

## Rules for the Precinct Caucus

1. **Inclusion:** The Colorado Democratic Party and the participants in this caucus are required to take steps to encourage participation in the delegate and candidate selection process of the Democratic Party at all levels by young persons, women, and minority groups in reasonable relationship to their presence in population of the state, districts, or counties. This goal shall not be accomplished, either directly or indirectly, by the Party's imposition of mandatory quotas.
2. **Who may participate:** A person may vote at the precinct caucus, be elected a delegate or alternate from the caucus, and/or be elected as a precinct committee-person if, according to the registration records of the county clerk and recorder's office, he or she has resided in the precinct since February 20, 2006 and registered as a Democrat on or before January 23, 2006. Also, anyone who attained the age of 18, or became a naturalized citizen after February 20, 2006 provided he or she registered to vote as a Democrat before the caucus and resided in the precinct since February 21, 2006.
3. He or She may vote, be elected a delegate or alternate, or be elected as a committee-person. A person who moved away from the precinct in which he or she registered after the residency date (February 20, 2006) may vote in the old precinct, but may not become a delegate or committee-person. Other persons may attend the caucus.
4. **Additional rules:** Participants in the caucus may adopt additional rules, provided they do not conflict with either state or county rules, state election laws, or other instructions to the caucus chair. Give participants a full opportunity to be heard, and permit full discussion of all relevant questions.
5. **Disputes:** Any person desiring to dispute any matter concerning the caucus must file a written protest with the County Chairperson within 7 days of the caucus (March 29, 2006). Otherwise, the certification of caucus committee-people will be final.
6. **Secret Ballot:** Voting shall be open at all meetings, assemblies, and conventions, except at precinct caucuses. At precinct caucuses, voting shall be open unless a secret ballot is requested by anyone eligible to vote. (State Party Rules Part 4, Article 2A,)
7. **Proxies:** No proxy voting shall be permitted at the caucus.
8. **Late arriving/early leaving:** A person must be present to participate. Those arriving late, or leaving early, may only take part in caucus business occurring while they are present.
9. **Open voting:** No delegate or alternate shall be instructed to vote for or against any candidate or measure.
10. **Election procedure:** Persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.
11. **Ties:** If two or more candidates for delegate or alternate receive an equal number of votes for the last position, the winner shall be determined by lot (coin toss or drawing straws) by such candidates. If more than two candidates for the position of committee-person receive an equal number of votes, the winner shall be determined by lot of such candidates.
12. **Delegate Selection:** Delegates and alternates to all party assemblies/conventions shall be chosen in a manner which fairly reflects the division of candidate preference, expressed

by those participating in the nominating process, including those expressed by minority and divergent views. Equal division between men and women shall be achieved if possible.

13. **Threshold:** A preference poll based upon a contested race in the following priority order; **a) countywide or district wide office; b). house or senate district office or c.) if none of these races are contested a straw poll based on the gubernatorial race may be used or uncommitted,** shall be used for the selection of delegates and alternates to his or her assemblies. **A candidate must receive a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) in the preference poll to be awarded delegates and alternates.** Use caucus math worksheet to determine the number of delegates to be awarded for each candidate who attained threshold.
14. **Uncommitted votes:** Treat “uncommitted” votes as if the vote was cast for a candidate for determination of threshold and awarding of delegates. (Hint: treat “uncommitted” votes as if there was a candidate named Uncommitted.)
15. **Automatic delegates:** No person shall become an automatic delegate or alternate to higher assemblies by holding any party or public elected office.
16. **Agenda:**
  - I. Call to order and reading aloud of caucus rules.
  - II. Determination of eligible participants.
  - III. Election of caucus chairperson and secretary.
  - IV. Preference poll on Gubernatorial race for Assembly delegates.
  - V. Election of delegates and alternates to County Assembly.
  - VI. Preference poll on \_\_\_\_\_ for Assembly delegates.
  - VII. Election of delegates and alternates to county assembly
  - VIII. Election of delegates and alternates to other assemblies
  - IX. Election of precinct committee-people.
  - X. Pass caucus envelope.
  - XI. Pass sheet for election judges sign-up.
  - XII. Consideration of resolutions.
  - XIII. Other business.
  - XIV. Adjournment.