



The Delegate Selection Process Simplified

We are in the Presidential Primary Election year moving towards the 2008 **Democratic National Convention in Denver on August 25-28th** and the National Election on November 4. But first we must select our Delegates who will represent the votes that were casted on February 12.

The Delegate Selection Plan provides the methods for the selection of national delegates and alternates in each of five categories (District Level, Party Leader and Elected Officials, At-Large, Unpledged Add-on, and Unpledged Automatic), including guidelines, procedural safeguards and Affirmative Action requirements, which have been incorporated into the selection process. Please view it [online](#).

I want to try to simplify this process for you. Please keep in mind that there are two kinds of delegates: **State Delegates**, who are elected at the local caucuses, then go to the District Convention and Virginia State Convention. And there are **National Delegates** who are elected at either the District or State conventions to go to the Democratic National Convention.

The **Virginia State Convention will be held on June 14th** in Hampton, VA. But first we begin by holding **County and City caucuses** to select a total of 2,000 State Delegates and 1,000 alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions. These State Delegates and alternates are apportioned using the allocation formula described in the *Delegate Selection Plan* representing the votes in the February primary. You can see the number of **State Delegates** allocated for each Congressional District [here](#). Manassas and Manassas Park are in the 10th Congressional District.

Our Manassas City and Manassas Park caucus will be an unassembled caucus held on Saturday, **April 19th beginning at 12:00 noon and ending at 2PM**. Ad/email announcement of the Caucus and how to obtain the delegate application form will go out by April 5-7 with the caucus location. Delegate applicants must return forms by 5 pm on April 14 and are encouraged to solicit voters to attend. At our City Caucus we will elect **District and State Convention Delegates and Alternates** to attend the May 17th and June 14th conventions. We will also hold early voting (in-person absentee) at a location on Thursday, April 17, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Our City Delegate breakdown to send to the 10th Congressional District Convention is:

Manassas City	Manassas Park
<u>7 Total Delegates</u>	<u>2 Total Delegates</u>
3 Clinton	1 Clinton
4 Obama	1 Obama
<u>3 Total Alternates</u>	<u>1 Alternate</u>
1 Clinton	0 Clinton
2 Obama	1 Obama

After all of the County and City caucuses are completed, the Congressional District Conventions are held. The **10th Congressional District Convention will be held on May 17th, 2008, 10AM to Noon**. That day a total of 54 National Convention Delegates and 11 Alternates will be chosen based on the apportionment formula described in the *Delegate*



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Selection Plan (see the chart on page 9 of the Delegate Selection Plan). Note – apportionment relates to how many delegates a jurisdiction gets; allocation relates to how many delegates a candidate gets.

The breakdown for the Congressional Districts Delegates to send to the State and National conventions are:

District-Level Delegates / Alternates (54/11)					
CD	Total	Delegates		Alternates	
		Clinton	Obama	Clinton	Obama
1	4	1	3		1
2	4	1	3		1
3	6	1	5		1
4	5	1	4		1
5	4	1	3		1
6	4	2	2		1
7	5	2	3		1
8	7	3	4		1
9	4	3	1	1	
10th	5	2	3		1
11	6	2	4		1
	54	19	35	1	10

At-Large Delegates and Alternates (18/3)

	Total	Clinton	Obama
Delegates	18	6	12
Alternate	3	1	2

Pledged PLEOS (11/ 0)

	Total	Clinton	Obama
PLEOs	11	4	7

Next comes the selection of additional National Convention Delegates at the State Convention in June by the state delegates including: 2 Unpledged Add-on Delegates, 11 Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs), and 18 At-Large Delegates and 3 At-Large Alternates. In addition, the Virginia delegation will include 16 automatic Unpledged PLEOs (Superdelegates), including individuals such as the Governor, members of Congress, our DNC members and other DNC members who live in Virginia.

The Virginia delegation to the National Convention will total 101 delegates and 14 alternates. They will travel to the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver; some will cast their votes for the candidates they've pledged and others may wait to be persuaded.