



Delegates,

Every four years it is my honor to nominate to the state convention four individuals for your approval to serve as New Hampshire's four Democratic Electors. Each time, I give the nominations a great deal of thought.

In 2008, to show a united party, I selected two of Obama's state Co-Chairs and two top Clinton supporters – one a Clinton state Co-Chair. For President Obama's 2012 reelection, I nominated the two remaining Obama Co-Chairs, NH's first African American elector and a beloved longtime party stalwart. In 2016, to celebrate the historic nomination, and presumed election, of the first woman president I nominated four trailblazing NH women – the first all women elector delegation in American history. Three had supported Senator Clinton and one Senator Sanders.

This year, acknowledging that Vice President Biden did not receive NH delegates to the Democratic National Convention for his supporters, I am nominating four leading Biden supporters, all of whom - in any other year - would be national convention delegates.

It is my honor to nominate the following four individuals to serve as the Democratic Electors for New Hampshire.

Mary Carey Foley of Portsmouth: Mary Carey supported Biden in 1988, 2008 and 2020 and has called herself Biden's biggest NH fan for four decades. Mary Carey is a greatly admired retired Portsmouth High School teacher. Mary Carey serving as an elector will make history: her mother, the late Portsmouth Mayor Eileen Dondero Foley, was an elector in 1972 and her grandmother, the late Portsmouth Mayor Mary Carey Dondero, was an elector in 1956.

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard of Somersworth: Dana was the first NH elected official to endorse Biden's 2020 campaign. Dana is New Hampshire's first openly gay Mayor, and is now in his fourth term. Dana was a teacher and now serves as an award-winning middle school principal. Dana is a former city councilor, state representative and president of the NH Young Democrats.

House Speaker Stephen J. Shurtleff of Penacook: Steve supported Biden in 1988, 2008 and 2020 and is in his first term as the Speaker of the NH House of Representatives. Steve is the first NH Democrat to serve in all three top positions: House Majority Leader, Minority Leader and Speaker. Steve is a former longtime Concord city councilor and a retired Deputy US Marshal. Steve served the nation in the US Army and is a Vietnam Veteran.

Senate President Donna M. Soucy of Manchester: Donna supported Biden in 1988 and 2020. Donna is in her first term as President of the NH Senate and is a labor attorney. This past weekend Donna was elected to the Democratic National Committee. Donna has served as a state representative, Manchester alderman and school board member. Donna's father, the late C. Arthur Soucy, was an elector in 2016, and among his lengthy list of achievements he founded the NH Young Democrats sixty years ago.

I respectfully ask you vote to confirm my nominations of NH Democratic Presidential Electors.

Best,

Raymond Buckley  
Chairman