

2008 presidential field is growing fast

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson has begun a run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008. His move comes one day after Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton joined the race and less than a week after Senator Barack Obama of Illinois made his intentions clear



Democrats who have formed exploratory committees*:

Hillary Rodham Clinton (1)

New York Sen.

Chris Dodd

Connecticut Sen.

John Edwards

Former North Carolina Sen.

Mike Gravel

Former Alaska Sen.

Dennis Kucinich

Ohio Rep.

Barack Obama (2)

Illinois Sen.

Bill Richardson (3)

New Mexico Gov.

Tom Vilsack

Iowa Gov.

Potential Democratic candidates:

Joe Biden

Delaware Sen.

Wesley Clark

Retired Gen.

Al Gore

Former Vice President

John Kerry

Massachusetts Sen.

*** Exploratory committee:** Allows candidates to legally raise and spend money without full disclosure of sources required of true candidates



Republicans who have formed exploratory committees:

Sam Brownback

Kansas Sen.

Jim Gilmore

Former Virginia Gov.

Rudy Giuliani (4)

Former New York City Mayor

Duncan Hunter

California Rep.

John McCain (5)

Arizona Sen.

Ron Paul

Texas Rep

Mitt Romney

Former Massachusetts Gov.

Tom Tancredo

Colorado Rep.

Tommy Thompson

Former Wisconsin Gov.

Potential Republican candidates:

Mike Bloomberg

New York Mayor

Newt Gingrich

Former House Speaker

Chuck Hagel

Nebraska Sen.

Mike Huckabee

Former Arkansas Gov.

George Pataki

Former New York Gov.

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