

Email from Kate Donaghue to Trish Lohmar

This e-mail is the formal notification that there is a vacancy in the Democratic State Committee for a female in the Second Suffolk and Middlesex Senate District. Chairman Tom McGee has appointed me to coordinate the Conference that will fill the vacancy. As the chair in Belmont, the Democratic Party asks that you advertise this position to members of your Town Committee and inform any interested parties of the deadline for letters of intent.

The deadline for filing letters of intent for the seat is 5 PM on December 13th. Letters of intent may be hand delivered, e-mailed or faxed to the Democratic Party Headquarters by 5 PM on December 13th or postmarked prior to 5 PM on December 13.

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In accordance with our standing rules, if more than one candidate files to run, the Senate District Conference will be held on January 18th. If a Senate District Conference occurs, your Town Committee will need to elect attendees to the conference who must be elected at a duly noticed Town Committee meeting. Chairs must send a list of elected conference attendees to me and to the Massachusetts Democratic Party on or before January 8.

I have attached the Standing Rules. More information will be provided in the next few days. I am available by phone or e-mail if you have questions on the process.

Thank you for your service to the Democratic Party.

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Subsequent questions:

Q. Is the vacant seat a ballot seat or a caucus seat?

A. This is what is informally known as a caucus seat, more technically known as a conference seat. The person who is elected will fill the unexpired term of Sallye Beliberg, who has resigned from the DSC. The term will go until spring of 2016, when we reorganize following the Presidential Primary. In 2016, it will be filled by a process similar to the one we are following here. If more than one candidate submits a letter of intent then a senate district conference will be held.

Q. So I understand this correctly, if more than one person decides to run for the seat, I will need to call a committee meeting in December?

A. As I understand it, you would need to hold a duly noticed meeting on or before January 8.

Q. Do you know how many attendees to the conference the ward committee would get to appoint?

A. The DSC is in the process of calculating that. Because of the fact that wards are split between Senate districts, they need to figure this out. We should have that information soon.

Q. Any female registered Democrat in the district is eligible for this seat? Not just DTC/DWC members?

A. "Candidates must be registered Democrats by ninety (90) days prior to the conference and reside within the State Senatorial District from which they are running for State Committee member." (Standing rules: 99-2 Paragraph 10.) A candidate is not required to be a DTC or DWC member.