

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’s website or social media account 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 in races for which the Party is pursuing endorsements, notice of the information required by our rules for endorsement, sent to them by any legal means of contacting their campaign provided in their statement of organization or media sheet if they have filed a 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.~~