

# AMERICAN SAMOA DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

FOR THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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# The American Samoa Delegate Selection Plan For the 2024 Democratic National Convention

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## Delegate Selection Plan

### For the 2024 Democratic National Convention

#### Section I

#### Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

##### A. Introduction

1. American Samoa has a total of 11 delegates and 2 alternates. *(Call I & Appendix B)*
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of American Samoa, the Territorial election code (if applicable), and this Delegate Selection Plan. *(Call II.A)*
3. Following the Territorial Executive Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the Territorial Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The Territorial Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the Territorial Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. *(Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)*
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the state Party must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. *(Reg. 2.9)*

##### B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. American Samoa will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Territorial Caucus for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of American Samoa’s delegate selection process will occur on March 5, 2024, with a Territorial Caucus.

##### C. Voter Participation

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1. Participation in American Samoa's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats and who are registered as a member of the Democratic Party of American Samoa on or before the provided deadline. (*Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.*)
  - a. An interested individual may register with the Territorial Party on or before February 28, 2024 to ensure that they may participate in the Territorial Caucus.
  - b. The Territorial Party will host registration drives to build membership in preparation for the Territorial Caucus and provide interested individuals information about the caucus process and the Democratic Party of American Samoa.
    - (1) Registration for the Territorial Caucus is conducted by the Democratic Party of American Samoa- not the American Samoa Government Election Office. This is due to the fact that local Territorial elections are non-partisan.
    - (2) Eligible membership of the Democratic Party of American Samoa is considered as follows: (1) Must be eligible to vote in the Territory of American Samoa in accordance with the definitions outlined in Title 6, Chapter 2 of the American Samoa Code Annotated; (2) Must be a resident of the territory of American Samoa; and (3) Must be of good moral character. *Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.B*)
    - (3) The Democratic Party of American Samoa retains records and database of member registration which can be conducted online and via physical registration forms. (*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 general election will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process, if registered with the party by the deadline for caucus participation. (*Reg. 4.3.C*)
  - d. At no stage of the American Samoa 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 Territorial 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*)
  - f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or Territorial Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process

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

- g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)*
2. The Territorial Party acknowledges the importance of the following goals established by the Democratic National Committee. While in full agreement of these goals at a nation level, as well at a state level- due to the non-partisan local Territorial elections, implementation of several of these goals will be difficult to achieve. However, the Territorial Party echoes its support of these important initiatives and will be taking steps to ensure fair election processes are maintained within the Territory.
- 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)*
  - 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)*
  - c. Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems; *(Rule 2.H.3)*
  - d. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; *(Rule 2.H.4)*
  - e. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; *(Rule 2.H.5)*
  - f. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; *(Rule 2.H.6)*
  - g. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately, with votes verifiable by voters; *(Rule 2.H.7)*
  - h. Provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election administration and counter disinformation; *(Rule 2.H.8)*
  - i. *Actively engaging with state and local officials to implement fair and honest election policies and practices; and (Rule 2.H.9)*
  - j. *Support adequate funding for state and local election administration. (Rule 2.H.10)*
3. In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection

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- process, the Territorial Party will support the National democratic Party's goals to expand access to voting within each state and territory. The Territorial Party is working with the American Samoa government to explore better options for meeting the following goals the DNC has laid out, as well as changing procedures and practices within the Territorial Caucus to meet these goals: *(Rule 2.I and 2.I.1)*
- a. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee voting, same-day voter registration, drop boxes and voting by mail; *(Rule 2.I.1.a)*
  - 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)*
  - c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; *(Rule 2.I.1.c)*
  - d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; *(Rule 2.I.1.d)*
  - e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and *(Rule 2.I.1.e)*
  - f. Facilitate military and overseas voting. *(Rule 2. I.1.f)*
4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the Territorial Party will strive to meet national goals by supporting some of the following initiatives: *(Rule 2.I.2)*
- a. *Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; (Rule 2.I.2.a)*
  - b. *Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.I.2.b)*
  - c. *Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; and (Rule 2.I.2.c)*
  - d. *Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process. (Rule 2.I.2.d)*
5. The Territorial Party will ensure that an open and inclusive process is established for participation in the Territorial Caucus, in an effort to avoid voter suppression and disenfranchisement. The Territorial Party has a planned aggressive registration campaign leading up to the Territorial caucus that will advertise and promote the rules, deadlines and participation requirements for the Territorial Caucus; starting at least 45 days (January 19, 2024) ahead of the Territorial Caucus (March 5, 2024). *(Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)*

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6. The Territorial Party commits to the incorporation and adherence to the following nine requirements laid out by the RBC concerning caucus management, where applicable to the Territorial Party and to the Territory of American Samoa.
  - a. The Territorial Party lacks a mechanism to allow for absentee voting for the caucus – however it will advocate the Territorial Election Office, of the American Samoa Government, to improve security for the absentee voting for local and federal elections. *(Rule 2.K.1)*
  - b. The Territorial Party will operate its caucus as it has done so in the past, with in-kind contributions from members and the Territorial Executive Committee. A convenient and centrally located venue with light refreshments, seating, chairs and air conditioning will be provided to ensure individuals are as comfortable as possible during the caucus. *(Rule 2.K.2)*
  - c. The Territory will allow for same day registration for participation in the Territorial Caucus. *(Rule 2.K.3)*
  - d. The Territorial Caucus will be held in one single location on the main island in American Samoa, Tutuila – in the village of Tafuna. Accessibility to the caucus location will be heavily promoted and reporting results will be done via social media as well as to local and national press lists already established from prior caucus events and leading up to the 2024 caucus. *(Rule 2.K.4)*
  - e. Requiring that the allocation of all national delegates be locked in at the final expression of preference at the first determining step, as determined by the Territory’s Plan, subject to recount; *(Rule 2.K.5)*
  - f. Ensuring final expressions of preference as part of the presidential nominating process are securely preserved, in a method to be specified in the Territory’s Plan, that ensures the availability of a prompt and accurate recount or recanvas; *(Rule 2.K.6)*
  - g. Providing a standard and procedure by which a presidential candidate may request a recount or recanvas that is paid for by the candidate and carried out in a timely manner; *(Rule 2.K.7)*
  - h. The Territory will work its best towards accommodating individuals who are unable to physically participate in the 2024 Caucus event. Military and absentee voters will be difficult for reasons stated prior, but transportation for individuals with disabilities and remote participation for individuals with illness will be worked out to ensure those individuals who are qualified may participate in the event. *(Rule 2.K.8)*
  - i. Taking appropriate steps to ensure voters in party-run processes, like those in primary states, have a right to participate in the process. These steps could include any required rules changes and the proper education and outreach to ensure accessibility, including specifically for people with disabilities and for

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people with limited English proficiency in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act. *(Rule 2.K.9)*

### **7. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings**

The dates, times and places for all official Territorial Party meetings and events related to the Territorial delegate selection process must be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings must begin and end at reasonable hours. In addition, the party will also consider any religious or cultural requirements that may prohibit a member from attending at the specified location, date and time. *(Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)*

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## Section II

### Presidential Candidates

#### A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate is eligible to participate in the Territorial caucus, by following:

1. By completing the “Presidential Candidate Participation Form” (form DPAS- 001) and submitting it to the Territorial Chair by 5:00pm Samoan Standard Time (SST) on Friday, February 2, 2024 electronically or with a postmarked date of Friday, February 2, 2024 mailed electronically or physically using the provided instructions on the aforementioned form. *(Rule 1.A.7)*
2. Filing a \$2,500 filing fee with the Territorial Party, by the Friday, February 2, 2024 deadline. *(Rule 1.A.8)*

#### B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the Territorial Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by no later than February 9, 2024, utilizing the “Presidential Candidate Authorized Representative Form” (form DPAS-002). This form may be submitted electronically by the deadline or postmarked by the deadline using the provided instructions on the aforementioned form. *(Rule 13.D.1)*
2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the Territorial 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

American Samoa does not have district level delegates and therefore has omitted this section of the Territorial Delegate Plan.

#### B. Automatic Delegates

##### 1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials

- a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
  - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the Territory; *(Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15)*
  - (2) American Samoa's Democratic Delegate to the United States House of Representatives *(Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)*
  - (3) The Democratic Governor of American Samoa (if applicable); *(Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J)*
  - (4) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the Territory of American Samoa; *(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 2024 National Convention. *(Call I.J)*
- c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
  - (1) Not later than March 6, 2024, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the Territorial Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in American Samoa. *(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 Territorial Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Territory's Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the Territorial Caucus. *(Call IV.C)*

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2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women and alternate men and alternate women within the Territory's entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. (*Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9*)

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

1. American Samoa does not have Pledged Party and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates and therefore has omitted this section of the Territorial Delegate Plan. (*Call I.D, Call I.E & Appendix B*)

### **D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates**

1. The Territory of American Samoa is allocated 6 at-large delegates and 2 at-large alternate delegates. (*Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.32*)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
  - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the Territorial Party by March 4, 2024 no later than 12:30pm. The forms for this filing have been made available on the DPAS website (<http://asdems.com/>) on December 3, 2023, as part of the Draft American Samoa Delegate. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. (*Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.21, Reg. 4.22, & Reg. 4.29*)
  - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the Democratic Party of American Samoa Caucus participants, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (*Rule 19.A*)
  - c. Forms will be circulated to party membership and will also be available on the Democratic Party of American Samoa website – [asdems.com](http://asdems.com). Forms may be electronically submitted via email to the party or postmarked by their required date. (*Reg. 4.29*)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
  - a. The Territorial Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than March 5, 2024 at 12:45 SST, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Reg. 4.23.D & Reg. 4.29.C*)

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- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the Territorial Democratic Chair, by March 5, 2024 at 1:00pm SST, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, 2 remain(s) for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (*Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24*)
  - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the Territorial Democratic Chair no later than March 8, 2024 at 12pm SST
  - d. The Territorial Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.
4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to: (*Rule 11.C*)
    - (1) The statewide division of preferences among convention and caucus participants, according to the final expression of preference at the first determining step of the process, provided that no person participating in the allocation shall automatically serve by virtue of holding a public or Party office. (*Rule 9.B & 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. 4.31*)

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5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
  - a. The selection of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur on March 8, 2024 at 12pm SST at a location to be determined by the executive board, after which all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been selected. *(Call III)*
  - b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by: *(Rule 10.B, Rule 11.B & Rule 11.B)*
    - (1) A committee consisting of a quorum of the district-level. A committee consisting of a quorum of each of the leading presidential candidate supporters in accordance with the results of the Territorial caucus.
  - c. Priority of Consideration
    - (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. *(Rule 6.A.3)*
    - (2) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. *(Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)*
    - (3) The election of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. The election of at-large 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. 4.19)*
6. The Territorial Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. *(Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)*

**E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates**

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

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- (1) The alternate who receives the highest number of votes becomes the delegate.
- 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 American Samoa's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (*Call IV.D.1*)
  - (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (*Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.33*)
  - (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. (*Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6*)
- e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (*Rule 19.E*)
2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (*Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.35*)
  - a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (*Call IV.D.2.a*)

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- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. *(Call, IV.D.2.b)*
- c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. *(Call IV.D.2.c)*
- d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. *(Call IX.F.3.e)*

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## Section IV

### Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members

#### A. Introduction

1. American Samoa has been allocated (1) member on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 3 members. *Call VII.A & Appendix D)*
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention. *Call VII.A.3)*
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. *(Rule 1.G)*

#### C. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting
  - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of American Samoa's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on March 8, 2024 after the delegates and alternates are selected. *(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 American Samoa shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. *(Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)*
  - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to American Samoa. 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

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

- d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. *(Call VII.C.4)*

### 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. *(Call VII.D.1)*
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the Territorial Democratic Chair, by March 8, 2024, 30 minutes after the election of at-large delegates and alternates, a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. *(Call VII.D.2)*

### 4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve American Samoa'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 **[male]**, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a **[female]**, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non-binaries but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be

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

### 5. Certification and Substitution

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

**Section V**  
**Delegation Chair and Convention Pages**

**A. Introduction**

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

**B. Delegation Chair**

1. Selection Meeting

- a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on March 8, 2024, after the completion of the Territorial Caucus and election of at-large delegates and alternate delegates. *(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 Territorial Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. *(Call IV.E)*

**C. Convention Pages**

1. One (1) individual will be selected to serve as State's Convention Pages by the Territorial Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the Territory. This selection will take place on March 8, 2024. *(Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)*
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. *(Reg. 5.7.A)*
3. The Territorial Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as State's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. *(Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)*

## **Section VI Presidential Electors**

### **A. Introduction**

American Samoa is not eligible to have Presidential Electors given our non participation in the General Election and and therefore has omitted this section of the Territorial Delegate Plan.

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## Section VII

### General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The Territorial Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the “six basic elements” as listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (*Rule 4.A, Rule 4.B & Rule 4.C*)
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in American Samoa 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 American Samoa 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 American Samoa on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such a manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (*Rule 4.B.3*)
  4. The Democratic Party in American Samoa, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (*Rule 4.B.4*)
  5. The Democratic Party in American Samoa 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 American Samoa Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. As part of this, the State Democratic Party should develop a strategy to provide education programs 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 American Samoa should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State

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- Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each Territorial 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. American Samoa’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such a goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
- G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. *(Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.25)*
- H. 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. *(Rule 16)*
- I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with (i.e., deliver a signed proxy to) another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than one (1) proxy at a time. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.30)*
- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.A)*

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

## Section VIII

### Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program

#### A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

##### 1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. To make sure that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by American Samoa. *(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 American Samoa 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, American Samoa 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 Territorial Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*
  - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. *(Rule 6.A.1)*
  - (2) For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. *(Reg. 5.3.A)*
  - (3) For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. *(Reg. 5.3.B)*

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- (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 Territorial Democratic Chair on March 1, 2023. The Chair may appoint a new committee or use a previously organized body appointed by the Territorial Democratic Chair. *(Rule 6.F)*
- b. The Territorial Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information of the members no later than 15 days after their appointment. *(Reg. 2.2.J)*
- 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 Territorial Democratic Chair. *(Rule 6.F)*
  - (2) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.
  - (3) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. *(Rule 6.G)*
  - (4) Ensuring, on behalf of the Territorial Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. *(Rule 6.E)*
- e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the Territorial Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making the Territorial Party staff and volunteers available on a priority basis and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.

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3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on September 13, 2023, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 1.F)*

**B. Representation Goals**

1. In cooperation with the National Committee, the Territorial Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 6.A)*
2. In cooperation with the National Committee, the Territorial Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the Territory’s Democratic electorate. The Territorial Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the Territory’s convention delegation. *(Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)*
3. We have set the following goals after reviewing demographic data from the American Samoa Department of Commerce, Statistical Yearbook 2020.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBTQ+ Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	0.075%	0.422%	-	11.53 and 92.57	-	-	48.28%
Numeric Goals for Delegates	1	1	1-		1	1	3

\* The American Samoa Government does not have statistics kept for LGBTQ+ and Persons with Disabilities as of the 2020 Statistical Yearbook, to ensure representation for each of these groups, a minimum of one numeric goal has been set for the delegation.

\*\* Asian Americans are split from Pacific Islanders, as American Samoa’s largest demographic is Pacific Island Americans.

\*\*\* These numbers were sourced from the American Samoa Department of Commerce, Statistical Yearbook 2020, utilizing ethnic origin population charts in combination with statistics for registered voters in the Territory. The electorate is the entire electorate of the Territory – which votes non-partisan in local elections.

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

**C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process**

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2023. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate. *(Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the Territorial Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process and will be available to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The Territorial Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and ensuring that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
4. The Territorial Party will publish, and make available at no cost, a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the Territorial Party shall also make available copies of the Territorial Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant Territorial statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the Territorial delegate selection process will be prepared and the Territorial Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts no later than November 7, 2023. *(Rule 1.H)*
5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. *(Rule 2.A)*
6. The Territorial Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters who wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. *(Rule 2.C)*
7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a Territorial Party strategy to be implemented beginning September 13, 2023 that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for voter registration and deadlines for changing party affiliation, or who are unaware of the

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process for running for delegate, so that all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*

### **D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**

1. The Territorial Party shall direct special attention to publicizing the delegate selection process in the Territory. 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 Territorial Party communications and on the Territorial Party's website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. *(Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
2. The Territorial Party shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan (**see Attachment 2.i**) for using all available and appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television, to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be posted/released throughout the state's delegate selection process to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)*
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 Territorial Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of American Samoa Delegate Selection Caucus shall be effectively publicized to encourage the participation of minority groups. Parties will make a good faith effort to publicize this information in an accessible manner and multilingually where necessary. *(Rule 6.D)*
4. Not later than November 7, 2023, the Territorial Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
  - a. Materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;

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- b. A summary explaining the role of the 2024 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
- c. A summary of the Territorial Party's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
- d. A map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

### **E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation**

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Territorial Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. *(Rule 6.H)*
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the Territorial Democratic Chair by October 1, 2023 which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in American Samoa's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.1)*
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.2)*
4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. *(Rule 6.C., Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)*

### **F. Outreach and Inclusion Program**

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

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2. As such, the Territorial Democratic Party has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.
3. The Territorial Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities by conducting elections at venues with wheelchair and accessibility.
4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the Territorial Party will provide outreach to disability tri-agency to ensure inclusion and consider including a representative in the affirmative action committee.

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## Section IX Challenges

### A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3)*, and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2024 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (*Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A*)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention. (*Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1*)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (*Call VII.B.5*)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (*Appendix A*), shall be made available by the Territorial Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (*Appendix A, Sec. 2.A*), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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

1. A challenge to the status of the Territorial Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that State shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (*Rule 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A*)

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

### **C. Challenges to Implementation**

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Reg. 3.1.C)*
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the Territorial Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The Territorial Party has 21 days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the Territorial Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above 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 Territorial Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the Territorial Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. *(Rule 6.B)* The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. *(Reg. 3.4.C)*
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

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**Section X  
Summary of Plan**

**A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates**

American Samoa will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Territorial Caucus apportioning its delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of American Samoa’s delegate selection process will occur on March 5, 2024, with a Territorial Caucus.

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

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	5	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules.
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	6	2	3/8/2024	Selecting Body: Territorial Caucus
				A form submitted and certified by the Territorial Party Chair by 12:30 pm March 8, 2024 at Caucus Site.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	11	2		

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

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

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

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	3/8/2024	Presidential candidates must submit names 30 minutes after the selection of At-Large delegates on March 8, 2024

**C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages**

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on **March 8, 2024**.

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1 Convention Page will be selected by the Territorial Democratic Chair on ***March 8, 2024***.

### D. Selection of Presidential Electors

American Samoa ineligible due to non-participation in the General Election and electoral college system.

### E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the Territorial Democratic Chair by ***February 9, 2024***.

### F. Timetable

Date	Activity
<b>2023</b>	
February	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 1	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
April 24	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by Territorial Party Committee.
April 28	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 27	Period for public comment on Territorial Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
May 28	Territorial Party 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 29	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 13	Territorial Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all Territorial media.
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 Territorial Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
December 3	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the Territorial Party Committee Headquarters.
<b>2024</b>	
January 6	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from Territorial Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from Territorial Party's web site at <a href="https://asdems.com">https://asdems.com</a>
January 8	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the Territorial Party.
February 2	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Territorial Party Chair.
February 9	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the Territorial Party.
March 4	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from Territorial Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from Territorial Party's website: <a href="https://asdems.com/">https://asdems.com/</a> . Individuals seeking to become a delegate may register with the party by 12:30 on March 4th.

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Date	Activity
March 5	Territorial Caucus
March 5	Territorial Party provides a list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
March 5	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to Territorial Party.
March 8	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. Territorial Chair names convention pages.
March 8	Territorial Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.
March 11	Territorial Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.
March 11	Territorial Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Automatic Delegates.

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## Attachments

### A. Affirmative Action Committee

1. **List of Affirmative Action Committee Members**
2. **Statement from the State Chair confirming that the composition of the State 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)*

### B. [As specified in Reg. 2.2, the following documentation must accompany the state's Delegate Selection Plan at the time it is formally submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.]

1. **A summary** of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, and Presidential Electors, along with related deadlines. [Incorporated in Section X] *(Reg. 2.2.A)*
2. **A timetable** reflecting all significant dates in the state's delegate selection process. [Incorporated in Section X] *(Reg. 2.2.B)*
3. **A copy of the press release** distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. *(Reg. 2.2.D)*
4. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the following:**
  - a. **The Plan** as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Party Committee. *(Reg. 2.2.C)*
  - b. **The proposed Plan**, including all attachments and appendices, was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period. *(Reg. 2.2.E)*
  - c. **Compliance with Rule 1.C** which requires a 30-day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party Committee, provided that the State Party has published specific guidance for the submission of public comments. *(Reg. 2.2.F)*
5. A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying **compliance with Rule 6.F.**, which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan, including any numerical goals established. *(Rule 6.F & Reg. 2.2.I)*
6. **A copy of all written public and online comments** submitted through the process provided above about the Plan. *[Include information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the*

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*person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.] (Rule 1.C & Reg. 2.2.G)*

7. **A blank copy of forms** to be filed with the state and the State Party by delegate and alternate candidates. *(Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 2.2.H)*
8. **Copies of all state statutes and other relevant legal authority** reasonably related to:
  - a. The Delegate Selection Process *(Reg. 2.2.L)*
  - b. The election of Presidential Electors *(Call VIII)*
9. A copy of all **presidential candidate qualifying forms** to be filed with the state and the State Party. *(Reg. 2.2.M)*
10. A copy of the **State Delegate Selection Media Plan**, describing how the State Party will communicate information about the process to all available and appropriate sources, including social and specialty media directed toward Democratic constituency groups as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

### **C. [For Caucus States]**

1. Attach a copy of the **State Party's proposed budget** outlining State Party's financial plan and demonstrating the technical ability to successfully run the delegate selection process. *(Rule 2.K.2)*
2. Attach a copy of the **State Party's Caucus Plan** specifically describing how the caucus process will be implemented and how each level of the caucuses will be conducted.

### **D. [For States in receipt of a 12.A Waiver]**

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