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Milwaukee Submits Bid for the 2020 Democratic National Convention

MILWAUKEE—The Milwaukee 2020 DNC Convention committee today formally submitted its bid for the city of Milwaukee to host the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

In the cover letter for the bid, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett wrote:

“Milwaukee is prepared to provide a first-class delegate experience and turn the National spotlight on America’s ‘fresh coast’. Milwaukee is an affordable and easily accessible city, known for our hospitality and our actively engaged corporate community. We have what it takes to make the DNC shine.”

On behalf of the City of Milwaukee, I am proud to submit our response to your RFP to host the 2020 Democratic National Convention. You and your team have my personal commitment to do everything possible to make the Convention your best ever.”

In a letter of support also included in the bid, Congresswoman Gwen Moore wrote:

“From our booming downtown, to our incredible diversity, to our beautiful beaches, to our wonderful restaurants, to our unbeatable hospitality, Milwaukee is the perfect place for the Democratic Party to host our Convention.”

Milwaukee is the perfect place to host a Convention in July and August. With our temperate weather and great sunshine, there is no other place in America that will be more welcoming and more enjoyable for convention attendees. Our hospitality is unmatched, as is our ability to put on large events. Milwaukee knows how to put on a party and how to make sure every guest is welcomed and well cared for in a safe, yet engaging environment.”

Last week, the DNC announced that the convention will be held from July 13th–16th, 2020.

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National party conventions are among the largest events that happen in the United States every four years. While the event is only four days long, the work to put on the convention takes years of planning and hundreds of workers, volunteers, and vendors. The exposure that a host city gets on both the national and international scene for the better part of a week is invaluable for exposing the region to the world.

Bidding for a national convention is a rigorous process designed to ensure host cities have the infrastructure and capacity to accommodate this large of an event. Since Milwaukee announced its intention to bid in February, intense work has been ongoing behind the scenes to gather information and prepare the 149-page submission.

The DNC has previously announced that Milwaukee was one of eight cities invited to submit proposals. So far, Houston and Milwaukee have publicly announced that they have submitted their proposals by the DNC's deadline. There is no word yet on the remaining six cities.

The anticipated next steps for the DNC will be to select finalist cities and have the DNC Site Selection Committee make site visits later this summer. The selection and announcement of the host city is anticipated in Winter 2018/Spring 2019.