

***Summary of the Report on the Adoption of the Recommendations of the Unity Reform
Commission by the Rules and Bylaws Committee***

By resolution, the 2016 Democratic National Convention (the “Convention”) mandated the establishment of the Unity Reform Commission to review the presidential nominating process and suggest changes to help ensure the process is accessible, transparent and inclusive.

Pursuant to the Convention resolution, the Unity Reform Commission transmitted its final report on December 22, 2017 to the Rules and Bylaws Committee for consideration and action within six months. While aware of the full six-month timeline, the Rules and Bylaws Committee is committed to acting swiftly to affirm and move forward the important work of the Unity Reform Commission.

After receiving the report, the Rules and Bylaws Committee promptly held two separate public meetings over four days beginning in January 2018. During the 2018 Winter Meeting of the Democratic National Committee, the Rules and Bylaws Committee held two additional meetings to finalize its report on the adoption of the Unity Reform Commission recommendations.

The Report that is presented to the full membership of the Democratic National Committee for its consideration and approval separately addresses each topic covered in the Unity Reform Commission Report and expresses the following positions of the Rules and Bylaws Committee:

- ***Unpledged Delegates:*** The Party must revise the role and reduce the perceived influence that automatic unpledged delegates have in the presidential nominating process. The Rules and Bylaws Committee is working diligently to develop a transparent process and proposed set of rules that will best achieve this goal and be easily understood by the Party and the public as a whole.
- ***Primaries:*** The Rules and Bylaws Committee affirms the important goal of encouraging the use of primaries in the presidential nominating process to increase voter participation and grassroots engagement. The Rules and Bylaws Committee simultaneously acknowledges that in advancing these goals the Democratic National Committee must recognize that each State Party is unique. The Committee believes the Democratic National Committee can work in partnership with the state parties to encourage best practices while also recognizing the individualized constraints and different circumstances faced by each state party.
- ***Party Reforms:*** The Unity Reform Commission was mandated to make recommendations on how to create a stronger and more competitive Democratic Party. The Rules and Bylaws Committee affirms the important principles expressed by the Unity Reform Commission and agrees with its goals for strengthening our Party’s commitment to those principles including: prioritizing involvement in elections up and down the ballot, all across the country; supporting and growing state parties and increasing grassroots participation; encouraging and increasing transparency in Party operations; advocating the adoption of appropriate steps to make it easier for all eligible voters to exercise their fundamental right to vote; strengthening an inclusive and participatory culture at the Democratic National Committee; building on the great diversity of our Party; and

connecting our values and our actions in community outreach efforts to establish the Democratic Party as the Party that most cares about and best serves the interests of the people.

- ***Caucuses:*** Caucuses play an important role in our presidential nominating process and the Rules and Bylaws Committee believes it is critical for the Democratic National Committee to work with State Parties to ensure that caucuses are inclusive, transparent and accessible.

After the adoption of the Report, the Rules and Bylaws Committee will continue its work to draft the documents that will govern the 2020 presidential nominating process, including the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules and Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. At the next meeting of the full Democratic National Committee, the Rules and Bylaws Committee will bring to the full Democratic National Committee for its consideration and a vote any and all necessary changes, including any amendments to the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party.