

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

7/12/2018 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

**BYLAWS AMENDMENT 2018-01**

*Amending the Bylaws to Comply with CDP Standards*

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

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

*I. More clearly prohibiting any use of secret ballots and specifying the manner of notice:*

ARTICLE I – NAME, PURPOSE, & STRUCTURE

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SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF VOTE & NOTICE

- A. All Democrats in Sacramento County have a right to expect appropriate levels of transparency from their Democratic Central Committee.**
- B. The term “vote” when used in this Constitution or any Standing Rules shall mean the taking of action by this body or its constituent parts under the following conditions:**
  - 1. Unless a **supermajority is** ~~otherwise specifically provided~~ **required** herein **or in Standing Rules**, ~~the term “vote” shall mean, or the taking of action shall require,~~ **the threshold of a vote of shall be a simple majority; of the persons present and voting at a meeting.**
  - 2. ~~Further, u~~Unless **otherwise** specifically provided herein, a vote shall consist of eligible persons present and voting **at a meeting; and**
  - 3. **No secret, unsigned ballots may be used for voting at any level of this organization.**
- C. The term “notice” when used in this Constitution or any Standing Rules shall mean:**
  - 1. **For Central Committee meetings, notice to all Central Committee members via the email address they have provided containing, or containing a link to the Party website where they may find, the date, time, location, and agenda of a meeting, to be sent a certain number of days before the meeting as determined by rule;**

2. For Central Committee members who do not consent to receiving Central Committee meeting notice via email, notice of a meeting's time, date, location, and agenda via postal mail, to be mailed a certain number of days before the meeting as determined by rule;
3. For registered Democrats and interested parties who are not members of the Central Committee, notice of Central Committee meeting dates, times, location, and agendas posted publicly on the Party website;
4. For candidates eligible for endorsement, notice of the information required by our rules for endorsement, provided by any legal means of contacting their campaign provided in their declaration of candidacy; or
5. Any other kind of notice specifically described in this Constitution or any Standing Rules

*II. Enforcing the prohibition of secret ballots & other requirements necessary for compliance:*

#### ARTICLE XI - CONSTITUTION & RULES

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#### SECTION 4. CONSTITUTION SUSPENSION

~~Unless otherwise provided, the Central Committee may suspend the Constitution by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members present and voting at a meeting of this Committee.~~