Washington Secretary of State
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PRESIDENTIAL ★2008★ PRIMARY

Advisory Issue: 01 Initial List of Candidates November 13, 2007

Today, Sam Reed, Secretary of State, officially issued his initial list of Presidential candidates for the Presidential Primary, scheduled for February 19, 2008. These candidates are generally advocated or recognized by the news media. Please find the official list attached to this advisory.

The Secretary of State's list is only the first step. **The final official list of candidates will be certified by the Secretary of State's Office on December 31, 2007.**

Candidates not on today's initial list have the opportunity to petition to be included. A petition packet may be found on the Secretary of State's website. The petition process has three steps:

1. December 21, 2007: Deadline for candidates to submit a petition with at least 1000 valid Washington voter signatures to the Secretary of State's Office. The petition must be accompanied by a signed, notarized statement by the candidate consenting to the nomination.
2. The Secretary of State's Office compares the signatures to the state voter registration database and determines that there are at least 1000 valid signatures.
3. December 31, 2007: The names of candidates with valid petitions are added to the initial list and the Secretary of State certifies the official list of candidates.

Candidates have until December 28, 2007, to withdraw their name from the Primary.

Please remember:

- The Presidential Primary is for major political parties only—Republican and Democrat.
- The purpose of the Primary is to assist major political parties in selecting delegates to their national conventions. The parties are not required to use the results of the Primary for this purpose.
- Minor parties and independent candidates have a different convention process to be placed on the General Election ballot.
- The official list of candidates for the Presidential Primary will not be issued until December 31, 2007.
- Candidates will be listed alphabetically by party on the ballot. On a consolidated ballot, the Democrat race will be listed first.

If you have any questions, please contact Libby Nieland at (360) 725-5770 or Sheryl Moss at (360) 902-4146.

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Preliminary List of Candidates*
Major Political Party Nomination for President of the United States

Democratic Party

Joe Biden
www.joebiden.com

Hillary Clinton
www.hillaryclinton.com

Chris Dodd
www.chrisdodd.com

John Edwards
www.johnedwards.com

Mike Gravel
www.gravel2008.us

Dennis Kucinich
www.dennis4president.com

Barack Obama
www.barackobama.com

Bill Richardson
www.richardsonforpresident.com

Republican Party

Rudy Giuliani
www.joinrudy2008.com

Mike Huckabee
www.mikehuckabee.com

Duncan Hunter
www.gohunter08.com

Alan Keyes
www.alankeyes.com

John McCain
www.johnmccain.com

Ron Paul
www.ronpaul2008.com

Mitt Romney
www.mittromney.com

Tom Tancredo
www.teamtancredo.org

Fred Thompson
www.fred08.com

(* The final list will be published by December 31, 2007.)

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