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections before the Primary Election. The latest estimate is 1,370 electoral precincts, but this number may vary.

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

The amount of optical scanning machines for each polling station to be provided for the Primary Election will be determined by the number of qualified voters in each polling station. Likewise, for the Primary Election there will be one polling station in each electoral precinct. If early voting and no excuse absentee voting are adopted as part of the revision of the current applicable laws, the voting process will be streamlined on Primary Election day.

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

To vote in any election authorized by law, voters must present their voter identification card issued and provided free of charge by the State Election Commission of Puerto Rico at any of the Permanent Registration Board offices located in every municipality. (Act 78-2011, as amended, Section 6.009, 16 L.P.R.A. §4069). This card is issued to every person who registers to vote. Voters may also request free of charge the renewal of their voter identification card if it has expired, becomes deteriorated, or has been lost. A sworn statement attesting to the circumstances related to the loss shall be included with the request. (Act 78-2011, as amended, Section 6.013, 16 L.P.R.A. §4073). The replacement card can even be obtained on the same day of an election.

Any citizen of the United States of America and of Puerto Rico who is legally domiciled in the Island's jurisdiction and who, by the date of a scheduled election event, has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, is duly qualified prior to said election event, and has not been declared mentally incompetent by a Court of Law, shall be a voter in Puerto Rico. Act 78-2011, as amended, Section 6.003, 16 L.P.R.A. §4063.

When registering to vote for the first time a voter must present:

- 1) For persons born in the United States of America or its territories or possessions, they shall present a duly certified copy of their birth certificate, or a current United States passport.

2) For naturalized citizens of the United States, they shall present a certificate attesting their naturalization, or a current United States passport in effect at the time of registration.

3) For persons born in a foreign country but are United States citizens, they shall submit, at the time of registration, a certificate from the Department of State of the United States of America verifying such facts, or a current United States passport. (Act 78-2011, as amended, Section 6.007, 16 L.P.R.A. §4067).

- e. Count and include in the final ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and (Rule 2.I.1.e)

The Puerto Rico Electoral Code for the 21st Century provides that if a voter votes in a precinct other than the one where he or she is registered, only the vote cast for the offices of Governor and Resident Commissioner shall be adjudicated. (Act 78-2011, as amended, Section 6.002, 16 L.P.R.A. §4062). In the case of the Primary Election, if a voter votes in a precinct other than the one where he or she is registered but within the senatorial district where domiciled, that vote will be counted.

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

Since 2012 Puerto Rico complies with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act ("UOCAVA"), P.L. 99-410, as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-84. Every person active in the U.S. Armed Forces and the merchant marine, their families and other overseas U.S. citizens can register online and vote absentee in our elections.

- 4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the DPPR has been and is promoting before the Governor, Legislative Assembly and the State Election Commission of Puerto Rico amendments to current laws to make voter registration easier, including supporting: (Rule 2.I.2)
 - a. Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration (Rule 2.I.2.a); and
 - b. same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process. (Rule 2.I.2.d).
 - c. Regarding pre-registration of high school students, Puerto Rico has for many years pre-registered high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age. (Rule 2.I.2.b).

- d. Regarding restoration of voting rights to all people who have served time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; (Rule 2.I.2.c), prison inmates are allowed to vote in Puerto Rico. Our Electoral Code since 1980 has recognized the right to vote to every citizen regardless if he or she is a convicted felon in prison or has served time.
5. The DPPR will use government run voting systems to establish presidential preference and elect district level delegates. The DPPR has taken steps to ensure an open and inclusive process and resist attempts at voter suppression and disenfranchisement, including revising local Party rules. We have encouraged administrative rules and legislation, and considered litigation, to allow same-day party switching for the Democratic presidential nominating process or to achieve state laws that allow voters to switch parties at least as late as the deadline for registering to vote. (Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)
6. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

The dates, times and places for all official DPPR meetings and events related to the delegate selection process has been scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings must begin and end at reasonable hours. The DPPR is responsible for selecting the dates and times and locating and confirming the availability of publicly accessible facilities for all official meetings and events related to this process. In addition, the scheduling of meetings shall consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)

Section II

Presidential Candidates

A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the Puerto Rico presidential preference primary ballot by the following:

- 1) **On January 5, 2020**, the Secretary of State of Puerto Rico shall determine and prepare a list of the names of the candidates who aspire to the nomination for President of the United States for the Democratic Party. To discharge this responsibility, the Secretary of State shall first verify with the DPPR Chair the names of the candidates for presidential nomination who have been recognized pursuant to the criteria and bylaws of the DNC. The presidential candidates shall be notified of their inclusion in said list by certified mail with return receipt requested and by electronic mail on the same day. The names of each candidate included in the list shall appear on the ballot as a presidential candidate, unless any of the candidates certifies in writing to the Secretary of State by **January 15, 2020**, that they will not, nor do they have the intention to be a presidential candidate. On **January 20, 2020**, the Secretary of State shall notify the

names of the persons that will appear on the ballot as presidential candidates to the Chairman of the DNC, the Chair of the DPPR, and the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections. Only those candidates that are officially notified by the Secretary of State of Puerto Rico as presidential candidates of the Democratic Party will appear on the ballot. (Rule 1.A.7; Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, Article 10, 16 L.P.R.A. §1330)

- 2) No filing fees, signatures, petitions or qualifying forms are required by law and no corresponding deadlines are prescribed by the DPPR rules. (Rule 1.A.8, Rule 15.A, Rule 15.B, Rule 15.D, Rule 15.E)
- 3) Write-ins are not permitted and the “uncommitted” will not appear on the ballot. (Rule 11.C, Rule 14.A, Rule 14.C, Rule 14.D, Rule 14.E, & Rule 15.H)

B. Other Requirements

- 1) Each presidential candidate shall appoint an authorized electoral representative before the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections. The name of the designated electoral representative shall be submitted in writing to the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections, with a copy to the Chair of the DPPR, by **January 20, 2020**. (Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, Article 24, 16 L.P.R.A. §1348) (Rule 13.D.1)
- 2) Each presidential candidate shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I)

Section III

Selection of Delegates and Alternates

A. District-Level Delegates and Alternates

1. Puerto Rico is allocated 33 district-level delegates and 0 district-level alternates. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B*)
2. District-level delegates shall be elected by a two-part primary presidential preference primary that includes the election of delegates on the ballot from each of Puerto Rico’s eight (8) Senatorial Districts. District level delegates will be selected at the **March 29, 2020** Primary Election. (Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, Article 17, 16 L.P.R.A. §1333).

A district-level delegate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. (Rule 13.H). The submission of nominating petitions and filing fees

are not required. (Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 4.23). Delegate candidates are not required to pay any fee to participate in the primary election. District Level Delegates will be elected based upon a proportional representation system reflecting the results of the presidential preference primary election within each senatorial district. (Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, Article 12, 16 L.P.R.A. §1332)

Candidates for District Level delegates can obtain the filing paperwork by mail or from DPPR's web site beginning on **January 2, 2020** and file the notice of candidacy by mail or online at www.prdems.org before the Chair of the DPPR, with a copy to the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections, stating their names, addresses, electoral precinct and senatorial district in which they reside, the name of the presidential candidate to whom they wish to be committed no later than **January 29, 2020**.

Every person who wishes to appear as an individual candidate for delegate and not as a group must file a petition by mail or online at www.prdems.org before the Chair of the DPPR no later than **January 29, 2020** in which they shall state their name, address, electoral precinct and senatorial district in which they reside.

The mailing address of the Chair of the DPPR is PO Box 366229, San Juan PR 00936-6229 and the website is www.prdems.org. The mailing address of the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections is PO Box 195552 San Juan PR 00919-5552. A statement of candidacy, pledge or updated pledge of support for a presidential candidate postmarked after **January 29, 2020** will not be accepted.

3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. Puerto Rico's district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on the island's population alone due to the fact that the residents of the Puerto Rico are disenfranchised U.S. citizens who cannot vote in the presidential elections and the local elections are not conducted by affiliation with the national political parties. (Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A)

Puerto Rico is electorally divided into eight (8) senatorial districts based on population, and consequently, the apportionment of thirty-three (33) district-level delegates will be made among those eight (8) senatorial districts.

- b. The number of men and the number of women in the state's total number of district-level delegates will not vary by more than one. (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)
- c. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table:

District	Delegates		
	Males*	Females*	Total
San Juan #1	2	2	4
Bayamon#2	2	2	4
Arecibo #3	2	3	5
Mayaguez#4	2	2	4
Ponce #5	2	2	4
Guayama #6	2	2	4
Humacao #7	2	2	4
Carolina #8	2	2	4
Total	16	17	33

**(Assuming no gender non-binary delegates are elected.)*

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

- a. The President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections shall remit the corresponding presidential candidate, by certified mail and acknowledgement of receipt, the names and addresses of the groups or individuals who wish to aspire committed to such presidential candidate no later than **January 31, 2020**. The presidential candidate to whom this information has been remitted must notify the list of candidates he or she approves, by certified mail and acknowledgement of receipt, to the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections by **February 7, 2020**. The presidential candidate shall approve a list of no more than the number of delegates that should be selected in each respective senatorial district. If no reply or refusal is received from the presidential candidate by **February 7, 2020**, it shall be understood that the candidate approves the list submitted. (Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, Article 12, 16 L.P.R.A. §1332 Rule 13.D.2)
- b. National convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate or the candidate's authorized representative, may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.24)
- c. The Chair of the DPPR shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals

detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. (Rule 6.I & Reg.4.10.C)

5. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

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

The Puerto Rico presidential primary election is a “binding” primary. Accordingly, delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates.

- b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. (*Rule 14.F*)
- c. If a presidential candidate in the **March 29, 2020** presidential primary qualifies to receive delegates but failed to slate a sufficient number of delegates, the additional delegates will be selected at the State Convention of the DPPR on **May 31, 2020**. The State Convention will be open for every member of the DPPR Central Committee and the district level delegates elected in the primary held on **March 29, 2020**. It will be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting of the State Convention. The Executive Committee of the DPPR shall establish the time and place of the meeting of the State Convention and shall adopt the election procedures to be followed in the State Convention. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a delegate, under these circumstances, by filing by mail or online with the DPPR a statement of candidacy and signed pledge form indicating support for this single presidential candidate, on **May 20, 2020**. The mailing address of the DPPR is PO Box 366229, San Juan PR 00936-6229 or online at www.prdems.org. A statement of candidacy, pledge or updated pledge of support for a presidential candidate, postmarked after **May 20, 2020** will not be accepted. (Rule 14.C). The filing paperwork can be obtained by mail or from DPPR’s web site at www.prdems.org beginning on **January 2, 2020**.

6. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates

- a. To ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the gender of the first binary

delegate elected in each district will be designated. At the time of election of delegates in the district, the binary gender advantage will alternate as delegate positions are filled and the alternation shall continue across presidential preferences in order of vote-getting preference. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)

In districts with an odd number of delegates, the first delegate selected for the winning presidential preference must be of the same gender as the advantaged gender in that district. Following that determination, the allocation would continue alternating by gender for the winning presidential preference and any subsequent preferences. In districts with an even number of delegates, the highest-vote getting delegate candidate for the district's winning presidential preference will be the first delegate assigned. Following that determination, the state will then designate the remaining positions for that presidential preference and any subsequent preferences alternating by gender, as mathematically practicable.

7. The President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections as required by law shall notify and certify the DNC Chair, DPPR Chair, the Secretary of the Department of State, and all the presidential candidates that were included in the ballot, the outcome of the presidential primary on the same date it was held on **March 29, 2020** or as soon as the canvassing of votes has concluded, but no later than **April 12, 2020**, as provided by law. (Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, Article 20, 16 L.P.R.A. §1344, Reg. 5.4.B & Reg. 5.4.C)

B. Automatic Delegates

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials
 - a. The following categories shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions from Puerto Rico:
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in Puerto Rico; (Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15)
 - (2) The Democratic Governor of Puerto Rico; (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)
 - b. An Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention. (Call I.J)
 - c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:

- (1) Not later than **March 6, 2020**, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the DPPR Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside Puerto Rico. (Rule 9.A)
 - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call IV.B.1)
 - (3) The DPPR Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Puerto Rico Automatic Delegates on **June 8, 2020** or within 10 days after the completion of the Puerto Rico Delegate Selection Process. (Call IV.C)
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. (Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)

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

1. Puerto Rico is allotted 7 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call I.D, Call I.E & Appendix B)
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. (Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)
 - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing by mail or online a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate with the DPPR by **May 1, 2020**. The filing paperwork can be obtained by mail or from DPPR's web site at www.prdems.org beginning on **January 2, 2020**. A delegate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. The mailing address of the DPPR is PO Box 366229, San Juan PR 00936-6229 or online at www.prdems.org. A statement of candidacy, pledge or updated pledge of support for a presidential candidate postmarked after **May 1, 2020** will not be accepted. (Rule 10.A.3, Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The DPPR Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, not later than **12:00 PM on May 5, 2020**, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 10.A.3 & Rule 13.D)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, must file with the DPPR Chair, by **12:00 PM on May 10, 2020**, a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)
- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative signifies otherwise in writing to the DPPR Chair not later than **12:00 PM on May 10, 2020**. (Rule 13.D)
- d. The DPPR Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)

4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates

- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 10.A.2, Rule 11.C, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F)
- b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on **May 31, 2020** at the DPPR State Convention and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. The State Convention shall be notified and publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting of the State Convention. The selection of the pledged PLEO delegates shall be open for every member of the DPPR Central Committee and the district level delegates elected in the primary held on **March 29, 2020**. The Executive Committee of the DPPR shall establish the time and place of the meeting of the State Convention and shall adopt the election procedures to be followed in the State Convention. (Rule 10.A)

- c. These delegates will be selected by the *DPPR* State Convention, as explained in the preceding paragraph. (Rule 10.B)
5. The DPPR Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention on **June 5, 2020** or within 10 days after their election. (Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)

D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. Puerto Rico is allotted 11 at-large delegates and 5 at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions delegates must file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates by mail or online with the DPPR by **May 15, 2020**. The filing paperwork can be obtained by mail or from DPPR's web site beginning on **January 2, 2020**. The mailing address of the DPPR is PO Box 366229, San Juan PR 00936-6229 and the website is www.prdems.org. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. A statement of candidacy, pledge or updated pledge of support for a presidential candidate postmarked after **May 15, 2020** will not be accepted. (Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.22, Reg. 4.23, & Reg. 4.31)
 - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the State Convention of the DPPR, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 19.A)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The DPPR Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, not later than **12:00 PM on May 20, 2020**, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.D, Reg. 4.24.D & Reg. 4.31.C)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, is encouraged to file with the DPPR Chair, not later than **12:00 PM on May 25, 2020**, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. The absolute deadline is immediately after the election of the PLEO delegates at the State

Convention on **May 31, 2020**, however candidates and authorized representatives are very strongly encouraged to abide by the **12:00 PM on May 25, 2020** suggested deadline. (Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)

- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the DPPR Chair not later than **12:00 PM on May 25, 2020**.
- d. The DPPR Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the state-wide primary vote (Rule 11.C)
- b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 14.E)
- c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)
- d. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 11.C)
- e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. (Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.33)

5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates will occur on **May 31, 2020** at the State Convention of the DPPR to be notified and publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting of the State Convention. The selection of

the At-Large Delegates and Alternates at the State Convention shall be open only for every member of the DPPR Central Committee, PLEO delegates and district level delegates elected in the primary held on **March 29, 2020**. The Executive Committee of the DPPR shall establish the time and place of the meeting of the State Convention and shall adopt the election procedures to be followed in the State Convention. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on **May 31, 2020**, after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. (Call III)

- b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the State Convention of the DPPR, as explained in the preceding paragraph. (Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)
- c. Priority of Consideration
 - (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in Puerto Rico's Delegate Selection Plan. (Rule 6.A.3)
 - (2) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. (Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)
 - (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)
 - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.20)
- 6. The DPPR Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention on **June 5, 2020** or within 10 days after their election. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.3)
 - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the DPPR Executive Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.36)
 - (3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the DPPR, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. (Rule 19.D.2)
 - b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.4)
 - (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
 - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: (Rule 19.D.1)
 - (1) For a temporary replacement, the delegate chooses the alternate.
 - (2) For the permanent replacement of a delegate, the chair chooses the alternate subject to the approval of the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference.
- d. Certification of Replacements
 - (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 19.D.3)
 - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the DPPR Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call IV.D.1)
 - (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.35)
 - (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. (Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)
- d. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference, of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 19.E)
- 2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.37)
 - a. The Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. 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 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. (Call, IV.D.2.b)
- c. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. (Call IX.F.3.e)

Section IV

Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

- 1. Puerto Rico has been allocated two (2) members on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of six (6) members. (Call VII.A & Appendix D)
- 2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2020 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 the Puerto Rico National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on **May 31, 2020** immediately following the State Convention. (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 Puerto Rico shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates

receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)

- b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Puerto Rico. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (Call VII.C.2)
- c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (Call VII.C.3)
- d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (Call VII.C.4)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of Puerto Rico's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call VII.D.1)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, must submit to the DPPR Chair, by the close of the State Convention on **May 31, 2020**, a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates. Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call VII.D.2)

4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a. Presidential candidates shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Puerto Rico's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)
- b. The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as self-identified. For example, the first binary position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a female, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a male, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non-binaries but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.
 - (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
 - (2) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. (Call VII.E.2)
 - (3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). (Call VII.E.1)
 - (4) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The DPPR Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee by **June 3, 2020**. (Call VII.B.3)
- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected but not later than 48 hours before the respective standing committee meets, except in the case of death. (Call VII.B.4)

Section V

Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

A. Introduction

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

B. Delegation Chair

1. Selection Meeting

- a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the Puerto Rico National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on **May 31, 2020** immediately following the State Convention. (Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C)
2. The DPPR Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee by **June 3, 2020** or within three (3) days after their selection. (Call IV.E)

C. Convention Pages

1. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as Puerto Rico's Convention Pages by the DPPR Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from Puerto Rico. This selection will take place on **May 31, 2020**. (Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)

2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. (Reg. 5.7.A)
3. The DPPR Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Puerto Rico's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee by **June 3, 2020**. (Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)

Section VI Presidential Electors

Puerto Rico does not select persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election because it is a territory.

Section VII General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The Democratic Party of Puerto Rico reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the "six basic elements" as listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (Rule 4.A, Rule 4.B & Rule 4.C)
 1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Puerto Rico should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). (Rule 4.B.1)
 2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in Puerto Rico 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 Puerto Rico 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 Puerto Rico, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.4)
 5. The Democratic Party in Puerto Rico should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the DPPR will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. As part of this, the DPPR should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)
 6. The Democratic Party in Puerto Rico 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 DPPR. 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. Puerto Rico’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. (Rule 6.C)
 - D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 13.A)
 - E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 13.I)
 - F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 13.J)

- G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.26)
- H. 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 16)
- I. Proxy voting is prohibited at every stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)
- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 18.A)
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 18.B)
- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, 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 and Outreach and Inclusion Programs. (Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, the DPPR hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in Puerto Rico, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. (Call II.B)

Section VIII

Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program

A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. To make sure that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Puerto Rico. (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 Puerto Rico should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.1)
- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, Puerto Rico has established goals for these groups. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)
- e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the DPPR has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the DPPR has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LBTGQ community, people with disabilities, and youth. (Rule 6.A & Rule 7)
 - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A.1)
 - (2) For the delegate selection process, "people with disabilities" is defined as persons with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such persons who cannot perform certain tasks in the same manner as most people would, requiring reasonable accommodations, alternate techniques, or technological assistance to

compete on equal terms. This definition includes the definition provided in the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, 104 Stat. 328, as amended in 2008.

- (3) For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. (Reg. 5.3.A)
- (4) These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party’s imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.2)

2. Organizational Structure

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the DPPR Chair on **March 1, 2019**. (Rule 6.F)
- b. The DPPR Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State’s Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information of the members no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.J)
- c. The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
- d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the DPPR Chair. (Rule 6.F)
 - (2) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.
 - (3) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. (Rule 6.G)
 - (4) Ensuring, on behalf of the DPPR, 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 DPPR 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 and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on **September 13, 2019** with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F)

B. Representation Goals

1. In cooperation with the National Committee, the DPPR has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (Rule 6.A)
2. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate. The State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state's convention delegation. (Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)
3. In the general elections held in Puerto Rico the Democratic Party nor any other national party are registered to participate nor do they slate candidates for local public office. Thus, it is impossible to determine the percentage of Democratic electorate. The method applied for determining the demographic composition of the Puerto Rico electorate is by using total population statistics provided by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Puerto Rico Planning Board (2017) and by the DNC Disability Outreach and DNC LGBTQ Outreach.
4. In respect to ethnic or minority representation, there is no distinguishable group of ethnic or minority representation, no distinguishable group of Asian/Pacific Americans nor Native Americans. Regarding African Americans, in Puerto Rico this distinction is inapt since Puerto Rico's racial heritage includes African ancestry. Puerto Rico's delegation to the National Convention will most likely be one hundred percent (100%) Hispanic.

	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth (18-36)	Seniors (65+)
Percent in Population	100%	0.3%	0%	10%	15%	22.%	20%

	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth (18-36)	Seniors (65+)
Numeric Goals for Delegation	59	0	0	6	9	13	12

5. Note also that since Puerto Rico is a territory it does not elect electors to the Electoral College nor do we vote in the presidential general elections.
6. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be compared with the DPPR's representation goals to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. (Rule 11.A)
7. Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the State Party will conduct outreach and inclusion activities such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 6.A.3)

C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in **September 13, 2019**. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate. (Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)
2. A speaker's bureau of volunteers from the DPPR, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be 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 DPPR'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 DPPR will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well,

the DPPR shall also make available copies of the its Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. (Rule 1.H)

5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. (Rule 2.A)
6. The DPPR shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. (Rule 2.C)
7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning **September 13, 2019** that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)

D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

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

- a. Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
 - b. The DPPR shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all kind of meetings, including the State Convention, Central Committee and Executive Committee, shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D)
- 4. Not later than **September 13, 2019** the DPPR will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
 - a. materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
 - b. a summary explaining the role of the 2020 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
 - c. a summary of the DPPR's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
 - d. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

- 1. Presidential candidates shall assist the DPPR in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Rule 6.H)
- 2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the DPPR Chair by **October 1, 2019** which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Puerto Rico's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.1)
- 3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.2)

4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the Puerto Rico's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)

F. Outreach and Inclusion Program

1. The DDPR is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs, including members of the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities and youth.
2. As such, the DPPR has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.
3. The DPPR will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities, if necessary, designating one of the pages to be an assistant to delegation members with disabilities.
4. The DPPR will commit to conduct a minimum of three (3) in person delegate recruitment and education trainings at community centers or other events focused towards people with disabilities. The DPPR will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities, ensuring public places have an accessible entrance and interior providing disability access to facilities in public places, for example wheelchair-accessible toilets, lift buttons within reach, and tactile and audible lift signals for people with vision impairment, ensuring that people with disability can access all public areas of a premises and not just a segregated area with a facility, providing any information available to users of premises in an accessible format, for example signage, labels, directions and instructions. including choosing sites/venues that are accessible such as being barrier-free meeting rooms and restrooms, provide handicap parking spaces. Also, procure sign language interpreter

to be present at the site, if needed, at any point during delegate selection process or meetings.

5. At the beginning of each stage of the delegate selection process, the chair or the acting chair of the meeting shall read the following statement in English and Spanish:

“All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, or disability. 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 has been adopted by the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico. Discrimination on the basis of the aforementioned conditions in the conduct of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico affairs is prohibited.”

"Todas las reuniones públicas en todos los niveles del Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico estarán abiertas a todos los miembros del Partido Demócrata sin importar raza, sexo, edad, color, credo, origen nacional, religión, identidad étnica, orientación sexual, identidad de género y expresión, posición económica o discapacidad. Para que el Partido Demócrata en todos los niveles sea un partido abierto, que incluye en vez de excluir la participación de la gente, se ha adoptado un programa eficaz de acción afirmativa por el Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico. La discriminación por motivo de las condiciones anteriormente mencionados en la dirección de los asuntos del Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico está prohibida."

Section IX Challenges

A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (Reg. Sec. 3), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 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 2020 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 2020 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 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the DPPR upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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

1. A challenge to the status of the DPPR 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 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A)
2. A challenge to the Puerto Rico Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the DPPR and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within 15 calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B)
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the RBC Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. Challenges to Implementation

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.1.C)

2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has 21 days to render a decision. Within 10 days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within 10 days after expiration of the above 21-day period. (Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (Rule 6.B) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C)
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

Section X

Summary of Plan

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Puerto Rico will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Primary apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Puerto Rico’s delegate selection process will occur on **March 29, 2020**, with a Primary.

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	33	0	March 29, 2020	Selecting Body: Elected at Primary Election File Statement of Candidacy and, if committed, Pledge of Support by mail no later than January 29, 2020
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	8*	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	7	**	May 31, 2020	Selecting Body: State Convention File Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support by mail no later than May 1, 2020
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	11	5	May 31, 2020	Selecting Body: State Convention File Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support by mail no later than May 15, 2020
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	59	5		

* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: The Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

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
Permanent	2	6	May 31, 2020	Nominated by Presidential candidates by the close of the State Convention on May 31, 2020 .

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on **May 31, 2020**.

Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on **May 31, 2020**.

D. Selection of Presidential Electors

Not applicable.

E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates do not have to file in Puerto Rico in order to appear on the Democratic primary election ballot. However, if any of the candidates determines not to participate in the primary election, they must certify such determination in writing to the Secretary of State no later than **January 15, 2020**. (Rule 11.B & Rule 14.E)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative to the DPPR Chair by **January 20, 2020**.

F. Timetable

Date	Activity
2019	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair. This appointment is required to be made by March 1, 2019.
March 15	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
March 20	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
March 30	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by DPPR's Executive Committee.
April 1	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
May 1	Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the DPPR.
May 2	DPPR's Executive Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
May 3	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. The deadline by which a State Plan must be submitted to the RBC for approval is May 3, 2019 .
September 13	DPPR begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media. This is the deadline by which implementation of the affirmative action program must begin.
October 1	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.)
2020	
January 2	All delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from DPPR by mail or from DPPR's web site at www.prdems.org
January 5	Secretary of State deadline to determine and prepare list of presidential candidates who will appear in the primary ballot.
January 15	Presidential candidates' deadline to certify in writing with the Secretary of State their determination not to participate in the primary election.
January 20	Presidential candidates' deadline for certifying the name of their authorized representative to the DPPR Chair
January 20	Secretary of State deadline to notify names of the persons that will appear on the ballot as presidential candidates to the DNC Chair, DPPR Chair and President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections.
January 29	District-level delegate deadline for filing with DPPR Chair the statement of candidacy, and, if committed, the pledge or updated pledge of support.

Date	Activity
January 31	President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections deadline to remit presidential candidates the names and addresses of the groups or individuals of district-level delegates committed to presidential candidates. Presidential candidates must respond to sender by February 7, 2020 .
March 29	Presidential preference primary and election of district level delegates.
March 29	The President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections certifies results of primary to the DNC Chairman, DPPR Chair, Secretary of State and presidential candidates or as soon as the canvassing of votes has concluded, but no later than April 12, 2020 , as provided by law.
May 1	Pledged PLEO delegate candidates' deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with DPPR Chair.
May 5	DPPR Chair provides list of PLEO delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 10	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to DPPR Chair not later than 12:00 PM of this day.
May 15	Pledged at-large delegate and alternate candidates' deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with DPPR Chair.
May 20	DPPR Chair provides list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective presidential candidates.
May 25	Suggested deadline for presidential candidates to provide an approved list of pledged at-large delegate and alternate candidates to DPPR Chair not later than 12:00 PM of this day. The absolute deadline is immediately after the election of the PLEO delegates at the State Convention on May 31, 2020 .
May 31	State Convention convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates.
May 31	Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to DPPR Chair by the close of the State Convention on May 31, 2020 .
May 31	National Convention delegation meeting immediately after State Convention. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. DPPR Chair names convention pages.
June 3	DPPR Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC of PLEOs, At Large Delegates and Alternates, Standing Committee Members, Delegation Chair, and Convention Pages.
June 8	DPPR Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of the territory's Automatic Delegates.

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO

STATEMENT FROM THE STATE CHAIR

I hereby certify that the composition of Puerto Rico's Affirmative Action Committee complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A., and 7 and that the names, demographic data and contact information of members was submitted to the RBC 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.K).

Charles A. Rodriguez
Chairman

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO

STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

I hereby certify that the Affirmative Action Committee reviewed and approved the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program of the Puerto Rico Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention submitted to the DNC Rules & Bylaws Committee, including any numerical goals established. I furthermore certify that this was done in compliance with Rule 6.F of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules for the Democratic National Convention and Regulation 2.2.I of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee.

Raymond Rivera
Chairman

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October 1	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.)
2020	
January 2	All delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from DPPR by mail or from DPPR's web site at www.prdems.org
January 5	Secretary of State deadline to determine and prepare list of presidential candidates who will appear in the primary ballot.
January 15	Presidential candidates' deadline to certify in writing with the Secretary of State their determination not to participate in the primary election.
January 20	Presidential candidates' deadline for certifying the name of their authorized representative to the DPPR Chair
January 20	Secretary of State deadline to notify names of the persons that will appear on the ballot as presidential candidates to the DNC Chair, DPPR Chair and President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections.
January 29	District-level delegate deadline for filing with DPPR Chair the statement of candidacy, and, if committed, the pledge or updated pledge of support.
January 31	President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections deadline to remit presidential candidates the names and addresses of the groups or individuals of district-level delegates committed to presidential candidates. Presidential candidates must respond to sender by February 7, 2020 .
March 29	Presidential preference primary and election of district level delegates.
March 29	The President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections certifies results of primary to the DNC Chairman, DPPR Chair, Secretary of State and presidential candidates or as soon as the canvassing of votes has concluded, but no later than April 12, 2020, as provided by law.
May 1	Pledged PLEO delegate candidates' deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with DPPR Chair.

Date	Activity
May 5	DPPR Chair provides list of PLEO delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 10	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to DPPR Chair not later than 12:00 PM of this day.
May 15	Pledged at-large delegate and alternate candidates' deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with DPPR Chair.
May 20	DPPR Chair provides list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective presidential candidates.
May 25	Suggested deadline for presidential candidates to provide an approved list of pledged at-large delegate and alternate candidates to DPPR Chair not later than 12:00 PM of this day. The absolute deadline is immediately after the election of the PLEO delegates at the State Convention on May 31, 2020 .
May 31	State Convention convenes. Pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates.
May 31	Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to DPPR Chair by the close of the State Convention on May 31, 2020 .
May 31	National Convention delegation meeting immediately after State Convention. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. DPPR Chair names convention pages.
June 3	DPPR Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC of PLEOs, At Large Delegates and Alternates, Standing Committee Members, Delegation Chair, and Convention Pages.
June 8	DPPR Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of the territory's Automatic Delegates.



PARTIDO DEMOCRATA DE PUERTO RICO

31/marzo/2019

PARTIDO DEMOCRATA EN PR APRUEBA NUEVO REGLAMENTO Y ADOPTA PLAN SELECCIÓN DELEGADOS CONVENCIÓN 2020

SAN JUAN - El Partido Demócrata Nacional de Puerto Rico aprobó el reglamento permanente que regirá en lo sucesivo los trabajos de la colectividad, informó su presidente **Charlie Rodríguez**.

También se anunció la aprobación del plan preliminar para la selección de delegados de Puerto Rico a la convención nacional demócrata a celebrarse en julio del 2020 en la ciudad de Milwaukee. Este plan estará disponible para comentarios del público por treinta (30) días a través de la página web: www.prdeems.org.

En una reunión celebrada anoche, el reglamento enmendado fue aprobado por una mayoría absoluta de 27 de los 28 miembros presentes en la reunión. Entre los asistentes figuraron los exgobernadores Pedro Rosselló y Alejandro García Padilla, el ex comisionado residente Pedro Pierluisi, la alcaldesa María Mayita Meléndez y los senadores Miguel Romero, Zoé Laboy, Margarita Nolasco y José Nadal Power, quienes votaron a favor.

El pasado líder senatorial destacó que, mediante la aprobación del reglamento y las enmiendas incluidas al mismo, se le dio fiel cumplimiento a las observaciones y recomendaciones formuladas en el informe del Comité de Credenciales del Partido Demócrata Nacional (DNC, por sus siglas en inglés), tras su reunión del 25 de agosto del año pasado donde se avaló la elección de Rodríguez como líder demócrata de Puerto Rico.

“Las enmiendas incluidas en el nuevo reglamento proveen una redacción clara y precisa que detalla las obligaciones y procesos requeridos en la notificación de reuniones, determinación de quórum y para cubrir vacantes. En ese sentido, se atendieron todas las formalidades, requisitos y posibles interpretaciones ajenas al espíritu de lo promulgado para asegurar la idoneidad de los trabajos y sus determinaciones”, aseveró Rodríguez.

Además, explicó, se modificó el texto reglamentario para que haya transparencia en todos los procesos internos como también se establece una estructura adecuada para divulgar y promover los principios del Partido Demócrata.

“Un elemento esencial que se incluye en el nuevo documento rector es el elemento de inclusividad en todos los aspectos y renglones, para facilitar la participación y colaboración de personas con discapacidades, mujeres, jóvenes, comunidad LGBTQ+, afrodescendientes, y veteranos”, puntualizó Rodríguez

El Reglamento fue adoptado originalmente en el 2008 y no había sufrido enmiendas desde entonces.

El presidente de los demócratas en la Isla exhortó a todos los simpatizantes demócratas a que accedan la página electrónica para obtener información sobre el proceso de selección de delegados y cómo participar del mismo.

Igualmente, Rodríguez manifestó el apoyo a la aprobación del H.R. 268 “Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019” presentado por la mayoría demócrata y aprobado por la Cámara de Representantes federal.

“Esta medida le asigna a Puerto Rico no tan sólo \$600 millones adicionales para el Programa de Asistencia Nutricional, sino que también asigna \$11 billones de FEMA sin necesidad de pareo de fondos locales, otros \$25 millones para la limpieza del Caño Martín Peña, \$500 millones para mejorar la infraestructura de agua y \$15 millones adicionales para ayuda técnica”, dijo. La medida aún aguarda por acción en el Senado federal controlado por la mayoría republicana.

Rodríguez resaltó el ambiente de cordialidad y consenso que imperó durante los trabajos de la ocasión, así como la significativa aportación de todos los asistentes para continuar adelantando una agenda demócrata que redunde en beneficios para la Isla.



PARTIDO DEMOCRATA DE PUERTO RICO

3/mayo/2019

PARTIDO DEMOCRATA ANUNCIA APROBACION PLAN DE SELECCIÓN DE DELEGADOS

*Charlie Rodríguez destaca poder delegados de la Isla
para seleccionar candidato presidencial*

SAN JUAN – El presidente del Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico, licenciado **Charlie Rodríguez**, anunció la aprobación del Plan de Selección de Delegados a la Convención Nacional Demócrata a celebrarse en julio del 2020 en la ciudad de Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Rodríguez sostuvo que la versión final del plan, fue aprobada por unanimidad de los integrantes del Comité Ejecutivo. Rodríguez celebró el proceso realizado para adoptar el plan de selección de delegados, el que catalogó como “amplio, participativo y transparente”.

El líder de los demócratas en la Isla informó que el Plan estuvo publicado en la que página web www.prdems.org por un período de 30 días para escrutinio y aportación del público, y fue divulgado a todo el liderato demócrata local. “Se recibieron varios comentarios y recomendaciones de enmiendas al plan que fueron evaluados y adoptados por el Comité Ejecutivo del Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico”, comentó.

Rodríguez destacó que Puerto Rico tendrá en la convención demócrata un total de 64 delegados, más delegados que 24 estados de la Unión. A la fecha, la primaria presidencial demócrata está dispuesta por ley para realizarse el 7 de junio de 2020.

No obstante, Rodríguez señaló que está proponiendo adelantar la primaria demócrata para el mes de marzo de 2020. “Adelantar la primaria, sumado a la cantidad significativa de delegados que tendrá Puerto Rico, aumentará nuestra influencia y poder en el proceso para seleccionar al candidato a presidente de la Nación que encabezará la papeleta demócrata para el 2020”, dijo.

Rodríguez exhortó a toda persona que interese ser delegado a la Convención Nacional Demócrata, a participar en el proceso de selección que comenzará en enero de 2020, con radicaciones de intención de aspirar a delegado con compromiso o sin compromiso con un aspirante presidencial. Los formularios estarán disponibles al menos 90 días previo a la primaria presidencial demócrata.

Indicó el presidente del Partido Demócrata que se estará realizando un programa de divulgación y promoción de acción afirmativa entre distintos sectores, para garantizar que los delegados de Puerto Rico sean representativos de nuestra sociedad. “Deseamos promover la participación de más mujeres, jóvenes, ‘seniors’, miembros de la comunidad LGBTT, veteranos y trabajadores en la selección de delegados”, aseveró.

Para Rodríguez, la participación de los puertorriqueños en las primarias presidenciales “nos acerca cada día más a la igualdad política con los Estados Unidos y a la consecución de la estadidad”.



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO

May 3, 2019

DEMOCRATIC PARTY ANNOUNCES APPROVAL DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

*Charlie Rodríguez underlines the island delegates
strength in selecting presidential candidate*

SAN JUAN - The Chairman of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico **Charlie Rodríguez** announced the approval of the delegate selection plan for the Democratic National Convention to be held on July 2020 in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Rodríguez said that the final version of the plan was approved unanimously by the members of the Executive Committee. Rodríguez praised the process carried out to adopt the delegate selection plan as "comprehensive, participatory and transparent".

The Democrat leader in the Island informed that the plan was published in the web page www.prdeems.org for a 30-day period prior to its adoption allowing scrutiny and comment by the public, and was provided to all local democratic leaders. "We received several comments and recommendations for amendments to the plan that were evaluated and adopted by the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico," Rodríguez said.

Rodríguez underlined that Puerto Rico will have 64 delegates at the Democratic National Convention, more delegates than 24 States of the Union. To date, the Democratic presidential primary is set by law to take place on June 7, 2020.

Rodríguez pointed out, however, that he is proposing to advance the Democratic primary for the month of March 2020. "Advancing the primary, coupled with the significant number of delegates from Puerto Rico, will increase our political influence and power in the process of selecting the candidate for President to head the 2020 Democratic ticket," he said.

Rodríguez urged anyone who wants to be a delegate to the Democratic National Convention to participate in the selection process that will begin in January 2020 by filing an application to become a delegate committed or uncommitted with a presidential candidate. Forms will be available at least 90 days prior to the Democratic presidential primary.

The Chairman of the local Democratic Party said that an outreach and inclusive program to publicize and promote the delegate selection plan will be implemented to ensure that the island delegates are representative of Puerto Rico. "We want to promote the participation of women, young people, seniors, members of the LGBTT community, veterans and labor in the selection of delegates", Rodríguez said.

For Rodríguez, the participation of Puerto Ricans in the presidential primaries "brings us closer to political equality with the United States and the achievement of statehood".




DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO

STATEMENT FROM THE STATE CHAIR

I hereby certify that the Puerto Rico Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention submitted to the DNC Rules & Bylaws Committee was approved on May 1, 2019 by the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico (DPPR), in compliance with the Rules of the DPPR (Rule III b. iv).

I also certify that the Proposed Plan was placed on the DPPR website during the 30-day public comment period from March 31, 2019 to April 30th, 2019, and it was done in compliance with Rule 1.C. and Rule 6.F.




Charles A. Rodriguez
Chairman

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO

WRITTEN PUBLIC AND ONLINE COMMENTS TO THE PLAN

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I propose the following amendments: 1) Section III - Selection of Delegates and Alternates - A. District-Level Delegates and Alternates - 6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference (Page 13) - Amend c. for it to read as follows: "c. If a presidential candidate in the June 7, 2020 presidential primary qualifies to receive delegates but failed to slate a sufficient number of delegates, the additional delegates will be selected at the State Convention of the DPPR on June 20, 2020. The State Convention will be open for every member of the DPPR Central Committee and the district level delegates elected in the primary held on June 7, 2020. It will be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting of the State Convention. The Executive Committee of the DPPR shall establish the time and place of the meeting of the State Convention and shall adopt the election procedures to be followed in the State Convention. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a delegate, under these circumstances, by filing by mail with the DPPR a statement of candidacy and signed pledge form indicating support for this single presidential candidate, on June 15, 2020. The mailing address of the DPPR is PO Box 366229, San Juan PR 00936-6229.

A statement of candidacy, pledge or updated pledge of support for a presidential candidate postmarked after June 15, 2020 will not be accepted. (Rule 14.C)". 2) Section III - Selection of Delegates and Alternates - C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates - 4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates - (Page 16) Amend b. and c.. for it to read as follows: "b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on June 20, 2020 at the State Convention of the DPPR to be notified and publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the

meeting of the State Convention. This convention shall be open for every member of the DPPR Central Committee and the district level delegates elected in the primary held on June 7, 2020. The Executive Committee of the DPPR shall establish the time and place of the meeting of the State Convention and shall adopt the election procedures to be followed in the State Convention. (Rule 10.A) c. These delegates will be selected by the State Convention of the DPPR (Rule 10.B)". 3) Section III - Selection of Delegates and Alternates - D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates - 2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements (Page 17) - Amend b. for it to read as follows: " 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 of the DPPR, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 19.A)". 4) Section III - Selection of Delegates and Alternates - D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates - 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review (Page 17) - Amend b. for it to read as follows: b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, must then file with the DPPR Chair, by 12:00 PM on June 15, 2020, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. The absolute deadline is immediately after the election of the PLEO delegates at the General Assembly State Convention on June 20, 2020, however candidates and authorized representatives are very strongly encouraged to abide by the 12:00 PM on June 15, 2020 deadline. (Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)

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Please consider the following amendments: 1) Section III - Selection of Delegates and Alternates - D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates - 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review - Amend b. as follows: "b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative, must then file with the DPPR Chair, by 12:00 PM on June 15, 2020, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. The absolute deadline is immediately after the election of the PLEO delegates at the State Convention on June 20, 2020, however candidates and authorized representatives are very strongly encouraged to abide by the 12:00 PM on June 15, 2020 deadline. (Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)." 2) Section III - Selection of Delegates and Alternates - D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates - 5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates - (Page 18-19) Amend a. and b. as follows: "a. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates will occur on June 20, 2020 at the State Convention of the DPPR to be notified and publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting of the State Convention. This convention shall be open for every member of the DPPR Central Committee and the district level delegates elected in the primary held on June 7, 2020. The Executive Committee of the DPPR shall establish the time and place of the meeting of the State Convention and shall adopt the election procedures to be followed in the State Convention. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on June 20, 2020, which is after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. (Call III) b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the State Convention of

the DPPR. (Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)".

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Please consider the following amendments: Section VIII Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program - A. Statement of Purpose and Organization - (Page 30) e. 2 and 3, amend to read as follows: "... (2) For the delegate selection process, "people with disabilities" is defined as persons with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such persons who cannot perform certain tasks in the same manner as most people would, requiring reasonable accommodations, alternate techniques, or technological assistance to compete on equal terms. This definition includes the definition provided in the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, 104 Stat. 328, as amended in 2008. (3) For the delegate selection process, "Youth" is defined as any participant younger than 38 years old at the time of election. (Reg. 5.3.A) (4) These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.2)". 2) Section VIII Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program - B. Representation Goals (Page 32) 4. , amend to read as follows: ".... 4. Note also that since Puerto Rico is a territory it does not elect electors to the Electoral College nor do we vote in the presidential elections. In respect to ethnic or minority representation, there is no distinguishable group of ethnic or minority representation, no distinguishable group of Asian/Pacific Americans nor Native Americans. Regarding African Americans, in Puerto Rico this distinction is inapt since Puerto Rico's racial heritage includes African ancestry. Puerto Rico's delegation to the National Convention will most likely be one hundred percent (100%) Hispanic." 3) Section VIII Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program - C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

(Page 33) 7. amend to read as follows: "... 7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning September 19, 2019 that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)". 4) Section VIII Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program - D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process (Page 34) 3 b., amend to read as follow: "3. A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies. a. ... b. The DPPR shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all kind of meetings, including the State Convention, Central Committee and Executive Committee, shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D)".



Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico / *Democratic Party of Puerto Rico*

SOLICITUD PARA DELEGADO POR DISTRITO ***DISTRICT DELEGATE APPLICATION FORM***

De conformidad a lo dispuesto en la Sección III.A del Plan de Selección de Delegados de Puerto Rico a la Convención Nacional Demócrata de 2020, para el propósito de ser considerado candidato para delegado a nivel distrital, favor de proveer la información siguiente:

As stated in Section III.A of the Puerto Rico Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, in order to be considered a Candidate for District Level Delegate, please provide the following information:

- Nombre / *Name*: _____
- Dirección / *Address*: _____

- Genero / *Gender*: Masculino / *Male*: _____ Femenino / *Female*: _____
No binario / *Non-Binary*: _____
- Fecha de Nacimiento / *Date of Birth*: _____
- Información Demográfica / *Demographic Information*:
Persona Discapacitada / *Disable person*: _____ LGBTQ+ / *LGBTQ+*: _____
Joven (18-36) / *Youth (18-36)*: _____ Persona Mayor (65+) / *Senior Citizen (65+)*: _____
Veterano / *Veteran*: _____
- Número de Precinto Electoral / *Electoral Precinct Number*: _____
- Distrito Senatorial / *Senatorial District*: _____
- Número de Identificación Electoral / *Voter Identification Number*: _____
- Nombre del candidato presidencial con quien tiene compromiso / *Name of the presidential candidate with whom committed*: _____

- Emails _____
- Teléfonos / Telephones _____

Los candidatos para delegado a nivel de distrito deberán presentar este formulario por correo regular o completar y someter *online* a través de www.prdems.org al presidente del Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico. Además, deberán enviar una copia por correo regular al presidente de la Comisión Estatal de Elecciones. **La fecha límite para someter este formulario es 29 de enero de 2020.**

*Candidates for District Level Delegate must file this form by regular mail or complete and submit online at www.prdems.org to the Chairman of the Democratic Party of Puerto Ric. You must also send by regular mail a copy to the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections. **The deadline to submit this form is January 29, 2020.***

Este formulario deberá ser enviado por correo regular a la dirección postal como sigue:

Charles A. Rodríguez
Presidente
Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico
PO Box 366229
San Juan, PR 00936-6229

Además, deberá enviar copia de este formulario por correo regular como sigue:

Hon. Juan E. Dávila-Rivera
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Comisión Estatal de Elecciones
PO Box 195552
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Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico / *Democratic Party of Puerto Rico*

SOLICITUD PARA DELEGADO POR ACUMULACIÓN O SUPLENTE AT-LARGE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE APPLICATION FORM

De conformidad a lo dispuesto en la Sección III.D del Plan de Selección de Delegados de Puerto Rico a la Convención Nacional Demócrata de 2020, para el propósito de ser considerado candidato a delegado por acumulación o suplente, favor de proveer la información siguiente:

As stated in Section III.D of the Puerto Rico Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, in order to be considered a Candidate for At-Large Delegate or Alternate, please provide the following information:

Favor de marcar para que cargo aspira: Delegado por Acumulación _____ Suplente _____

Please indicate the position you are filing for: At-Large Delegate _____ Alternate _____

- Nombre / Name: _____
- Dirección / Address: _____

- Genero / Gender: Masculino / Male _____ Femenino / Female _____
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Persona Discapacitada / Disable person: _____ LGTBQ+ / LGBTQ+: _____
Joven (18-36) / Youth (18-36): _____ Persona Mayor (65+) / Senior Citizen (65+) _____
Veterano / Veteran: _____
- Número de Precinto Electoral / Electoral Precinct Number: _____
- Distrito Senatorial / Senatorial District: _____
- Número de Identificación Electoral / Voter Identification Number: _____

- Nombre del candidato presidencial con quien tiene compromiso / *Name of the presidential candidate with whom committed:* _____
- Emails _____
- Teléfonos / *Telephones* _____

Los candidatos para delegado por acumulación o suplente deberán enviar este formulario por correo regular al presidente del Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico o completar y someter online a través de www.prdems.org. **La fecha límite para someter este formulario es 15 de mayo de 2020.**

*Candidates for At-Large Delegates or Alternate must file this form by regular mail to the Chairman of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico or complete and submit online at www.prdems.org. **The deadline to submit this form is May 15, 2020.***

Este formulario deberá ser enviado por correo regular a la dirección postal siguiente:

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 Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico
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Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico / Democratic Party of Puerto Rico

SOLICITUD PARA DELEGADO CON COMPROMISO COMO LIDER DEL PARTIDO Y FUNCIONARIO PÚBLICO ELECTO

PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL (PLEO) APPLICATION FORM

De conformidad a lo dispuesto en la Sección III.C del Plan de Selección de Delegados de Puerto Rico a la Convención Nacional Demócrata de 2020, para el propósito de ser considerado candidato a delegado con compromiso como líder del partido y funcionario electo (PLEO, por sus siglas en inglés), favor de proveer la información siguiente:

As stated in Section III.C of the Puerto Rico Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, in order to be considered a Candidate for a pledged Party Leader and Elected Official, (PLEO), please provide the following information:

Favor de indicar el cargo público electivo y el puesto de liderato en el Partido Demócrata que ostenta: _____

Please indicate the elected public office and the Democratic Party leadership position held: _____

• Nombre / Name: _____

• Dirección / Address: _____

• Genero / Gender: Masculino / Male ____ Femenino / Female ____ No binario / Non-Binary ____

• Fecha de Nacimiento / Date of Birth: _____

• Información Demográfica / Demographic Information:

Persona Discapacitada / Disable person: ____ LGBTQ+ / LGBTQ+: ____

Joven (18-36) / Youth (18-36): ____ Persona Mayor (65+) / Senior Citizen (65+): ____

Veterano / Veteran: ____

- Número de Precinto Electoral / *Electoral Precinct Number*: _____
- Distrito Senatorial / *Senatorial District*: _____
- Número de Identificación Electoral / *Voter Identification Number*: _____
- Nombre del candidato presidencial con quien tiene compromiso / *Name of the presidential candidate with whom committed*: _____
- Emails _____
- Teléfonos / *Telephones* _____

Los candidatos para delegado con compromiso como líder del partido y funcionario público electo (PLEO, por sus siglas en inglés) deberán completar y enviar este formulario por correo regular al presidente del Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico o completar y someter *online* a través de www.prdems.org. **La fecha límite para someter este formulario es 1 de mayo de 2020.**

*Candidates for Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) must file this form by regular mail to the Chairman of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico or complete and submit online at www.prdems.org. **The deadline to submit this form is May 1, 2020.***

Este formulario deberá ser enviado por correo regular a la dirección postal siguiente:

Charles A. Rodríguez
 Presidente
 Partido Demócrata de Puerto Rico
 PO Box 366229
 San Juan, PR 00936-6229

También este formulario se puede completar y someter online a través de www.prdems.org

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO

STATE STATUTES AND OTHER RELEVANT LEGAL AUTHORITY

Compulsory Presidential Primaries Act

Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, as amended, 16 L.P.R.A. §1321, et seq.

Article 1, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1321:

Short title-

This Act shall be known as the 'Compulsory Presidential Primaries Act' and shall have the character and nature of an electoral law.

Article 2, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1322:

Definitions-

For the purposes of this Act, the following terms and phrases shall have the meaning stated below:

(a) President. Shall mean the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections as such office was created by Act No. 4 of December 20, 1977, known as the 'Puerto Rico Electoral Act'.

(b) Candidate to delegate or alternate delegate. Shall mean every person who complies with the requirements provided in this Act and the regulations of the national party in order to aspire to such position.

(c) Presidential candidate or candidate to the Presidency. Shall mean every person who, having fulfilled the standards, rules, regulations and requirements of the national party to which he belongs, and the applicable provisions of this Act, aspires to obtain the nomination as candidate to the Presidency of the United States for the party in question.

(d) National nominating convention. Shall mean the assembly or meeting held by a national party to nominate the person who shall be their candidate to the Presidency of the United States in the presidential election following said convention.

(e) Delegate. Shall mean that person who has been duly selected pursuant to this Act to attend the national nominating convention of the party in question.

(f) Committed delegate. Shall mean that delegate to the national nominating convention who is committed to vote for a specific aspirant for the presidential candidacy on the first ballot.

(g) Uncommitted delegate. Shall be that delegate who is not part of any group of delegates and is not committed to vote for a specific candidate to the presidential nomination.

(h) Group of delegates. Shall mean a group of persons that belong to an affiliated political party, that wish to appear jointly as candidates for delegates or alternate delegates committed to a presidential candidate, or an uncommitted candidate, and under a common name.

(i) Congressional district. Shall mean the geographical demarcation known as a senatorial district, which the Constitutional Board of Review for the Electoral Districts has established for Puerto Rico for electoral purposes.

(j) Elector. Shall mean every person duly registered to vote in Puerto Rico pursuant to the provisions of the Electoral Act, Act No. 4 of December 20, 1977.

(k) Electoral Act. Shall mean Act No. 4 of December 20, 1977, known as the 'Puerto Rico Electoral Act'.

(l) Presidential preference ballot. Shall mean the ballot designed and used by the elector to express his preference with regard to the presidential candidacy of the United States.

(m) National party. Shall mean every political party that nominates and participates in the election of candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States of America.

(n) Affiliated political party. Shall mean every committee or entity recognized by a national party as an affiliate.

(ñ) Presidential primary. Shall mean the process whereby the electors vote to state their preference with regard to the candidates for nomination to the presidency of the United States by their affiliated party.

(o) Electoral representative. Shall mean the person or persons duly designated by each affiliated political party to represent it and deal with every matter of an electoral nature related to the presidential primary process established hereby.

Article 3, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1323:

Holding of primaries-

Each year in which the President of the United States is to be elected, a presidential primary shall be held in Puerto Rico to allow electors to express their preference regarding candidates for nomination to the presidency of the United States by national parties that have an affiliated political party.

Article 4, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1324:

Date of Celebration for Presidential Primary Election-

The presidential primary election for the Republican Party shall be held on the last Sunday of the month of February of the year in which the presidential election in the United States shall be held, provided that it does not precede or coincide with the celebration of the presidential primary election of the state of New Hampshire. Should conflict arise, the presidential primary election will be held on the first Sunday of the month of March. The presidential primary election for the Democratic Party will be held on the last Sunday of the month of March, of said year. The aforementioned shall apply [in cases of political parties affiliated by] *if an affiliated political party opts for the alternative of holding an Assembly*, as provided in Article 30 of this Act.

Article 5, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1325:

Voters-

Every person qualified to vote in the general election in Puerto Rico pursuant to the Electoral Act shall be entitled to vote in the presidential primaries of the national party of his choice, held pursuant to this Act. Every elector who wishes to exercise the electoral right provided in this Act shall do so in the congressional district and precinct in which he is registered. The affiliated political parties may provide affiliation forms to be completed by the elector at the time he is to cast his vote.

Article 6, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1326:

Registration of affiliated political party-

No later than December 1 of the year immediately preceding the year in which the election of the President of the United States of America is to be held, every affiliated political party entitle to select delegates and alternate delegates to the national nominating conventions shall be registered as such in Puerto Rico, by filing petitions for registration before the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections a number equal to five percent (5%) of the total number of votes cast for the office of Governor of Puerto Rico in the general election immediately preceding the date on which the registration is to be held unless they have not previously complied with this requirement as specified in this Act and have been certified as such by the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections.

Five percent (5%) of the petitions for registration may be signed by electors from any of the Congressional Districts.

These must be subscribed before a notary public by qualified electors of Puerto Rico, and shall bear the name and address of the elector who signs them. The notaries shall not be compensated from public funds for doing this.

Article 7, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1327:

Central governing body and filing of regulations-

Every affiliated political party shall have a central governing body that shall adopt and file regulations for the affiliated political party in question no later than December 1st of the year immediately preceding the year in which the presidential primaries are to be held, in which said party shall participate pursuant to this Act.

Article 8, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1328:

Certificate of affiliation-

Each affiliated political party shall file evidence before the Administrator, within the term provided in Article 6 of this Act (126 L.P.R.A. §1326), that certifies that it has been recognized as an affiliate of the national party in question in Puerto Rico. Provided, that after this requirement and the registration procedure provided above have been complied with, the affiliated political party in question shall not subsequently be obliged to be registered as such, provided it preserves its standing as an affiliate of a national party.

Article 9, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1329:

Name and insignia of affiliated political party-

Every affiliated political party registered pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall file its name and insignia before the Administrator no later than December 1st of the year prior to the year that the President of the United States is to be elected through the procedures prescribed by law or regulations. Such name and insignia shall constitute its official recognition and shall be printed in the center of the upper margin of the ballots of the party in question at any presidential election or primary in which said party may participate pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Everything related to the adoption, change, determination or alteration of any name or insignia of an affiliated political party shall be governed by the provisions of Sections 3.023, 3.024, 3.025 and 3.026 of Title III of the Electoral Law.

Article 10, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1330:

Aspirants to nomination as presidential candidate-

No later than sixty (60) days prior to the holding of presidential primaries, the Secretary of State of Puerto Rico shall determine and prepare a list of the names of the candidates who aspire to nomination for President of the United States for any of the national parties and each one of them shall be notified of their inclusion in said list by certified mail, with return receipt requested. The names of each of the candidates included in the list shall appear on the ballot as presidential candidate, unless said person certifies, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the holding of presidential primaries, in writing, to the Secretary of State that they will not, nor has the intention to be a presidential candidate. No later than

twenty-eight (28) days prior to the holding of presidential primaries, the Secretary of State shall notify the names of the persons that will appear on the ballot as presidential candidates

to the president of the affiliated political party, the president of the national party in question and the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections.

Article 11, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1331:

Notification of delegates-

No later than December 15 of the year prior to the date the primaries provided in this Act are to be held, each affiliated political party shall file before the Administrator an official certification by the chief authority of the national party in question, certifying the number of delegates and alternate delegates to the national nominating convention that each affiliated political party shall be entitled to elect.

Article 12, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1332:

Filing of candidacies-

Every group of candidates for delegate or alternate delegate that wish to appear on the ballot as a group must file its candidacy before the presidents of the affiliated political parties, with a copy to the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections, stating their names, addresses, electoral precinct and senatorial district in which he resides, the name of the presidential candidate to whom he wishes to be committed or, in the case of an uncommitted group, the name of the candidate to delegate under whose name the group wishes to appear, in addition to any other information that by law or regulation is required, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the holding of the presidential primary.

Every person who wishes to appear as an individual candidate for delegate or alternate delegate and not as group must file a petition before the presidents of his affiliated political party no later than thirty (30) days prior to the holding of the presidential primary as candidate for alternate delegate in which he shall state his name, address, electoral precinct and senatorial district in which he resides in addition to any other information that by law or regulation is required. When the rules and regulations of the National Party require it, he shall also consign his condition of commitment to an aspirant to the presidential candidacy, or his noncommitment.

The President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections shall remit to the corresponding presidential candidate, by certified mail and acknowledgement of receipt, the names and addresses of the groups and individuals who wish to aspire committed to such presidential candidate within the two (2) days following the last date for filing candidacies for delegate or alternate delegate. The presidential candidate to whom this information has been remitted must notify the list of candidates he approves of, by certified mail and acknowledgement of receipt, to the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections no later than two (2) days after receiving it. The presidential candidate shall approve a list of no more than the number of alternate delegates that should be selected in each respective senatorial district. If no reply or refusal of a specific person is received from

the presidential candidate, it shall be understood that the candidate approves the list submitted.

Article 13, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1338:

Alternate selection methods-

Every affiliated political party that selects delegates to the national nominating conventions by alternate methods to primaries, by assembly, convention, caucus or other method which involves the participation of citizens shall hold the selection process on the same date, and beginning at the same time that the voting takes place in the presidential primary. No other assemblies, conventions, caucuses or other processes for the selection of delegates to the national nominating conventions may be held on another date or beginning at another hour.

Every affiliated political party that holds a primary, assembly, convention, caucus or other method which involves the participation of citizens to select the delegates to the national nominating conventions must keep a registry of all the electors that participate in these assemblies, conventions or caucuses.

The electoral representatives of the affiliated political parties shall be responsible for keeping in the register, the name, address, electoral precinct and the senatorial district of residence of all electors that participate in the alternate voting processes, or in the presidential primaries.

The affiliated political party in question shall certify and notify the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections of the register of electors who participated in the alternate selection process, or in the presidential primaries, no later than the first Monday of the month of April.

(16 L.P.R.A. § 1339 – Repealed)

Article 14, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1340:

Ballots-

The design, preparation and printing of the ballots shall be the responsibility of the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections who will discharge it in such a way as to ensure faithful compliance with any criteria required by the national party's regulations, rules or provisions. The ballots shall be designed in such a way that they provide the opportunity to vote for groups of delegates or alternate delegates, or for individual candidates as delegates or alternate delegates.

Separate ballots shall be prepared for each national party participating in presidential primaries, and they shall be used in separate polling places for each party.

(16 L.P.R.A. § 1341 – Repealed)

Article 15, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1342:

Presidential preference ballot-

On the ballot corresponding to the election, to express each elector's preference regarding the presidential nominee of the party of his choice, the names of the presidential candidates for the corresponding national party who have fulfilled the requirements provided herein and in the rules and regulations of the party in question shall be shown in the proper order resulting from a lottery to be held by the Chairman.

Article 16, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1343:

Electoral process-

Everything related to the electoral process, distribution of electoral material, designation of polling place officials, challenging of electors, and others connected with the general presidential primary process provided herein shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Electoral Act if they are not in conflict with this Act.

Article 17, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1333:

Balloting-

The Presidential Primaries established in this Act shall consist of one balloting in one single ballot where electors shall express their preference for the aspirant to the presidential candidacy of the National Party of which they are bona fide members and a ballot to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the National Nominating Convention. The result of the expression of preference for the presidential candidate shall not affect the election of delegates or alternate delegates.

The balloting in said primaries will be carried out through the open-poll system, and in separate places for each of the national parties participating therein. The primaries shall be held according to the applicable provisions of Act No. 4 of December 20, 1977, with due guarantees at all times, of the elector's right to equal, direct, free and secret suffrage, using the identification card provided in Act No. 4 of December 20, 1977.

Only one electoral list shall be used to identify the electors in which the preference of the elector must be specified as to the national party for which he plans to vote.

No person shall participate and/or vote in the nomination process for presidential candidates of one national party who has also participated in the nomination process of any other national party for the corresponding election.

All electors shall certify under oath that they *have* not participated, nor shall participate in any electoral process regarding the selection of presidential candidates or delegates to national nominating conventions for the same presidential election of a national party other than the one they plan to vote in]. This oath shall be taken by a polling place official duly certified by an electoral representative and shall constitute a certification for the purposes of Section 225 of Act No. 115 of July 25, 1974, known as 'Penal Code of Puerto Rico'.

(16 L.P.R.A. § 1334 & 1335 – Repealed)

Article 18, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1337:

Delegates at large-

The adjudication methods of the delegates elected shall be governed by the regulations of the national parties and the standards to be adopted in accordance thereto.

Article 19, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 6 L.P.R.A. §1336:

Balloting at nominating convention-

Delegates and alternate delegates should be bound to endorse in the first balloting at the national nominating convention the aspirant to the presidential nomination for which they were selected and also duly certified for that right by the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections.

Article 20, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1344:

Canvassing of votes-

After the election is held as provided by law, the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections in coordination with the electoral representative of the national party concerned shall canvass the votes. When it has been concluded, but no later than fifteen (15) days after the date on which the primaries were held, the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections shall notify the central directing body in Puerto Rico of the affiliated political party in question, the Secretary of the Department of State, the president of the national party in question and all the candidates who have appeared on the ballot of the outcome of the presidential primaries in terms of absolute numbers. He shall also certify, within the aforementioned period, the persons who have been elected as delegates and alternate delegates, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the affiliated political party.

Article 21, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1345:

Balloting at national nominating convention-

No delegate is obliged to cast his vote on the first ballot at his national party's nominating convention for the aspirant to the presidential candidacy to whom he was committed on the ballot if, prior to such balloting, the candidate dies, or withdraws his candidacy for any reason or when he relieves the delegates from the obligation of voting for him.

In any of the aforementioned circumstances, the delegation shall cast its votes on the first ballot and subsequent ballots according to what is provided for such cases in the regulations of the affiliated political party in question.

Said rules must be compatible with the rules and regulations of the national party in question, and must be filed before the Administrator not later than December 15 of the year prior to the presidential election.

Article 22, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1346:

Power to implement this Act-

The President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections shall have the responsibility of carrying out any activity, procedure and duty needed to implement this Act, pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by Act No. 4 of December 20, 1977. For such purposes, he shall adopt the rules and regulations needed for its implementation, issue orders, adopt resolutions and determinations, and may delegate to his assistants the execution thereof.

Provided, that any orders, rules, regulations or resolutions that are adopted for such purposes must be compatible with the applicable provisions of said act and the national party regulations.

Any rule that an affiliate political party agrees to with its national party, including the plan for the selection of delegates, that is in conflict with this Act, shall prevail over the same, except that regarding the date for the holding of the Presidential Primaries established in Article 4 of this Act (16 L.P.R.A. § 1324), which shall prevail over any regulation, rule or plan of any affiliate political party.

Article 23, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1347:

Delegation of duties-

When, for any reason, the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections has to attend to any other electoral affair provided by law, or for any other justified reason is prevented from discharging, in whole or in part, the duties and obligations conferred upon him by this Act, the person designated by the simple majority of the central directing body of the affiliated political party in question, or in its defect, the person designated by the corresponding body of the national party in question for this purpose, shall substitute for him in said duties. Provided, that the procedures, requirements, rules and provisions of this Act shall be fulfilled at all times. Every procedure, determination, decision or action carried out or put into effect by the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections prior to being prevented from continuing to implement this Act shall be valid and binding on the person who replaces him for such purpose.

Article 24, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1348:

Electoral representative-

Every affiliated political party shall be entitled to designate electoral representatives and alternate electoral representatives to conduct their electoral affairs before the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections.

Said representatives shall be selected as provided by the regulations of the affiliated political party they represent and shall be persons of good moral reputation, duly qualified electors, shall have resided in Puerto Rico during the four (4) years prior to their designation and shall be knowledgeable about electoral affairs.

The alternate representatives shall carry out the duties of the representatives in case of absence, disability, resignation, death, removal from office by the political party in question, or when for any other reason the position becomes vacant, and until the electoral representative returns to his duties or a new designation is made.

Every presidential candidate shall appoint his electoral representative through designation which shall be filed before the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections and the Secretary of the affiliated party. In each stage of the balloting and canvassing procedures all the candidates shall be entitled to be duly represented according to the provisions of the Puerto Rico Electoral Act.

Article 25, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1349:

Political contributions-

When the national nominating convention selection process for the delegates, presidential candidates, or both, is to be defrayed with public funds, all contributions to the candidates for delegates, delegates, block of delegates or groups that intervene in behalf of or against a candidacy for delegate shall be addressed pursuant to the limits and obligations on the rendering of reports set forth by Act No. 4 of December 20, 1977.

Understanding that affiliated political parties ordinarily do not intervene in behalf of nor against any candidate for delegate during the Presidential Primaries; even if the event is subsidized with public funds, said affiliated political parties shall not be subject to the limits or obligations of the Puerto Rico Electoral Act. However, if said affiliated political parties do intervene in behalf of or against any candidate for delegate during the Presidential Primaries, then same would indeed be subject to the limits and obligations of the Puerto Rico Electoral Act.

In any intervention of the affiliated political parties that is not authorized by this Act in electoral processes set forth by law and entrusted to the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections, same shall be bound to observe the limits and render reports as set forth in Act No. 4 of November 20, 1977, as amended. In any other case which is not set forth by said Act, the financial activities of the affiliated political parties shall be governed by the provisions set forth by the federal laws applicable to political campaigns for candidacies.

Article 26, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1350:

Income and expenses report-

Those who are bound to abide by the financial limits and render reports as set forth in Article 25 of this Act (16 L.P.R.A. §1349) shall render the first report fifteen (15) days after the public funds for the defrayment of the electoral event are authorized. The President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections shall set forth the date of the subsequent report, the last being not longer than fifteen (15) days after the event is held.

Article 27, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1351:

Prohibitions and penalties-

Any person who is guilty of any of the actions forbidden by the applicable sections of the Electoral Act, regarding the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished with the same penalties provided in said sections.

Article 28, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1352,

Interpretation of results of presidential primaries-

Whenever the presidential primary procedures are administered and enforced from the beginning until their completion by the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections, neither the number of participants, nor the outcome of any other element of the primary process and/or the other procedures carried out pursuant to the provisions of this Act may be officially interpreted by the Government of Puerto Rico for any purpose whatsoever as an indicator in relation to the preferences that our people or a sector thereof have, or may have, regarding the political status issue, nor regarding the direction, if any, that Puerto Rico should or may follow, in terms of changes in its present status.

Article 29, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, (not codified by L.P.R.A.):

Transitional Provision-

Every affiliated political party that, on the date of approval of this Act, is in process of being registered as such shall be automatically governed by the provisions of this Act. Provided, however, that every petition for registration of a party which has already been filed or subscribed on the effective date of this Act shall be accredited as part of the registration process of the affiliated political party in question. Likewise, all the petition forms that have been adopted and prepared pursuant to Act No. 102 of June 24, 1977, shall be valid and may be used for the purposes of an affiliated political party, or any other material covered by this Act or by Act No. 102 of June 24, 1977.

Article 30, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1352a:

Use of public funds-

All affiliated political parties, as defined in Article 2 of this Act (16 L.P.R.A. §1322(n)), may avail themselves of the benefits of public funds administered by the Puerto Rico State

Commission on Elections for the holding of a presidential primary, or an assembly that substitutes for same with the authorization of the National Party, and which has as an

essential requirement the maximum participation of the electors affiliated to the affiliated political party. If there has been an economic subsidy for the holding of the presidential primaries or assemblies, the affiliated political party so benefited shall be bound to render through its electoral representative and the President of the central committee of said party, the lists of electors who participated in said electoral event duly certified by sworn statement. The use of public funds for any internal reorganization process is hereby prohibited.

In all internal reorganization processes, all matters pertaining to the qualification of candidates, the terms for the filing of candidacies, and the process that culminates with the holding of same, shall be carried out according to the provisions set forth by the internal rules of the affiliated political party.

Article 31, Act No. 6 of September 24, 1979, 16 L.P.R.A. §1353:

Jurisdiction-

The jurisdiction over the registration of affiliated political parties, as well as all matters covered by this Act and by prior Act No. 102 of June 24, 1977 (16 L.P.R.A. §§1301 et seq.), are hereby immediately vested exclusively upon the President of the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections, regardless of which stage the processing, if any, of said matters or registration is in before the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections. All records, documents or material related to any matters covered by this Act and prior Act No. 102 of June 24, 1977 (16 L.P.R.A. §§1301 et seq.), are hereby transferred to the Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections.



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO

BLANK COPY FORM – Presidential Candidate Qualifying Forms

(Reg. 2.2.M)

No filing fees, signatures, petitions or qualifying forms are required by law and no corresponding deadlines are prescribed by the DPPR rules.



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO

DELEGATE SELECTION MEDIA OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PLAN

The Democratic Party of Puerto Rico (DPPR), beginning on September 13, 2019, will initiate its Outreach & Inclusion Plan aimed at informing the citizens of the diverse groups that comprise the population of Puerto Rico, who are or may be interested in becoming delegates of the DPPR for the 2020 Democratic National Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, of the process and timeline involved.

The targeted groups are: Women, Seniors, LBTGQ community, Afro-descendants, Youth, Veterans, Labor, Persons with disability, and other groups which may be added.

Each of these groups, represented by members of the Affirmative Action Committee, will work towards holding educational workshops in all of the Delegate Districts. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of means to obtain financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all educational workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate. We will endeavor to visit all Delegate Districts and major cities, with an eye to engaging areas of diverse communities.

These workshops shall be listed on the DPPR website in a prominent location and shared on various social media platforms as well. An email should go out to the general distribution list of the DPPR informing the public of the educational and training workshops.

The DPPR's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and assure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic organizations representing specific constituencies.

The goal of this plan is to increase the participation of people interested in running to be delegates and to increase the diversity in the pool of delegate candidates. To achieve this, the DPPR Technology and Communications Director will post and share regular updates about the state's delegate selection process, rules, timeline and any other pertinent

information to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons.

The DPPR will publish in its website a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. The DPPR shall also make available in its website copies of the DPPR Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes. 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.

At all times throughout the delegate selection process all necessary materials, media alerts, press releases, forms, instructions and notice of meetings and elections will be kept up-to-date and in a prominent place on the DPPR website. Specifically, information to be posted on the website will include:

- 1) materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
- 2) a summary explaining the role of the 2020 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
- 3) a summary of the DPPR's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
- 4) a map of Delegate Districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

The DPPR Affirmative Action Committee, will also prepare a communications toolkit for committee members, party officials and other stakeholders to share. This toolkit will include graphics, content suggestions and talking points for our officials to help spread the word and answer Democrats knowledgeably.

Finally, we will be finalizing a strong social media and digital calendar to inform the public about the process and direct them to online resources outlining this process.