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Dear Mr. Chair:

I propose the following amendments to the DPSC bylaws.

s/Andres Ramos

cc: The Parliamentarian

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**Amendment No. 1 – Protects Executive Board members from removal from their Executive Board seat if they are removed from their Central Committee seat by the Club or Ex Officio Member who appointed them.**

Amend Article IV, Section 2 by adding Subsection D:

D. An Executive Board member who loses his or her voting seat on the Central Committee during his or her term of office shall continue to serve on the Executive Board and Central Committee by sole virtue of being a member of the Executive Board, but shall serve on the Central Committee as a non-voting member until he or she acquires a voting seat.

**Amendment No. 2 – Allows any Central Committee member to run for the Executive Board, and replaces residency with voter registration.**

Amend Article IV, Section 2 by substituting Subsection B with the following:

B. No person may be elected to, or otherwise serve on, the Executive Board unless he or she is a member of the Central Committee, a registered Democrat, and registered to vote in Sacramento County.

~~B. Only persons resident in Sacramento County from the following Central Committee classes are eligible to be nominated as officers, to be officers, to hold Executive Board seats, and to vote on the Executive Board if elected or appointed as an Executive Board member:~~

~~1. Elected Members;~~

~~2. Ex Officio Members;~~

~~3. Club Representatives;~~

~~4. Alternate Members serving as alternates for Ex Officio Members, provided that the eligible Alternate Member is duly elected to an Executive Board seat in his or her own right rather than serving only in the capacity as an alternate to another person elected to serve on the Executive Board; and~~

~~5. Immediate Past Chair.~~

**Amendment No. 3 – Replaces residency with voter registration.**

Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection B, Part 2, Subpart b by striking “whose permanent residence is” and inserting “is registered to vote”:

An Ex Officio Member for statewide office shall be the Democratic incumbent or last nominee for the United States Senate and statewide constitutional offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Insurance Commissioner, is registered to vote ~~whose permanent residence is~~ in Sacramento County.

Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection D by striking “which the member actually resides” and inserting “which the member represents”:

D. No person shall be entitled to membership on this Committee who is not duly elected and qualified and/or appointed thereto and a qualified elector of the supervisor district which the member represents ~~which the member actually resides~~.

Amend Article IX, Section 1 by striking “County residents” and inserting “Sacramento County registered voters”:

The Central Committee shall have all power and authority to charter Democratic Clubs in Sacramento County. A Democratic Club is any Chartered, voter-oriented Organization of Sacramento County registered voters ~~County residents~~ that uses the name Democratic or a derivative thereof in its title. This Committee may also recognize a charter issued by the State or National Democratic Party. Chartered and recognized Organizations are entitled to the benefits and privileges as described in the Constitution and the Bylaws of the California Democratic Party. Chartered Organizations are independent from the Central Committee for purposes of endorsements, but may not endorse any candidate who is not a registered Democrat. Recognized Democratic Organizations are exempt from chartering provisions herein.

Amend Article XIII by striking “resident” and inserting “registered to vote”:

The Central Committee shall elect delegates to the California Democratic Party (CDP) and representatives of the Central Committee to the CDP executive board per the allocation it receives from the CDP. Election of delegates to the CDP shall occur in January of odd-numbered years at the Organizational Meeting. Elected Members shall have first consideration to be delegates. Should additional seats be available other Central Committee members registered to vote ~~resident~~ in Sacramento County shall be eligible for election as delegates. After the initial allocation of delegate seats and of seats to the CDP executive board the Executive Board of the Central Committee may remove a member from holding such a seat for failure to attend, or send a proxy to, the State Convention, or in the case of a CDP executive board representative, for failure to attend, or send a proxy to, any meeting of the CDP executive board, and may remove a member from holding any such seat for excessive unexcused absences from the regular Central Committee, or Executive Board, meetings. The Executive Board may fill all vacancies for delegate and CDP executive board representative created after the initial allocation of seats.

**Amendment No. 4 – Authorizes the Resolutions Committee to create the resolutions process, instead of that process being dictated by the bylaws.**

Amend Article XI, Section 5, by substituting Subsection B:

B. The Resolutions and Platform Committee shall, with the approval of the Executive Board and Central Committee, establish the process for the consideration of timely, late, and floor resolutions. For purposes of this section, a resolution is a written motion that contains at least one preamble or other statements of

finding or belief before the resolving clause.

~~B. A proposed formal resolution shall be delivered to the Chair, who shall then forward it to the Resolutions and Platform Committee and the Executive Board for review before the Central Committee may act on it. For purposes of this section, a formal resolution is a resolution containing at least one preamble or other statements of finding or beliefs before the enacting clause. Resolutions intended for submission to the California Democratic Party shall conform to the California Democratic Party's current formatting and other rules.~~

**Amendment No. 5 – Allows undocumented persons, felons on parole, and minors eligible to pre-register to vote to join as Associate Members.**

Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection A by adding “, except for persons of voting age joining as Associate Members who are ineligible to register to vote but have pledged to register to vote as Democrats as soon as eligibility is attained”:

All members of the Central Committee must be registered Democrats, except for persons of voting age joining as Associate Members who are ineligible to register to vote but have pledged to register to vote as Democrats as soon as eligibility is attained.

Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection 5, Part 5 by inserting “, or person of voting age ineligible to register to vote who has pledged to register as a Democrat as soon as eligibility is attained,” after “Any registered Democrat”; and by adding “, if otherwise eligible”:

Any registered Democrat, or person of voting age ineligible to register to vote who has pledged to register as a Democrat as soon as eligibility is attained, designated as an Associate Member by the Central Committee. Associate Members shall have the right to receive general Central Committee communications and to attend functions like Elected and Ex-officio Members, and shall have a voice but no vote at Central Committee meetings; however, Associate Members may serve as voting members of Central Committee standing committees and subcommittees. Associate Members may hold proxies of Central Committee members at California Democratic Party functions, if otherwise eligible.

**Amendment No. 6 – Establishes that the Executive Board sets the club chartering fee in the same manner as it sets membership dues.**

Amend Article IX, Section 3, Subsection D by striking “chartering fee of \$100, which shall not be prorated” and adding “the chartering fee set pursuant to this article”:

D. Upon approval of a charter request, newly chartered Organizations shall remit to the Controller of this Committee the chartering fee set pursuant to this article ~~chartering fee of \$100, which shall not be prorated.~~

Amend Article IX, Section 4, Subsection A, Part 2 by striking “An annual chartering fee of \$100” and inserting “The chartering fee”; by striking “Central Committee”; and by striking “Secretary” and inserting “Controller”:

2. ~~An annual chartering fee of \$100~~ The chartering fee to the ~~Central Committee~~ Chair or ~~Controllor~~~~Secretary~~;

Amend Article IX, Section 4 by striking Subsection F:

~~F. Chartering fees shall not be prorated.~~

Amend Article IX by adding Section 6:

Section 6. Club Chartering Fees

Club chartering fee amounts, as well as the rules relative to the time and manner of their payment, shall be set forth by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the Central Committee membership and shall remain in effect until changed, in the same manner as membership dues amounts.

**Amendment No. 7 – Requires clubs to waive membership dues for inability to pay.**

Amend Article IX, Section 2, Subsection C by inserting “ability to pay dues,” after “economic status,”:

C. The Club or Organization must maintain open membership to all Democrats regardless of economic status, ability to pay dues, class, race, color, creed, age, ethnic identity, ethnicity, national origin, language, culture, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or any other condition or circumstance, except for age restrictions for organizations affiliated with the Young Democrats of America.

**Amendment No. 8 – Prohibits clubs from voting using secret ballots.**

Amend Article IX, Section 2 by adding Subsection D:

D. The Club or Organization’s bylaws must prohibit voting by unsigned ballot or any other secret means.

**Amendment No. 9 – Changes the Fundraising Chair, Campaign Services Chair, and Communications Chair into the Fundraising Director, Campaign Services Director, and Communications Director, and clarifies that the Chair appoints the Parliamentarian and Resolutions Committee chair, and that their appointments are subject to ratification.**

Amend Article III by striking “Chair” after “Fundraising”, “Campaign Services”, and “Communications” and inserting “Director” in each place:

The officers of this Committee shall be members of the Central Committee consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Controller, Fundraising ~~DirectorChair~~, Campaign Services ~~DirectorChair~~, and Communications ~~DirectorChair~~. The duties of the officers shall be, without limitation, as follows:

Amend Article III, Subsection E by striking “Chair” and inserting “Director”:

E. Fundraising ~~DirectorChair~~ : The Fundraising ~~DirectorChair~~ shall:

Amend Article III, Subsection F by striking “Chair” and inserting “Director”:

F. Campaign Services ~~Director~~Chair : The Campaign Services ~~Director~~Chair shall:

Amend Article III, Subsection G by striking “Chair” and inserting “Director”:

G. Communications ~~Director~~Chair : The Communications ~~Director~~Chair shall:

Amend Article IV, Section 1, Subsection B by striking “Chair” and inserting “Director”:

B. Implement the annual budget and support the Chair, Controller, and Fundraising ~~Director~~Chair to meeting projected revenues.

Amend Article VIII, Section 4 by striking “Chair” and inserting “Director”:

The Central Committee shall have and maintain a standing Fundraising Committee, which shall be chaired by the Fundraising ~~Director~~Chair. The Fundraising Committee, without limitation, shall:

Amend Article X, Section 4, Subsection A by striking “Chair” and inserting “Director”:

A. Each year the Controller shall develop an annual budget in consultation with the Chair of the Central Committee and the Fundraising ~~Director~~Chair for submission and approval by the Executive Board and the Central Committee no later than the April meeting of each year. The voting shall be by voice vote or show of hands.

Amend Article VIII, Section 2 by striking “Chair” and inserting “Director”:

The Central Committee shall have and maintain a standing Campaign Services Committee, which shall be chaired by the Campaign Services ~~Director~~Chair. The Campaign Services Committee, without limitation, shall:

Amend Article VIII, Section 5 by striking “Chair” and inserting “Director”:

The Central Committee shall have and maintain a standing Communications Committee, which shall be chaired by the Communications ~~Director~~Chair. The Communications Committee, without limitation, shall:

Amend Article VIII, Section 10 by adding “The Chair shall appoint the Parliamentarian and chair of the Resolutions and Platform Committee subject to approval by the Central Committee membership.”:

The Chair of the Central Committee shall appoint the chair and membership of any ad hoc committee, unless the Executive Board or Central Committee forms the ad hoc committee as provided for in Section 10. The Chair of the Central Committee shall appoint all members of standing committees. In all other respects, the Chair of the ad hoc or standing committee shall control the membership of that ad hoc or standing committee subject to the will of the Chair, Executive Board, and Central Committee. The Chair shall appoint the Parliamentarian and the chair of Resolutions and Platform Committee subject to approval by the Central Committee membership.

**Amendment No. 10 – Makes the Regional Director an Ex Officio Member.**

Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection B, Part 2 by inserting a new Subpart c and re-lettering the subsequent subpart as appropriate:

c. The Regional Director of the California Democratic Party for any region within Sacramento County shall be an Ex Officio Member if he or she is registered to vote in Sacramento County.

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