

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
11/9/2017 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

RESOLUTION 2017-37

Amending the DPSC Bylaws

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County adopts the following amendments to the Constitution of the Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee:

[Note: additions are **bolded**, deletions are ~~struck through~~, and explanations of the changes are in *italics*]

SECTION 1. *Conforms our Bylaws to the use of gender-neutral pronouns. Replace all instances of “he or she (is)” or “his or her” etc. with “they (are)” along with any necessary grammatical changes needed.*

SECTION 2. *Replaces residency with voter registration.*

SECTION 2.1. *Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection B, Part 2, Subpart b by striking “whose permanent residence is” and inserting “who is registered to vote”:*

b. 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, who **is registered to vote** ~~se permanent residence is~~ in Sacramento County.

SECTION 2.2. *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** ~~in which the member actually resides~~.

SECTION 2.3. *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. 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.

B. This Committee may also recognize a charter issued by the State or National Democratic Party.

C. Chartered and recognized Organizations are entitled to the benefits and privileges as described in the Constitution and the Bylaws of the California Democratic Party.

D. Chartered Organizations are independent from the Central Committee for purposes of endorsements, but may not endorse any candidate who is not a registered Democrat.

E. Recognized Democratic Organizations are exempt from chartering provisions herein.

SECTION 2.4. 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.

SECTION 3. Authorizes the Resolutions Committee to create the resolution consideration process, instead of that process being dictated by the bylaws. Amend Article XI, Section 5, by substituting a new Subsection B:

B. The Resolutions & Platform Committee shall, with the approval of the Central Committee, establish the process for the consideration of timely, late, and floor resolutions. For the 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.~~

SECTION 4. *Allows undocumented persons, felons on parole, and minors eligible to pre-register to vote to join as Associate Members.*

SECTION 4.1. *Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection A by adding “, except for persons joining as Associate Members who are ineligible to register to vote, or who have pre-registered to vote, who pledge to register to vote as Democrats as soon as eligibility is attained”:*

All members of the Central Committee must be registered **to vote in Sacramento County as a Democrat s, except for persons joining as Associate Members who have pre-registered to vote or who are ineligible to register to vote who pledge to register to vote as Democrats as soon as eligibility is attained.**

SECTION 4.2. *Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection 5, Part 5 by inserting “, or person who is ineligible to register to vote or who has pre-registered to vote who pledges to register to vote as Democrats as soon as eligibility is attained,” after “Any registered Democrat”; and by adding “, if otherwise eligible” at the end:*

Any registered Democrat, **or person who has pre-registered to vote or is ineligible to register to vote who pledges to register to vote as Democrats 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.**

SECTION 5. *Establishes that the Executive Board sets the club chartering fee in the same manner as it sets membership dues.*

SECTION 5.1. *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.~~

SECTION 5.2. *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 **Controller Secretary**;

SECTION 5.3. *Amend Article IX, Section 4 by striking Subsection F:*

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

SECTION 5.4. *Amend Article IX by adding a new 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.

SECTION 6. *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.

SECTION 7. *Conforms to DNC and CDP rules by prohibiting clubs from voting using secret ballots, and requires Club 5. Amend Article IX, Section 2 by adding new Subsections D and E:*

D. The Club or Organization’s bylaws must prohibit voting by secret or unsigned ballots.

E. All officers of Clubs must meet the qualifications for membership described in Article II, Section 1.

SECTION 8. *Changes the Fundraising Chair, Campaign Services Chair, and Communications Chair into the Fundraising Director, Campaign Services Director, and Communications Director, and clarifies the appointment of the Parliamentarian and Resolutions Committee Chair, and that their appointments are subject to ratification.*

SECTION 8.1. *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 **Director Chair**, Campaign Services **Director Chair**, and Communications **Director Chair**. The duties of the officers shall be, without limitation, as follows:

SECTION 8.2. *Amend Article III, Subsection E by striking "Chair" and inserting "Director":*

E. Fundraising **Director Chair** : The Fundraising **Director Chair** shall:

SECTION 8.3. *Amend Article III, Subsection F by striking "Chair" and inserting "Director":*

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

SECTION 8.4. *Amend Article III, Subsection G by striking "Chair" and inserting "Director":*

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

SECTION 8.5. *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.

SECTION 8.6. *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:

SECTION 8.7. *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.

SECTION 8.8. *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:

SECTION 8.9. *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:

SECTION 8.10. *Amend Article VIII, Section 10 by adding "The Executive Board shall appoint the Parliamentarian and chair of the Resolutions & Platform Committee subject to approval by the Central Committee membership." and by enumerating:*

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. The Executive Board shall appoint the Parliamentarian and the Chair of the Resolutions & Platform Committee, subject to approval by the Central Committee membership, who the Executive Board may remove by a two-thirds (2/3^{rds}) vote.

SECTION 9. *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 subparts as appropriate:*

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

SECTION 10. *Requires new clubs to have at least 10 unique members to be eligible to charter. Amend Article IX, Section 3 by inserting a new Subsection B and re-lettering the subsequent subsections as appropriate:*

B. Each new club's roster must contain at least 10 unique members who are not counted on the

roster of any existing chartered club.

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