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### DEMOCRATIC CHAIR SEEKING INPUT ON RI'S DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

#### *Democrats Asked to Comment on Plan for 2016 Democratic National Convention*

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – Representative Joseph M. McNamara, Chairman of the Rhode Island Democratic Party, called on Rhode Islanders Friday, to weigh in on the Party's official Delegate Selection Plan for the upcoming 2016 Democratic National Convention. The 41-page [2016 Rhode Island Democratic Party Delegate Selection Plan \(pdf\)](#) was drafted by the State Democratic Party and is posted on its official website. Comments about the Plan are due on or before April 24, 2015, and may be made by emailing [RIDemocraticParty@gmail.com](mailto:RIDemocraticParty@gmail.com).

The Plan sets specific guidelines on how the 31 delegates and two alternates, who will represent Rhode Island, will be chosen to take part in the upcoming 2016 Democratic National Convention (DNC.) At that quadrennial event, that will be held in Philadelphia next year, the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees will be named but the opportunity for who has a voice in that process begins with this Plan.

The Rhode Island Democratic Party is making a concerted effort to encourage all Democratic voters – including those groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs because of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability, to comment on this Plan. (The Party has set goals to expand participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process outlined within the Plan itself.

The delegate selection process is guided by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, Delegate Selection Rules for the 2016 Convention, the Call for the 2016 Democratic National Convention, regulations and rules of the Party nationally and in Rhode Island, state election laws and this plan

Following the public input process, the Plan will be formally adopted by the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee, and then submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for their review and comment. On April 26, 2016, the state will hold its Presidential Preference Primary, where Democratic voters will vote on who will be represent the Party at the DNC. Any voter interested in taking part as a delegate must register by January 26, 2016. For more information, visit [www.ridemocrats.org](http://www.ridemocrats.org).

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