

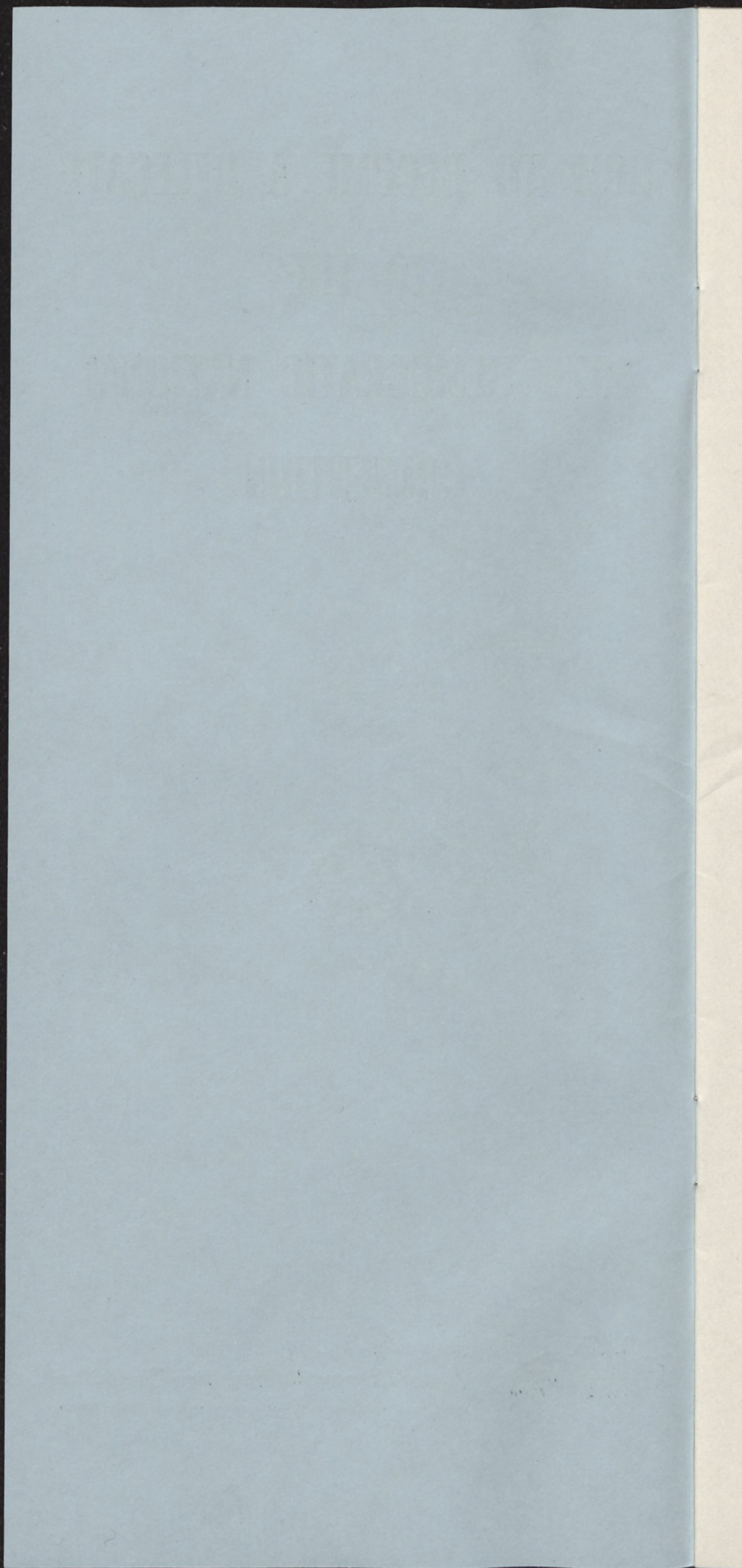
**HOW TO BECOME A DELEGATE
TO THE
1976 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
CONVENTION**



North Carolina

State Democratic Executive Committee

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WHAT QUALIFICATIONS MUST A DELEGATE HAVE?

1. You must be registered to vote as a Democrat within a county of the district from which you seek selection as a delegate or alternate to the National Convention or within any county of the State if you seek selection only as an at-large delegate or alternate at the State Convention.
2. You should be an "active Democrat," who takes part in Party affairs, giving of your time and/or means to further the interest and efforts of the Democratic Party.
3. No person shall serve as an automatic or ex-officio voting delegate to the National Convention by virtue of holding a public or Party office. All delegates and alternates shall be elected from either the District or State Convention.
4. You will be required to promptly care for all expenses incurred as a delegate or alternate to the National Convention.

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. All candidates for delegate or alternate to the '76 Democratic National Convention shall be identified as to their presidential or uncommitted preference by March 28, 1976, which is five days following the State's Presidential Primary.
2. Each presidential candidate has the right to approve any candidate for National Convention delegate or alternate identified with his or her candidacy.

If you are not approved by the presidential candidate with whom you are identified, then you may declare and run as an "uncommitted" delegate.

3. As an elected delegate to the '76 National Convention, you are bound under the North Carolina General Statutes by the results of the Presidential Primary through the first ballot only.
4. No delegate or alternate to the '76 National Convention will be mandated by law or Party rule to vote contrary to his or her expressed presidential choice.

5. In the event the preferred presidential candidate of any elected delegate or alternate to the '76 National Convention is no longer a candidate at the time of the Convention, then that delegate or alternate's preference shall be "uncommitted."

BECOMING A DELEGATE— WHEN AND HOW DO YOU BEGIN?

1. Any person interested in becoming a delegate or alternate to the National Convention must file with the State Democratic Headquarters a "Notification of Candidacy for Delegate or Alternate" anytime between January 1, 1976 and March 28, 1976—five (5) days following the State's Presidential Primary.

The following information must be included in your "Notification of Candidacy":

"Notice of Candidacy" forms will be available on January 1, 1976, and may be obtained from your Democratic County Chairman or from State Party Headquarters:

State Democratic Headquarters
Hilton Inn
P. O. Box 12165
Raleigh, N. C. 27605

If it should become difficult or inconvenient for you to obtain the proper "Notice of Candidacy" form in time to meet the March 28, 1976 filing deadline, you may address a letter to State Party Headquarters and provide the same required information.

- a. Your full name, complete mailing address and telephone numbers.
- b. A signed statement that you are a registered Democrat within a county of the district from which you seek selection or within any county of the state if you seek selection only as an at-large delegate or alternate.
- c. Your presidential or "uncommitted" preference.
- d. An indication that you wish to be selected as a delegate or as an alternate from either District and/or State Convention.

Any prospective delegate not elected at the District Convention may be considered as an alternate at that Convention or as a delegate or alternate at the State Convention only if that prospective delegate indicates such intent in the "Notice of Candidacy."

REMEMBER:—The filing deadline for prospective delegates and alternates to the '76 National Convention is **March 28, 1976.**

2. As a prospective delegate or alternate to the '76 National Convention, you should begin immediately to obtain the strong support of all members of your precinct as well as of your county officers and key leaders in each precinct of the county.

Once your base of support is well established in the county, you should then solicit support from key individuals from each county in the District.

3. To be considered for selection as a delegate or alternate to the '76 National Convention, it is not a requirement, but it is certainly to your advantage to be selected as a delegate to the County, District and State Conventions.

4. Because a National Party rule provides the presidential candidates the right to approve any candidate for National Convention delegate or alternate identified with his or her candidacy, it would be to your advantage to contact the presidential candidate's state or national headquarters for an acknowledgement of your interest and your support. (Addresses may be found in Appendix A.)

REMEMBER:—To even be considered for selection as a delegate or alternate to the '76 National Convention you must support a presidential candidate who plans to enter the State's Presidential Primary and that candidate must receive enough votes at the district or state level to be allocated a delegate or delegates.

5. You may find that it would be to your advantage to actively participate in the State's Presidential Primary in behalf of the presidential candidate with whom you are identified. Active support may be at the local or state level.

THE "UNCOMMITTED" DELEGATE

1. Persons interested in becoming an "uncommitted" delegate or alternate to the '76 National Convention must also file a "Notice of Candidacy for Delegate or Alternate" with the State Party Headquarters by no later than March 28, 1976; should immediately begin soliciting support at the varied levels of Party organizations described above; and should work to become a delegate to the County, District and State Conventions.

2. You are not required to seek approval from presidential candidates or anyone in order to be a candidate for "uncommitted" delegate or alternate to the '76 National Convention.

Becoming such a delegate or alternate, however, appears to be difficult. In addition to all presidential candidates' names appearing on the State's '76 presidential primary ballot, a category allowing voters to vote "uncommitted" shall be provided. Only if the "uncommitted" category receives enough votes at the district or state level will delegates be allocated. Educating the public in the function or purpose of an "uncommitted category may take more time than is available.

APPORTIONMENT AND ALLOCATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. North Carolina shall have a total of sixty-one (61) delegates and forty-one (41) alternates for the '76 Democratic National Convention.
2. In the apportionment of National Convention delegates and alternates from North Carolina, seventy-five percent (75%) shall be elected at the eleven Congressional District Conventions—i.e., forty-six (46) delegates and thirty-one (31) alternates.

Dist.	Del.	Alt.	Dist.	Del.	Alt.
1	4	3	6	4	3
2	5	3	7	4	2
3	3	2	8	4	3
4	5	3	9	4	3
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3. North Carolina shall elect twenty-five percent (25%) at-large National Convention delegates and alternates at the State Convention—i.e., fifteen (15) delegates and ten (10) alternates.
4. Delegates to the '76 National Convention shall be allocated in a fashion which fairly reflects the division of presidential preferences or "uncommitted" preference, expressed by the voters in the State's Presidential Primary. Preferences securing less than five percent (5%) of the votes shall not be considered for delegates.

DISTRIBUTIONS OF DELEGATE VOTES

1. North Carolina shall have a total of sixty-one (61) delegate votes at the '76 National Convention.

2. Each National Convention delegate shall have one vote. There shall be no fractional votes.

NORTH CAROLINA'S PARTY PROCEDURES AND THE SELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

DATES OF THE 1976 PRECINCT MEETINGS AND PARTY CONVENTIONS

Through amendment to the plan of Organization, the State Chairman now has the responsibility to designate the dates of annual Party meetings. The County Chairman designates the time Precinct Meetings are to be held in the County.

Feb. 12	Thursday	Precinct Meetings
March 6 ...	Saturday	County Conventions
March 23		Presidential Primary
May 8	Saturday	District Conventions
June 12	Saturday.....	State Convention
July 12-17		National Convention

PRECINCT MEETINGS AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS

1. All designated Precinct Meetings and County Conventions shall be held prior to the State's Presidential Primary.
2. The purpose and function of these Party meetings shall be the transaction of traditional Party affairs—selection of officers, selection of delegates to the next organization level, consideration of resolutions, and conduct of other Party administrative matters.

NORTH CAROLINA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

1. The State's Presidential Primary shall be held Tuesday, March 23, 1976.
2. The names of only those presidential candidates filing an appropriate "Notice of Candidacy" with the State Board of Elections shall appear on the ballot. In addition, a category allowing voters to vote an "uncommitted" preference shall be provided.
3. Delegates and alternates, as well as total votes to be cast at the '76 National Convention by the North Carolina delegation, shall be allo-

cated in a fashion that fairly reflects the division of preferences expressed by the voters in the Primary.

FILING DEADLINE FOR PROSPECTIVE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Any person interested in becoming a delegate or alternate to the National Convention must file with the State Party Headquarters a "Notification of Candidacy for Delegate or Alternate" by March 28, 1976. (Procedure described in a prior section.)

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE'S APPROVAL OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. On March 31, 1976, State Party Headquarters shall submit a list of prospective delegates and alternates to each presidential candidate who is allocated delegates to the '76 National Convention and with whom such delegates and alternates are identified.

Each presidential candidate will be requested to approve or reject those persons identified with their candidacy and to return the list so designated within fourteen (14) calendar days. Any list not returned by this time shall be declared "approved."

Each presidential candidate must approve at least twice the number of delegates and alternates that said candidate is entitled.

2. Notification shall be made by State Democratic Headquarters to each prospective delegate and alternate of their approval or rejection by the presidential candidates. Unapproved delegates or alternates then have the option to run as "uncommitted," if the State's Primary results reflect such opportunity.

3. Each Congressional District Chairman and County Chairman within that District shall receive a complete list of approved prospective delegates and alternates separated by their division of preferences. The County Chairman shall make every effort to have published this information in all newspapers of the county prior to the District Convention.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

1. The Congressional District Conventions shall be composed of delegates and alternates elected by the several County Conventions. These delegates and alternates shall register, declaring their presidential or "uncommitted" preference.

2. Among the order of business at the Congressional District Conventions, the Conventions shall, from among the registered Democrats of the District:
 - a. Elect one member of the Council of Review, a body which shall review all Written Statements of Challenge in North Carolina.
 - b. Elect from the list of "approved" delegates and alternates the number of delegates first and then alternates allocated to each presidential candidate for the National Convention.
 - c. Nominate one presidential elector.
 - d. Elect one member of the Delegate Nominating Committee, which will prepare a slate of delegates and alternates for consideration at the State Convention.
3. The Presidential Primary vote in each District shall be used in the allocation of delegates and alternates to be elected at the Congressional District Convention.
4. Each Congressional District Chairman shall make available at the beginning of the District Convention copies of the list of "approved" delegates and alternates, seeking election in behalf of presidential candidates to whom they are identified.
5. REMEMBER:—A prospective delegate or alternate to the National Convention does not have to be a delegate to the District Convention in order to be considered by that Convention, but it helps.
6. The entire body of delegates to the District Convention, regardless of their presidential preferences, shall vote on all delegates and alternates to the National Convention.
7. Voting at the District Convention may be by written ballot, voice or stand-up vote, the decision of which shall be determined by the duly elected delegates to the District Convention.
 - a. Any person receiving a majority on the first ballot or vote, shall be automatically declared elected. Then, if additional balloting or voting is necessary, the candidate for delegate or alternate to the National Convention must receive a majority vote to be declared elected. A candidate who receives less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the vote or who receives the lowest vote shall be eliminated.
 - b. There will be no open nominations of candidates for delegates or alternates from the floor of the Convention. Only those persons who indicated their intention to run for

election as a delegate or alternate by filing a "Notification of Candidacy" within the qualified time can be voted on at the Convention.

8. Alternates shall be elected in the same manner and procedure after all delegates have been elected. It is provided that where there is more than one alternate allocated to a presidential candidate from a District, the alternates, shall be ranked in order of preference according to votes received by each in order of their election. The alternate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared Alternate Delegate No. 1, etc.

THE STATE CONVENTION

1. The total State vote in the Primary shall be used in the allocation of delegates and alternates to be elected at the State Convention.
2. Only those persons who properly submitted their "Notice of Candidacy," who were approved by the presidential candidate with whom they were identified, who were not elected as a delegate or alternate at the District Conventions, and who indicated on their "Notice of Candidacy" a desire for consideration at the State Convention shall be eligible for election at the Convention as a delegate or alternate to the National Convention.
3. The Delegate Nominating Committee, composed of one person from each Congressional District, shall meet at least five (5) days prior to the biennial State Convention at the call of the State Chairman, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Committee with vote. It shall be the duty of this Committee to select a slate of fifteen (15) delegates and ten (10) alternates from the "approved" list to be nominated at the State Convention.
4. The State Chairman shall make available at the beginning of the State Convention copies of the list of prospective delegates and alternates, identified as to presidential or uncommitted preference.
5. The prospective delegate or alternate is not required to be a delegate to the State Convention in order to be considered by that Convention.
6. Nominations from the "approved" list may be made from the floor of the Convention.
7. The entire State Convention, regardless of their presidential preferences, shall vote on all statewide delegates first and then alternates to the National Convention.

8. Any person receiving a majority on the first vote shall be automatically declared elected. Then, if additional balloting or voting is necessary, the candidate for delegate or alternate to the National Convention must receive a majority vote to be declared elected. A candidate who receives less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the vote or who receives the lowest vote shall be eliminated.
9. Alternates shall be elected in the same manner and procedure as the delegates. Where there is more than one alternate allocated to a presidential candidate, the alternates shall be ranked in order of preference according to votes received by each in order of their election. The alternates receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared Alternate Delegate No. 1, etc.
10. The State Convention shall confirm the nomination for presidential electors certified by the several Districts and, in addition thereto, shall nominate two presidential electors at-large.

ALTERNATES AND VACANCIES

1. A delegate who is to be absent or resigns will select from among the alternates of his or her Congressional District, when possible, the particular alternate of the same presidential preference who shall take his or her place.
2. If, due to death or disability, a delegate is unable to select the alternate to take his or her place, that selection shall be made by the delegation in a manner which assures that the alternate will be of the same presidential preference and, if possible, Congressional District as the delegate replaced.
3. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation to the 1976 National Convention and the replacement shall be of the same presidential preferences and from the same Congressional District.

NORTH CAROLINA'S DELEGATION TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall convene promptly after their election at the call of the State Chairman. The delegates and alternates shall thereupon elect a Delegation Chairman and such other officers and committee members as are required for participation in the National Convention. They shall also fill such other position as shall be established by the delegation or the Democratic National Committee.

CHALLENGES TO THE DELEGATES OR DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESSES

1. Performance under an approved and implemented Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the Convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge of North Carolina's delegation, but composition alone shall not constitute prima facie evidence of discrimination, nor shall it shift the burden of proof to the challenged party. Once the State Democratic Party had adopted and implemented an approved Affirmative Action Program, the Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition.
2. Any group of not less than fifteen (15) persons having standing to challenge ("challenger") may challenge the implementation of the Delegate Selection Plan by filing a written statement of challenge with the Chairman of the Compliance Review Commission** and the State Party Chairman.
3. Challenges regarding alleged violation of an approved Delegate Selection Plan shall first be brought before the Council of Review in North Carolina for a decision to be rendered within twenty-one (21) days. After due notice, the aggrieved party shall have the right to appeal to the Compliance Review Commission within ten (10) days following the decision of State Council of Review or within thirty-one (31) days after the filing of such challenge with the State Party Chairman, whichever shall first occur.

**Chairman, Compliance Review Commission, c/o Democratic National Committee, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

APPENDIX A

Announced, unannounced and potential Democratic candidates for president of the United States are listed below for your assistance.

Committee for Birch Bayh in '76

P. O. Box 1500
Washington, D. C. 20013
Chairman: Matt Welch

Bentsen for '76

103 C Street, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002
202-544-1070
Campaign Manager: Ben Palumbo

Jimmy Carter for President

P. O. Box 1976
Atlanta, Ga. 30301
404-897-7100
Campaign Manager: Hamilton Jordan

Fred Harris Campaign

1104 Waverly Way
McLean, Virginia 22101
703-893-0830
National Coordinator: Jim Hightower

Jackson for President

511 2nd Street, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002
202-488-7600
Campaign Manager: Bob Keefe

Sanford for President

Crabtree Valley Mall
P. O. Box 31027
Raleigh, N. C. 27612
919-781-4757
Manager: Willis P. Whichard

Shriver for President Committee

818 18th Street, N.W.
6th Floor
Washington, D. C. 20036
202-333-9000
Administrative Officer: John A. Donohue

Shapp for President Committee

Box 1012
Federal Square Station
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108
717-255-110
Campaign Manager: Norval Reece

Udall '76

530 7th Street, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20003
202-546-3500

Campaign Manager: Stewart Udall

Governor George Wallace

P. O. Box 1976
Montgomery, Alabama 36103
205-264-1382

Political Coordinator: Mickey Griffin

Campaign Manager: Bob Keefe

Sanford for President
Candler Valley Mall
P. O. Box 31027
Raleigh, N. C. 27612
919-781-4757
Manager: Willis P. Whitchard

Shriver for President Committee
818 18th Street, N.W.
6th Floor
Washington, D. C. 20036
202-833-9000
Administrative Officer: John A. Donohue

Sharp for President Committee
Box 1012
Federal Square Station
e/c Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108
717-255-4100
Campaign Manager: Norville Keesee

