

**American Samoa Delegate Selection Plan
For the 2016 Democratic National Convention**

I 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 for apportioning delegates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

The first determining step of American Samoa’s delegate selection process will occur on March 01, 2016 with a territorial caucus.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Select Body</u>
Unpledged Leaders & Elected Officials	4	4	n/a		3/01/16
Governor	0	0			
Congress	0	0			
At-Large Delegates & Alternates	6	6			Terr. Caucus File Statement
At-Large Alternate	0	0	1		Candidacy w/ Exec.Comm.
Total	10	10	1		

B. Selection of Credentials, Platform & Rules Committee Members

Standing Committee Members will be selected by the Territorial National Convention Delegates as summarized:

<u>Members Per Comm.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Selection Date</u>
1	3	March 01, 2016

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

Delegation Chair will be selected by National Convention Delegates March 01, 2016. One Convention Page will be selected by the Territorial Democratic Chair on 03/01/16.

D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative (s) to the Territorial Democratic Chair by Monday, February 22, 2016 by 12:00 p.m. noon.

2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and are equally divided between men and women.

E. Pledged Party Leader & Elected Official Delegates – n/a

F. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The Territory of American Samoa is allocated 10 at-large delegates casting a Total of ten (10) votes and one (1) at-large alternate

2. At-Large Delegate & Alternate Filing Requirements

a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating a singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including the uncommitted status) may be modified by submitting an updated pledge with the territorial executive committee by 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2016.

b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates & at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the territorial caucus, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing.

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval

a. The Territorial Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential Candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative (s) not Later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2016 a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate.

b. Each presidential candidate or that candidates authorized representative (s) Must file with the Territorial Democratic Chair by 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 29, 2016 a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that at a minimum one name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled, to be determined after the allocation of delegates to presidential candidates at the territorial caucus. The Territorial Democratic Chair will provide certification to the RBC that presidential candidates have used their best effort to submit a list of delegate candidates who meet the affirmative action considerations within three (3) days of receiving the list of approved delegate candidates.

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 not later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 29, 2016.

4. Selection of At-Large Delegates & Alternates
 - a. At-Large delegate & alternate positions shall be allocated among Presidential candidates according to the division of preferences among Territorial caucus participants.
 - b. Preferences which have not attained 15% threshold at the Territorial Caucus shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. If no candidate attains a 15% threshold, then the threshold will be the percentage of the vote received by the front-runner minus 10%.

ACTIVITY

2015

January	27	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee Members appointed by the State Chair
March	24	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans demographic areas confirmed
April	21	Proposed Delegate Selection Plans are tentatively Approved for public comment by State Party Committee
May	28	<i>Press release announced for comment</i> Period for public comment on state plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by State Party Committee
June - July	15	State Party Committee Reviews public comments and Adopts Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee Press releases are mailed announcing approval of the plan
August	30	Democratic Meeting State Plan/Affirmative Action Plan
September	15	Affirmative Action Plan Implementation State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan, press kits described in the Affirmative Action Plan are sent to all state media

2016

January	12	Presidential candidates may file beginning on this date
February	22	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition. Presidential candidate shall certify their authorized Representatives to the State Party
5:00 p.m.		

26 State Democratic Chair convey to the presidential candidate or that candidates authorized representative a list of all persons who have filed and pledged to that presidential candidate

29 State Democratic Chair certifies to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee presidential campaign's best efforts to meet affirmative action goals Delegates and Alternates are allocated to presidential preference

March 01 Territorial Caucus convenes selects at-large delegates and alternate. Delegation elects National Convention Standing Committee Members, and Delegation Chair. State Chair names convention page.

11 State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members

State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of the state's Unpledged Delegates.

II. Selection of Delegates & Alternates

A. Introduction

- 1) American Samoa has a total of 10 delegates (casting 10 votes) & 1 alternate
- 2) The delegation process is governed by the Charter & Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegation Selection Rules for the 2016 Democratic National Convention, the Call for 2016 Democratic Convention, the Regulations of the Rules & Bylaws Committee for the 2016 Democratic National Convention, the rules of the Democratic Party of American Samoa, the American Samoa election code and this Delegation Selection Plan.

B. Presidential Candidates

- 1) A Presidential candidate gains access to participate in the American Samoa Democratic Party Caucus by contributing \$2,500.00 to the American Samoa Democratic Party and by certifying in writing to the Territorial Democratic Chair the name (s) of his or her authorized representative by 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 22, 2016. There is a required form to be filed and it can be found on page 22 of this document.
- 2) Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her Best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the Territorial Delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this plan and is equally divided between men and women.

C. Unpledged Delegates

- 1) The Territorial Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the

presidential preference of state's un-pledged delegates 10 days after completion of the state's delegation process.

2) Unpledged Party Leaders & Elected Officials

- a. The following categories shall constitute the unpledged party leaders and elected Official delegate positions
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in American Samoa
- b. Not later than March 1, 2016 the Secretary of the DNC shall officially confirm To the Territorial Democratic Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in the territory, verifying unpledged delegates from the categories.
- c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the Percentage of the territorial caucus vote received by the front runner, minus 10%
- d. The election of the at-large delegates & alternates will occur on March 01, 2016 at the Tradewinds Hotel in Ottoville Village, American Samoa. All unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials will have been certified by the DNC Secretary by March 1, 2016.
- e. The Territorial caucus shall announce the proportional allocation of at-large Delegate alternate position to uncommitted & presidential preferences affirmed all duly registered party members in attendance at the caucus. Each preference shall caucus and select from the candidates pledged to them their allocated number of delegates and/or alternate, taking care to achieve balance between men and women and the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Section of the Plan. All individuals participating in selecting delegates within a presidential candidate's caucus must sign a pledge of support for that candidate. To ensure delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote getting presidential preference. The assignment of delegate positions alternates by sex in descending order.
- f. Delegates and alternates will then be elected by the Territorial Caucus
- g. In the selection of the at-large delegation, priority of consideration shall be given African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Asian / Pacific Americans, women and groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age sexual orientation, gender identity and disability.
- h. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of the selection of the at-large delegates then those at-large delegates that would have been allocated to the candidates will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to allocation.
- i. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position that preference shall be allocated one at-large alternate position.
- j. The Territorial Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the

DNC the election of territory's at-large delegates and alternates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention within ten days after their election.

- k. For the purpose of equal division, the American Samoa delegation includes all pledged and unpledged delegates.

E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates (At-Large only)

A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced by the following guidelines

1. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate

- (a) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the National Convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for remainder of the convention.
- (b) The alternate permanently replacing the delegate shall be of the same sex and presidential preference (including uncommitted status) the delegate he/she replaces.
 - (i) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate that alternate shall become the certified delegate
 - (ii) If a presidential candidate has only one alternate and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6 C.

In such a case notwithstanding Rule 17 D. (2) the State Party Committee shall at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women.

- (c) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not yet certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies or is no longer eligible to serve, then the presidential candidate's authorized representative names the replacement after consultation with the American Samoa Democratic Party.

2. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate

- (a) 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
- (b) The alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate he/she replaces

3. Certification of Replacements

- (a) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in Writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair
- (b) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate

And replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing By State Democratic Chair to the DNC Secretary within 3 days after the Replacement is selected

- (c) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary Up to 72 hours before the official session of the Convention is scheduled to start
- (d) In case a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before The first session is to convene or in the case where a pledged delegate is Not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time of the 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.
- (e) A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The Replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status) and of the same sex and the same political subdivision. If the delegation has more than one alternate equal division within the delegation must be upheld. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement nor shall the State be entitled to a replacement except under the following circumstances.
 - (1) 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 Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the State's (territory) office of the Governor, the DNC shall recognize only Such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governor's Association.
 - (2) Members of the Democratic National Committee and unpledged add-on Delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement nor shall the state to be Entitled to a replacement except in the case of death of such delegate. In The case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2016 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgement by the Secretary Of the DNC of the new DNC member certification shall constitute Verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates.
 - (3) In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate

III Selection of Standing Committee Members

A. Introduction

- 1. American Samoa has been allocated one member on each of the three Standing committees for the 2016 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform & Rules) for a total of three members
- 2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates Or alternates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention

B. Allocation of Members

1. The members of the standing committees shall proportionally represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted Status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation To calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13 E of the Delegate Selection Rules. Presidential candidates must submit a list of Approved standing committee member candidates by 9:00 a.m. March 01, 2016. The Presidential candidate is required to submit the name of one (1) individual for each position the candidate is to receive.
 - (a) The Presidential candidate will receive adequate notice of the date, time and place of the selection meeting.
2. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage of more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing Committee positions allocated to American Samoa. If the result formula doesn't Equal .45 or above the presidential preference in question is not entitled on standing committees. If result is .455 and less than 1.45 presidential preference has one position and preferences securing more than 1.45 but less than 2.45 are entitled to two positions, etc. be selected by a majority of American Samoa's National Convention delegates meeting immediately after the Territorial Caucus. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among the names submitted by the presidential candidates.
3. Taking care to observe the Affirmative Action Goals the nominations and Selections for each standing committee member shall be separate to achieve a Balance between men and women members.
4. The Territorial Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the DNC within three (3) days after their election Substitutes will be allowed only in cases of resignation or death. Substitutes must be selected in accordance with this plan and certified to the DNC Secretary not later than 48 hours before the respective committee meets.
5. Presidential candidates are required to use their best efforts to ensure their respective delegations are equally divided between men and women, and that the names they submit will help achieve the affirmative action goals established.

IV. Selection of Delegation Chair & Convention Page

A. Introduction

America Samoa will select one person to serve as Delegation Chair and one Person to serve as Convention Page

B. Delegation Chair

1. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a majority of the territory's

National Convention Delegates at a meeting immediately after the Territorial Caucus on March 01, 2016.

2. The Territorial Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the DNC within three days after his or her election

C. Convention Page

1. One individual will be selected to serve as American Samoa's Convention Page by the Territorial Democratic Chair in consultation with members of The DNC from American Samoa immediately after the Territorial Caucus On March 01, 2016.
2. The Territorial Democratic Chair shall certify the individual to serve as American Samoa's Convention Page in writing to the DNC within three (3) days after the territorial caucus on March 01, 2016.

V. **General Provisions & Procedural Guarantees**

- A. Participation in American Samoa's delegation selection process is open to all Voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Party Members may register at any party meeting up to and including the March 01, 2016 Territorial Caucus.
- B. 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 elections.
- C. The American Samoa Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open Party by incorporating the provisions listed below.
These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure full opportunity for all minority groups to participate in the delegate selection process.
 - 1) All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party of American Samoa Are open to all party members regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, religion, national origin, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, or physical disability (collectively referred to as status)
 - 2) No test for membership at all levels of the Democratic Party of American Samoa shall be required
 - 3) The time and place of all public meetings of the Democratic Party of American Samoa shall be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings shall be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons.
 - 4) The American Samoa Democratic Party supports the broadest possible Registration without discrimination.
 - 5) The American Samoa Democratic Party publicizes fully descriptions of qualifications and procedures of selecting its officers and representatives and information is available to participants in a timely fashion
- D. American Samoa's Delegation shall be divided equally between men and women with an alternate of either sex.

- 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. All delegates, alternates, standing committee members must be bona fide democrats, who share the interest, welfare & success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, and participate with intent and principles of the Charter & By Laws of the DNC.
- F. A simple majority of the registered members of any party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum (or any business pertaining to the selection of convention delegates. No proxy voting is allowed at any level.
- G. 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 the Majority shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process.
- H. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention American Samoa thereby assures all Democratic voters in the territory full timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end, the delegates and alternate to the convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2016 Democratic National Convention.
- I. 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 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.
- J. 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 the respect of the Affirmative Action Plan.
- K. All candidates for delegate and alternate will be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status.
- L. The Territorial Democratic Chair provides assurances on behalf of the American Samoa Democratic Party that the provisions of the Call of the Convention (Call II.B) will be upheld.

VI. Affirmative Action Plan

A. Introduction

In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open party which includes rather than excludes people American Samoa has adopted an affirmative action program that will begin implementation on September 15, 2015.

As part of this program outreach that includes recruitment, education and training will be

directed to all Democratic constituencies. .

The American Samoa Democratic Party has adopted and will implement affirmative action programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and women.

The goal of the affirmative action programs are to encourage participation in the election process by targeted groups. The use of quotas in this process is prohibited. The Territorial party has established specific goals and timetables for LGBT Americans, people with disabilities, youth and other groups identified by the Territorial party. Youth is defined as any participant 36 years old or younger. Native Americans shall provide their tribal affiliation and enrollment.

B. Affirmative Action Program implementation September 15, 2015

All Americans, African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asia/Pacific Americans, women, elderly, challenged, gay and lesbian and those interested in the democratic party are invited to attend outreach programs. All meetings are conducted in both English and Samoan languages.

C. Organizational Structure – Affirmative Action Committee

- 1) An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the Territorial Democratic Chair (see Exhibit 1)
- 2) The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - a. Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans making recommendations to the Territorial Democratic Chair
 - b. Directing the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin 9/15/15
 - c. Prepare specific information for all delegates and alternates as to how and where to seek financial assistance to defray expenses to the Convention. Plan and conduct fund raising events or solicitations necessary for such purposes.

D. Implementation of the Plan

- 1) Newspapers, radio, television, email, will be utilized to inform the general public how, when, and where to participate in the delegate selection process (see Exhibit 2)
- 2) Not later than September 16, 2015 a bilingual press kit shall be provided to each Media outlet in American Samoa. It will include:
 - a. A summary of all pertinent rules relating to the territory's delegate selection process.
 - b. A summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2016 convention
 - c. Materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates
- 3) The Territorial Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register

And to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration Procedures

4) Representation Goals

a. The Territorial Party has determined the demographic composition of Pacific Americans in the territory's democratic electorate. These constituency Percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the territory's Delegation (see Exhibit 3)

b. Priority will be given in the selection of the at-large delegates to women and ethnic minorities demographically (see Exhibit 4)

E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation.

1. This plan requires Presidential candidates to assist the Territory in meeting its democratic representation goals. Presidential candidates have to submit a written statement indicating steps and procedures to encourage full participation by no later than February 22, 2016. Presidential candidates must submit demographic information on all delegate and alternative candidates pledged to them. Presidential candidates are required to use their best efforts to ensure their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members are equally divided and reflect the territory's affirmative action goals.

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VII Challenges

A. Jurisdiction and Standing

Any group of Democrats with standing may challenge this Plan or the implementation of the Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions, prior to commencement of the 2016 National Convention.

A written notice of Intention to Challenge may be filed with the DNC Rules and By-laws Committee before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2016 Democratic National Convention and after the adoption of this plan by the Territorial Party.

Any challenge of 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 2016 Democratic National Convention. The Rules and By-laws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention.

B. Challenge to Status of State Party Plan

A Challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor A delegation from the state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the state's delegation process.

A Challenge to the State's Delegation 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.

A Challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regulations which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. Challenges to Implementation

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 of the Credentials Committee of the National Convention. 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.

Implementation challenges brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and 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 to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If the State Party renders no decision any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. Request must be made within 10 days after expiration of the above 21 day period.

Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action plan, the state party shall not be subject to a challenge solely based on delegation composition or primary results. The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of this plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state delegations selection process.

Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction 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.

XIII: Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Voter Participation

Because the Territory of American Samoa is non-partisan, the American Samoa Democratic Party handles its own voter registration and enrollment procedures. The American Samoa Democratic Party will require all interested non-registered members to register with the Party by February 22, 2016, if they wish to participate in the March 1, 2016 caucus. The American Samoa Democratic Party will encourage voter registration and participation through active village and county level outreach. Collection of fees or dues are prohibited at all times. Delegates will be selected during the March 1, 2016

caucus following the same time and date deadlines provided herein. The American Samoa Democratic Party will consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation in the March 1, 2016 caucus

Exhibit 1

**Members of the Affirmative Action Committee
American Samoa Democratic Party**

Name	Sex	Ethnic Status/Demographic Area/West/East/Central/Manu'a
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EXHIBIT 2

Media Outlets – American Samoa

Publications

Samoa News (Monday-Saturday)
Pago Pago, AS/samoanews.ads@gmail.com

Samoa Post (Sun-Tues-Th) Pago Pago, AS
samoapost08@gmail.com

Radio Stations

KSBS-FM-Pago Pago, AS

KHJ-FM – Pago Pago, AS

Showers of Blessing-Pago Pago, AS

KULA – FM-Pago Pago, AS /American Forces Public Radio

TV

KVZK-TV Public Television/Pago Pago, AS
psa@opi.as.gov

Blue Sky-Moana Cablevision Channel Network/24 hour

Island Music Channel – 13 Advertising, Music Channel

***All of the above media sources disseminate news in both
Samoan and English languages***

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The following statements have been reviewed and certified by the State Chair.

6. **A copy of the 2016 American Samoa State Delegation Plan as submitted has been reviewed and approved by the State Party.**
7. **That a press release had been distributed by the State Party announcing adoption of the State Delegation Plan summarizing components. (copy attached)**
8. **Website not operable but will be soon.**
8. **A 30 day public comment period prior to adoption by the state party had been available via email blast.**
9. **No written comment received only a decision by the State Party members to include a \$2,500.00 filing fee for presidential candidates to assist the American Samoa Democratic Party with the Super Tuesday Caucus.**
10. **Find blank copy of all forms to be filed with the State Party by Delegate Candidates. (attch)**
11. **Affirmative Action Committee Chair certifies compliance with Rule 6.F. and Reg. 2.2.1.**
12. **The established rules for numerical goals under Rules 5.C, 6.A. and 7 (Reg.2.2.J) are derived from the American Samoa Statistical Digest 2010 and is a reliable source.**
13. **The Affirmative Action Committee composition complies with Rules 5.C., 6.A. and 7 and names, demographic data and contact information of members submitted to the RBC.**
14. **There are no American Samoa local statues related to the State Delegation Selection Process.**
15. **Find blank copy of qualifying form to be filed with the State Party by presidential candidates. (reg. 2.2.). (attch)**

Fagafaga D. Langkilde- Chair

**AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Super Tuesday Caucus
March 1, 2016 - Tradewinds Hotel**

STATE PARTY DELEGATE CANDIDATE FORM

On this day I proclaim my candidacy as a State Party Delegate Candidate, as a bonafide Democrat who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States and American Samoa.

Signed _____

Voter ID # _____

Verified by _____

**AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Super Tuesday Caucus
March 1, 2016 - Tradewinds Hotel**

STATE PARTY ALTERNATE CANDIDATE FORM

On this day March 1, 2016, I proclaim my candidacy as a State Party Alternate Candidate, as a bonafide Democrat who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States and American Samoa.

Signed _____

Voter ID # _____

Verified by _____

**AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Super Tuesday Caucus
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STATE PARTY STANDING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE FORM

**On this day March 1, 2016, I proclaim my candidacy as a State Standing
Committee Candidate, as a bonafide Democrat who have the interests, welfare and
success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart and principles of the
Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States and American
Samoa.**

Signed _____

Voter ID # _____

Verified by _____

**AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
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March 1, 2016 - Tradewinds Hotel**

**Statement of Candidacy Form
For President of the United States**

Date:

On this day I _____

Residing at: _____

**Hereby notify the Chair of the Democratic Executive Committee of American
that I am filing my candidacy for President of the United States of America in the
2016 American Samoa Democratic Caucus. Please find a check to the American
Samoa Democratic Party for the \$2,500.00 filing fee.**

This is also to notify the Chair that:

of the American Samoa Democratic Party shall be my authorized representative.

**AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
P.O. BOX 1045
PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA 96799
TEL- 731-8570-cj_reid83@yahoo.com**

May 28, 2015

**TO: Samoa News/Post/KVZK-TV/KHJ-FM 93
FR: American Samoa Democratic Party
RE: General Meeting-June 15, 2015**

PRESS RELEASE

Democratic National Convention News/Special Election

The American Samoa Democratic Party invites all Democrats and interested members of the public to a general meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 15, 2015 at Toa's Bar & Grill meeting room. As the 2016 Democratic National Convention approaches American Samoa's Democrats are gearing up to attend the Democratic National Convention to be held in Philadelphia from July 25-28, 2016.

All members of the community are welcome to join the local party and information on attending the Democratic National Convention will be available, as well as American Samoa's State Delegation Plan that has been submitted to the Democratic National Committee for review after the State Party's evaluation.

If you are interested in participating as a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention or join the local Democratic Party we encourage you to attend this very informative session.

Also on the agenda is the Special Election for the State Chair, vacant due to the recent passing of Aliimau JR Scanlan. The date for the Special Election is July 1, 2015 from 6:00 p.m -8:00 p.m. at Toa's.

For more information Clara at cj_reid83@yahoo.com or Andrew at andrew.berquist@gmail.com.

AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

**As Chairman of the American Samoa Democratic Party I hereby certify
the adoption of the 2016 American Samoa Delegate Selection Plan.**

FAGAFAGA D. LANGKILDE

AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

As Chairman of the American Samoa Democratic Party I hereby certify that the 2016 American Samoa Delegate Selection Plan was emailed via blast as the website was not operable.

FAGAFAGA D. LANGKILDE

AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

As Chairman of the American Samoa Democratic Party I hereby certify compliance that the 2016 American Samoa Delegate Selection Plan and Affirmative Action Plan were available for public comment for thirty days and was announced publicly via a press release and blast email.

FAGAFAGA D. LANGKILDE

AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

As Chairman of the American Samoa Democratic Party I hereby certify compliance that the 2016 American Samoa Delegate Selection Plan had no other comments or suggestions but to include a filing fee for presidential candidates to assist the American Samoa Democratic Party with the Super Tuesday Caucus.

FAGAFAGA D. LANGKILDE

AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

As Chairman of the American Samoa Democratic Party I hereby certify compliance that the Affirmative Action Committee had reviewed the Affirmative Action Plan prior to submitting the plan to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.

FAGAFAGA D. LANGKILDE

AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

As Chairman of the American Samoa Democratic Party I hereby certify compliance that the submitted data and source used for numerical goals in American Samoa's State Delegation Plan is derived from the 2010 American Samoa Statistical Digest.

FAGAFAGA D. LANGKILDE

AMERICAN SAMOA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

As Chairman of the American Samoa Democratic Party I hereby certify compliance that the submitted composition of the Affirmative Action Committee in American Samoa's State Delegation Plan was submitted to the RBC 15 days after their appointment.

FAGAFAGA D. LANGKILDE

