January 13th, 2020

Dear County Chair,

I am writing to provide you with the official Call for the 2020 Pre-Primary Nominating Convention.

We are required to hold the Pre-Primary Convention by state law (and DPNM Rules). At the convention, Delegates from across our state will vote for their preferred Democratic candidates for all statewide and federal offices up for election in 2020. Each candidate receiving 20% or more of the votes of delegates to the convention will be placed on the primary ballot.

The 2020 Pre-Primary Nominating Convention will be held on Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino in Pojoaque. Registration for the Convention will begin at 7:00am, and the Convention will be called to order at 10:00am.

DPNM has arranged a room block at Buffalo Thunder for delegates wishing to stay overnight before or after the convention. To make your reservations, call 1-800-HILTONS and use code “DEMS.” You can also make a reservation through this link.

Please remember that it is your responsibility to elect delegates to the Pre-Primary Nominating Convention from your County. Enclosed is a delegate apportionment chart, which shows how many delegates are allocated to each County to be elected at your County Convention. Your State Central Committee (SCC) members are not included in this number as they are automatic delegates to the Pre-Primary Nominating Convention.

Please review DPNM Rule 11 governing how to elect delegates to your county convention and run your meeting. The Party will assist you in this process and will provide forms to make the process easier and increase the uniformity of our elections. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to DPNM Executive Director Chelsey Evans at Chelsey@nmdemocrats.org.

Per party rules, you must certify your list of delegates and alternates by February 27th, 2020. Please submit the list electronically to DPNM Secretary Pamelya Herdon at pamelya@nmdemocrats.org and DPNM Executive Director Chelsey Evans at chelsey@nmdemocrats.org. Include the following information in an excel spreadsheet: Name, address, email address and phone number. Also, please specify if the person is a delegate or alternate.

Keep in mind that, unlike an SCC meeting, proxies are not allowed for the Pre-Primary Nominating Convention, so delegates must attend in person. Alternate delegates are selected in lieu of delegates who cannot attend, based on the number of votes they received in the county election. To ensure that the succession of alternate delegates is in line with DPNM Rules, please get your full vote counts for delegates and alternates to DPNM as soon as possible.
Once a delegate has registered on March 7th or at our pre-registration event the night before (details to follow), he or she may turn their credential over to another delegate from their county, assuming that delegate does not hold more than three credentials from other delegates.

We look forward to helping you plan your county events and to seeing you and your delegation at the Pre-Primary Nominating Convention in March.

Sincerely,

Marg Elliston, Chair, Democratic Party of New Mexico