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November 20, 2013

Brad Martin
Democratic Party of Oregon
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Lorraine Van Hoe, Chair
Multnomah County Democratic Central
Committee
3551 NE Sandy Blvd
Portland, OR 97232

Re: Vacancy in House District 45

Dear Brad Martin:

Effective November 19, 2013, there is a vacancy in House District 45 due to the resignation of Representative Michael Dembrow. The letter of resignation was received in our office on November 19, 2013.

Pursuant to ORS 171.060(1), you are hereby notified of the vacancy. You are advised the same statute requires the party central committees within the district to nominate no fewer than three and not more than five qualified persons to fill the vacancy. The nominating convention shall be scheduled and conducted according to party rules. **You must notify the Secretary of State, Elections Division of the date and time these meetings are scheduled.**

ORS 171.051(2) requires each nominee to be a citizen qualified to hold the office, an elector of House District 45 and a member of the Democrat Party for 180 days prior to the date of the vacancy. In addition, Article IV, section 3 of the Oregon Constitution requires that the appointee shall have been an inhabitant of the district for at least one year prior to the date of the appointment. It is the responsibility of the Democrat Party to ensure that all nominees meet these qualifications before the submission of the "Willingness to Serve" statements to the Secretary of State.

You are required to notify the Secretary of State of the persons nominated. The nominations must be made no later than **December 9, 2013**, 20 days after the vacancy occurs.

The notification to the Secretary of State, Elections Division shall be accompanied by a signed written statement of each nominee's willingness to serve in the vacated office. I have included the required form (SEL 145). Also attached is an SEL 101 for each nominee to fill out and sign.

Once the three to five nominees are chosen by the precinct committee persons, the Multnomah County Commissioners must meet to appoint one person. The vacancy must be filled by appointment **not later than December 19, 2013**, 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

If further information is needed, please contact me at (503) 986-1518. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Candy Broucek', with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

Candy Broucek
Compliance Specialist

Attachments

c: Multnomah County Commissioners
Multnomah County Elections