To: County & District Chairs

From: Hayley Alderman, Director of Party Affairs

Re: Spring 2020 County & District Conventions

January 16, 202o

**Overview**

In accordance with the Spring 2020 Call to Convention issued by the State Central Committee in December, **District and County Conventions are to be held statewide on or before Saturday, Feburary 29th, 2020.**

County Conventions must be held in all counties within the 1st through 8th and 10th Districts. In those counties comprised of more than one Congressional District, each portion of the county within one Congressional District will be considered a “county” and will hold a convention on or before March 24, 2018. Each convention will convene at the time and hour designated in the Call issued by each County or District Committee.

District conventions must be held in the 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th Congressional Districts on or before February 29th, 2020 at the place and hour designated in the Call issued by each Congressional District Committee.

**The calls to County and District Conventions must be issued via mail and email to all eligible & interested persons not less than fifteen (15) days before the Convention is held** or, if held on February 24, by February 14th, 2020.

**Convention Purpose**

The purpose of the conventions will be to elect members & alternates to each of the three convention committees: Rules, Resolutions, and Credentials (suggested allocations will be available next month).The secondary purpose of these conventions will be to consider resolutions to be forwarded to the state party for consideration.

**Eligibility**

Article IV Sections B & C of the MDP Rules stipulate the following qualifications for candidacy and eligibility to vote:

*In order to hold Party office or vote at any Convention, Caucus, or meeting at any unit of the Michigan Democratic Party at any level, a person must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party for at least thirty (30) days prior to that Convention, Caucus, or meeting. A Party member must be a qualified elector in order to vote on nominations for public office.*

*Precinct Delegates, Democratic elected officials, and Democratic nominees to partisan offices are exempt from the thirty (30) days advance membership requirement. However, Precinct Delegates, Democratic elected officials, and Democratic nominees to partisan office must be member in order to vote and may join the same day as the Convention, Caucus, or meeting.*

**Agenda**

A. Call to Order

B. Election of Permanent Convention Chair

(This is the person who will chair the convention)

C. Appointment of Convention Secretary

(This will be the official record keeper of the convention. This person will also be responsible for sending minutes and results to the State Party)

C. Credential Report

 (This is a report out of all credentialed delegates for the convention)

D. Rules Report

 (This will be the time to review and accept voting procedure for the convention)

E. Election of Convention Committee Members & Alternates

 (State allocation by office and gender)

F. Resolution Consideration

G. Good & Welfare

H. Adjournment

**Convention Committee Meetings**

***Rules***

Date: Monday, March 2, 2020
Time: 7:00 PM EST
Place: Hart-Kennedy House, 606 Townsend St, Lansing MI 48911

Agenda: The Committee shall meet to consider rules for the State Convention and to receive training in those rules and on proportional voting. A call-in option will be provided to District Chairs for distribution to committee members.

**Resolutions**

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2020
Time: 7:00 PM EST
Place: Hart-Kennedy House, 606 Townsend St, Lansing MI 48911

Agenda: The Committee shall meet to consider resolutions proposed by County and District Conventions for the State Convention’s consideration. A call-in option will be provided to District Chairs for distribution to committee members.

***Credentials***

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party at the convention if

necessary.

Please direct all questions to me by email at halderman@michigandems.com or by phone at (810)-858-2042