

Memo to candidates in House District 45

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With Sen. Michael Dembrow's resignation as a state representative for District 45, Democratic precinct committee persons representing precincts in the district will nominate three, four or five nominees in a convention to be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, at the Multnomah County Democrats' office at 3551 NE Sandy Blvd. in Portland.

Multnomah County commissioners will choose the new state representative from among the nominees later in the month. The appointment will last until after the November 2014 election.

The process is outlined in a memo entitled "Memo to the Multnomah County Democrats." It accompanies this memo. Please read it carefully. If you have questions, please get in touch with me at the number or e-mail listed at the top of this memo.

Candidates will need to have filed a SEL 145 form (available on the Sec. of State Elections Division website, and on the DPO and Multnomah County Democrats websites) with the Democratic Party of Oregon at 232 NE 9th Ave, Portland Oregon 97232 by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, 2013. If the form isn't received by the deadline, a candidate cannot be considered. The Democratic Party of Oregon will check records to make sure the candidate is eligible to be considered for the office of state representative. If the candidate is not eligible, the Democratic Party of Oregon will notify that candidate as soon as it can.

Information about the convention and its time and location are available on the Democratic Party of Oregon's website (www.dpo.org) and the Multnomah County Democratic Party's website (www.multdems.org). There will be links for the SEL 145 form, which is also available on the Oregon Elections Division's website (www.oregonvotes.org).

Democratic PCPs representing the precincts in House District 45 will elect the nominees. The Multnomah County Democrats will be happy to forward messages from candidates to the PCPs.

The evening will begin with a candidates' forum, starting at the Multnomah Democrats office at 5:45 p.m. The convention will start promptly at 7 p.m. Registration of voting PCPs will

start at 6 p.m. Once the convention starts, registration will be closed, so it's important to get there on time.

The chair will hold a drawing to determine the order of speeches, and will set a time limit on how long each candidate will speak.

Once the speeches are over, PCPs will begin to vote. Our process requires separate elections for each nominee, and a majority is required to elect. Once the first nominee is elected, the election for the next one begins. Results of each ballot will be posted as soon as results are counted.

If there are three candidates, then all three candidates will be nominated, as long as all three are legally able and willing to serve. The convention may decide to vote to rank the candidates in order of preference.

The process is explained in detail in "Memo to the Multnomah County Democrats."

Again, if you have any questions, please get in touch with me. We are all participating in a very important, but complicated process, and we at the Democratic Party of Oregon want to make sure that our candidates have the information they need.