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Pictured are presidential candidates Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton

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CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM, LOUISVILLE, Kentucky- Bernie Sanders officially asked for a recount today regarding the May 17 Kentucky Democratic presidential primary that Hillary Clinton won by a razor thin margin, 46.8 percent to Sanders' 46.3 percent.

The difference was roughly 1900 votes.

Clinton won with help from Black voters in Louisville, the state's largest city, and Lexington, its second largest municipality.

At stake are breaking rights and 55 delegates, Clinton currently getting 27 and Sanders also gaining 27.

A recount will not likely change the number of delegates awarded, political pundits have said.

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The Vermont senator has said publicly that he is "in till the last ballot." And he wants a contested convention where he hopes to change the minds of a wealth of superdelegates that support Clinton.

His argument, he says, is that polls show that Clinton would lose to Republican presumptive nominee Donald Trump and that he would win against the real estate mogul.

A Real Clear Politics poll taken between May 13-19 has Sanders beating Trump by an average of 10.8 percentage points in contrast to Clinton losing to Trump by .2 percentage points.

The math, however, does not look good for Sanders, 74.

Clinton is just 78 delegates short of the 2,383 delegates needed to clinch the Democratic nomination when including both pledged and superdelegates.

The former secretary of state has 2,305 delegates, 1,768 pledged delegates and 537 likely superdelegates. Sanders has 1,539 delegates, 1,497 pledged delegates, and 42 superdelegates

To date

Sanders ran strong in Union and Pike counties of Kentucky where coal miners want systemic change and some are angry over Clinton's energy policies, and he also won in rural areas.

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Clinton, 68, had stronger support in urban communities and among suburban Blacks, mainly in Jefferson County.

She beat Sanders in Fayette and Jefferson counties, two of 120 counties in Kentucky, a commonwealth located in the east south- central region of the United States.

Fayette County is 13 percent Black and includes the city of Lexington and its 14 percent Black population, and Jefferson County, led by Louisville and its 33 percent Black population, has a 20 percent Black population.

Forty-four percent of Kentucky's Black population is in Jefferson County, and 52 percent are in the Louisville Metro area.

Sanders campaigned in Louisville weeks before the primary and so did Hillary Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton.

Clinton, herself, campaigned the weekend before the primary at Saint Stephen church in the largely Black west end.

The fight for the delegates continues.

California has 475 delegates and is among nine more scheduled Democratic primaries that can bring pledged delegates.

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The others are Puerto Rico, New Mexico, New Jersey, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia on June 14, the last of the primaries.

All but the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, which both have primaries on June 4 and 5 respectively, have their primaries on June 7, the day that Clinton could very easily walk away with the nomination.