



**WARD EIGHT DEMOCRATS, INC.
OFFICIAL ELECTION RULES**

WARD 8 DEMOCRATS CONVENTION

Saturday, September 19, 2015

1. The Ward Eight Democrats, Inc., hereinafter WED, shall hold an election for the positions of President; 1st Vice President; 2nd Vice President; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; and Treasurer, which will expire September 2017.
2. The election shall be conducted by the DC Democratic State Committee, Party Organization and Function Committee.
3. Each voter must be a registered Democrat with the DC Board of Elections and residing in Ward 8 prior to the September convention.
4. Registration and voting shall begin at 12:00pm and end promptly at 2:00pm. Voters may cast their votes at any time between 12:00pm and 2:00pm and leave.
5. At registration, the DC Board of Elections voter registration book(s) shall be broken out into sections according to alphabetical order.

The following procedures will occur:

- Voter shall register (sign-in)
- Registrar(s) shall verify that voters are listed on the DC Board of Elections voter roll.
- Voter is issued a numbered ballot.
- Voter shall cast ballot with ballot clerk by inserting it into a ballot box/receptacle no later than 2:00pm. All voters in line by 2:00pm will be allowed to cast their votes.

6. Any registered Ward Eight Democrat domiciling/residing in Ward Eight within a one-year period continuously prior to the election may be a write-in candidate through nomination from the floor. Candidate must also meet the requirements of having attended a minimum of four (4) general or regular meetings of the organization over a one (1) year period just prior to the September convention.
7. All Ward Eight registered Democrats who were nominated by the WED's Nominating Committee shall be given two (2) minutes to speak; all nominees from the floor shall be allowed one (1) minute to speak on his/her behalf during the meeting between 12:30pm- 1:30pm.
8. No election materials shall be allowed inside the meeting place.
9. Curbside voting shall be made available for physically challenged and senior citizens, upon requests.
10. Voting by secret ballot at the election shall be based on the "one person/one vote" rule.
11. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner and seated on the Ward 8 Democrats, Inc.

12. BALLOTS

- WED shall prepare the ballots and turn them over to the chairperson of the DC Democratic State Committee Party Organization and Function Committee at least five (5) working days prior to the election to verify numbering sequence, total number of ballots, and imprint with a special mark to prohibit ballot duplication and/or voter fraud. A representative of the DC Democratic State Committee Party Organization and Function Committee shall secure the ballots and bring them to the election.
- Only representatives of the DC Democratic State Committee Party Organization and Function Committee (excluding WED member) shall count the unchallenged ballots on the premises immediately following the voting. The Committee shall reveal the number of challenged ballots.
- Each candidate and/or his/her designee may watch the vote counting.
- If the position is uncontested, declaration of the office may be done by acclamation.
- After verification by the DC Board of Elections, the DC Democratic State Committee, if necessary, shall count all challenged ballots.

13. CHALLENGED VOTER/BALLOTS PROCESS

- If a voter is not listed on the voter registration printout; thereby, deemed a challenged voter, voter must show a voter registration card and photo ID to the registrar.
- Voter(s) may be challenged by another Ward Eight voter. If challenge is upheld, his or her ballot is thereby deemed a challenged ballot and the following shall apply.
- Challenged voter shall be given an index card to record personal data (name, address, and voting precinct).
- Challenged voter shall be given a regular ballot which will be sealed in an envelope for verification by the DC Board of Elections no later than five working days after the election, if required.
- The challenged ballot envelope shall have the name of the challenged voter and reason for the challenge written on the front of the challenged voter's envelope.
- The challenged ballot envelope shall be sealed and dropped in the challenged ballot box/receptacle by the voter.

14. CHALLENGED ELECTION PROCESS

- For a challenge of the election process to be considered, it must be in writing and submitted to the chairperson of the DC Democratic State Committee Party Organization and Function Committee no later than five (5) working days after the election. Please note: the day following the Election Day shall be counted as day number one.



NOTICE OF ELECTION

Saturday, September 19, 2015

On Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 10am-4pm, the Ward Eight Democrats, Inc., hereinafter WED, will hold its biennial convention at Thurgood Marshall Academy, located at 2427 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington DC 20020. The Election of Officers will be held from 12noon-2pm, at which time, one person will be elected for each of the following positions for the term ending in September 2017.

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer

INTERESTED WARD EIGHT REGISTERED DEMOCRATS must meet the following criteria to be considered for placement on the ballot by WED Nominating Committee:

- MUST be a registered Ward 8 Democrat with the Board of Elections domiciled and residing in Ward 8 for a continuous period of one (1) year prior to the September convention.
- MUST have attended a minimum of four (4) general or regular meetings of the organization over a one (1) year period just prior to the September convention.
- MUST complete a "Statement of Candidacy" which includes the interested Ward Eight registered Democrat's name, position sought, mailing address, telephone number, email address and statement to affirm that he/she is registered as a Democrat in Ward Eight.
- MUST mail the "Statement of Candidacy" to Ms. Bernadette Tolson, 134 Mississippi Avenue, SE, Washington DC 20032, postmarked no later than 12:00AM, September 5, 2015 or by email to ward8democratselection2015@gmail.com

For updates on the 2015 Ward Eight Democrats, Inc. Biennial Convention, please visit us online at www.Ward8Dems.com or call (240) 343-4858. We thank you for your support!