

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

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To: County Auditors and County Election Officials

From: Elections Division
Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

Subject: 2020 Example Presidential Nomination Primary Ballots and Explanations

The Office of the Secretary of State is providing the 2020 Example Presidential Nomination Primary Ballots by E-mail to each county auditor's office as required by Minnesota Statutes section 207A.14, subdivision 2. "The example ballots must illustrate the format required for the ballots used in the presidential nomination primary." Attached to this E-mail are the following example ballots along with explanations:

- 2020 Example Legal Marijuana Now Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot
- 2020 Example Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot
- 2020 Example Republican Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot
- 2020 Example Democratic-Farmer-Labor Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot

These example ballots, therefore, do not necessarily reflect what each party will have on its actual ballot.

Because there are 4 major political parties in Minnesota, the Legal Marijuana Now Party, the Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis, the Republican Party, and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, there are 4 sets of ballots and explanations.

The filing deadline for the chairs of the major political parties to submit the names of the candidates to appear on the ballot for their political party is December 31, 2019. The major political parties also have until that date to indicate if they want to have a write-in line or an uncommitted option.

In order to demonstrate each possible scenario one ballot has both an uncommitted option and a write-in line, one ballot has just a write-in line, one ballot has just an uncommitted option, and one ballot has neither a write-in line nor an uncommitted option. Please keep in mind that the write-in line, if used, will be at the end of the list of candidate names. Also note that the uncommitted option, if used, will rotate with the candidate names.

Again, these example ballots do not reflect what each party will have on its actual ballot.

The example ballots are designed to be printed on 8 ½ inch by 14 inch paper (legal size). If you have any questions, please contact Brad Anderson in the Elections Division of the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State.

