

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

8/8/2019 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

**BYLAWS AMENDMENT 2019-06**

*Adopting Miscellaneous Bylaws Amendments*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County adopts the following amendment 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*]

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*Amendment No. 1 – Protects Executive Board members against retaliation.*

*Amend Article IV, Section 2 by adding Subsection D:*

- D. An Executive Board member who loses their voting seat on the Central Committee during their term of office continues to serve on the Executive Board for the remainder of their term, and on the Central Committee, by sole virtue of being a member of the Executive Board, but serves on the Central Committee as a non-voting Associate Member until they acquire a voting seat.**

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*Amendment No. 2 – Allowing Honorary Members and the Immediate Past Chair to have alternates and empowering the Executive Board to temporarily fill unfilled alternate vacancies of Ex Officio Members.*

*Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection B, Part 4 by striking “and” and inserting “, Club Representatives, Honorary Members, and the Immediate Past Chair” as well as inserting a clause regarding vacancies as follows:*

4. Members appointed by Elected Members, Ex Officio Members, ~~and~~ Club Representatives, **Honorary Members, and the Immediate Past Chair** to serve in the capacity of the appointing member only in the absence of the appointing member. **If an Ex Officio Member fails to appoint an alternate within three months of being able to do so, the Executive Board may nominate and the Central Committee appoint an alternate to serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board until the next organizational meeting. The Ex Officio Member may not appoint a different alternate until the term of the Executive Board’s appointment expires.**

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*Amendment No. 3 – Requiring that clubs adopt policies on harassment, abuse, retaliation and prohibiting the endorsement of candidates who endorse Republicans.*

*Amend Article IX, Section 2 by adding Subsections F and G as follows:*

- F. The Club shall maintain a policy on the prevention of harassment, abuse, and retaliation. The policy shall provide that a final decision rendered by the Club is reviewable by the DPSC for compliance with DPSC and other Democratic Party rules.**
- G. The Club shall maintain a policy that excludes from endorsement the consideration of candidates who publicly endorsed a non-Democrat against a Democrat endorsed by the Democratic Party within the past five years if that candidate maintained their endorsement after the candidate was asked by the DPSC to rescind their endorsement, and if their**

failure to do so was publicly communicated to clubs via email or on the agenda of a Central Committee meeting. The charter of a Club that violates this section may be revoked by the Executive Board.

H. Subsection G of this section shall only apply to endorsements made after the after the enactment of this subsection in August of 2019, and this subsection H shall be repealed four (4) years after its effective date.

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*Amendment No. 4 – Clarifying that Ex Officio Members are subject to the same residency requirement applicable to all other members, and adding President and Vice President.*

*Amend Article II, Section, Subsection B, Part 2 as follows:*

- a. ~~An Ex Officio Member for district level office shall be the Democratic incumbent or last nominee for each congressional, state senatorial, state assembly, or state Board of Equalization district wholly or partly within, or composed of, Sacramento County.~~
- b. ~~An Ex Officio Member for statewide office shall be the Democratic incumbent or last nominee for the 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 in Sacramento County.~~
- a. **The Democratic incumbent or last nominee for each United States House of Representatives, State Senate, State Assembly, or State Board of Equalization district wholly or partly within, or composed of, Sacramento County is an Ex Officio Member if registered to vote in Sacramento County.**
- b. **The Democratic incumbent or last nominee for President, Vice President, United States Senate, and statewide offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Insurance Commissioner, is an Ex Officio Member if registered to vote in Sacramento County.**
- c. The Regional Director of the California Democratic Party for any region within Sacramento County ~~is shall be~~ an Ex Officio Member if ~~they are~~ registered to vote in Sacramento County.
- d. All references to “nominee” ~~shall refer~~ **refers** to that registered Democrat ~~in a voter nominated election~~ who received the highest number of votes in the last general election. Should there be no registered Democrat ~~among the “top two”~~ in the general election, “nominee” ~~shall refer~~ **refers** to that registered Democrat who received the highest number of votes in the last ~~top two~~ primary election.

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*Amendment No. 5 – Clarifying that the term of appointed positions expire at the next organizational meeting.*

*Amend Article VIII, Section 10, by adding Subsection D as follows:*

**D. The term of an appointment made pursuant to this section expires upon the adjournment of the subsequent organizational meeting and the appointment and approval of a successor.**

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*Amendment No. 6 – Codify practice of letting the Executive Board approve associate memberships.*

*Amend Article II, Section 1, Subsection B, Part 5 by inserting “Executive Board or” after “Associate Member by the”:*

5. Associate Members: 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 **Executive Board or** 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.
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