

A Resolution of the _____ of Oregon to hold a semi-open primary in 2020

1. **Whereas**, the Democratic Party must notify the Secretary of State to open the Democratic Party primary election to Non-Affiliated Voters (NAV) by Feb 19, 2020 ¹; and
2. **Whereas**, Article XVIII of the DPO Bylaws allows for a vote² to give NAV the option to request a Democratic Party primary ballot ³; and
3. **Whereas**, a semi-open primary will give the Democratic Party a chance to allow the more than **911,377** NAV to learn about Democratic candidates and participate without added risk of opposition party members undermining the process; and
4. **Whereas**, Oregon Motor Voter added **390,000** NAV since its inception and recorded a 43% turnout in 2016 ⁴; and
5. **Whereas**, this presents an opportunity for outreach and inclusiveness to NAV, of which over **29%** are under 30yrs old ⁵; and
6. **Whereas**, **3/4 of a million** "touches" - Democratic names in front of voters 6 months BEFORE November - is tactically and numerically advantageous.
7. **Whereas**, records of all NAV who participate in a partisan primary would be available from the Secretary of State and may be used to help with future GOTV and volunteer recruitment efforts ⁶; and
8. **Whereas**, outreach to NAV and early exposure of Democratic candidates to NAV during the primary process will help ensure Democratic Party victories in general elections across the state; and
9. **Whereas**, Howard Dean says "To win during the 2018 midterms and beyond, recruiting and turning out millennial voters needs to be the Democratic Party's primary goal. Additionally, Democrats need to open up primaries to independent voters."⁷

Now, therefore, the Democratic Party of Oregon resolves:

Section 1: The DPO Chair will direct the Secretary of State to open the 2020 Democratic Party Primary Election to Non-Affiliated Voters before February 15, 2020.

Section 2: To engage in outreach efforts informing Oregonians that the Democratic Party invites NAV to vote in the Democratic Party Primary Election in 2020.

¹ORS 254.365 Section 3a, www.oregonlaws.org/ors/254.365

²s3.amazonaws.com/DPO/dpo_bylaws_20160821.pdf

³ORS 254.365 Section 2, www.oregonlaws.org/ors/254.365

⁴http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/11/turnout_among_oregon_motor_vot.html

⁵www.allianceforyouthorganizing.org/fact-sheet-automatic-voter-registration-transforms-oregon-youth-registration-turnout-rates/

⁶www.oregonlaws.org/ors/254.370

⁷<http://www.wnyc.org/story/howard-dean-diagnoses-democratic-party/>