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Editor:

The Democratic and Republican party caucuses will be held March 16, 2010. Each major party will caucus within La Plata County to start choosing candidates for the November elections. The results of each caucus will then be consolidated at county level and then at state.

The caucus process varies by state and party, each with its own rules. In Colorado, to participate as a voting member in a party caucus there are important deadlines you must meet. If you are a currently registered voter you must have been registered to vote at your current address and have been affiliated with that party for at least 60 days, or no later than January 19, 2010. If you are a registered voter with a party affiliation somewhere else in Colorado, but have moved to La Plata County and have been a resident here for at least 30 days, you may carry your party affiliation forward; the deadline by which you must have moved your voting registration to your new La Plata precinct is February 16, 2010. If you are a currently unregistered voter, you must be both registered and affiliated with a party by February 16, 2010.

You may register or change your registration at the La Plata County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the La Plata County Court House, 1060 E. 2nd Ave, Durango, Colorado (note that the County Clerk and Recorder's Office will be moving in March to 98 Everett St., Bodo Park). You can check your current registration status or obtain a mail-in registration form on the Colorado Secretary of State website at: www.sos.state.co.us.

Your caucus location may be different from your precinct polling place. Locations will be posted on the League website www.lwvlaplata.org when they become available. You are encouraged to check this site from time-to-time as it will be updated as additional Election information is available.

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La Plata County League of Women Voters