

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

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Amending Article VII, Section 3 and striking Section 9 and adding a new Section 9

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County adopts the following amendment to Article VII, Sections 3 and 9 of the Constitution of the Democratic Party of Sacramento County by amending Section 3 and by deleting the current Section 9 and adding a new Section 9:

*[Note: additions are **bolded**, deletions are ~~struck through~~]*

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

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SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The Chair or Executive Board may call special membership meetings at any time, date, and appropriate place, after five (5) days notice. The Chair shall also call a meeting of the Central Committee at the request of the majority of the members of the Committee made by written **or electronic** petition ~~and duly signed~~. If the Chair fails to do so, the majority requesting the meeting may fix a time and place for such a meeting and notify all members thereof at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Special membership meetings shall be limited to the agenda provided in the notice.

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SECTION 9. MEETING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

A. The Central Committee may meet and conduct business by electronic means if all of the following requirements are met:

- 1. The Executive Board determines that an emergency prevents the Central Committee from safely meeting in person, or if an electronic meeting in lieu of an in person meeting is called in the same manner in which a special membership meeting is called under Section 3.**

- 2. All members are given at least five seven days prior notice that the meeting will be conducted by electronic means and are provided with instructions on how to join the meeting, participate, and vote.**
 - 3. The Central Committee meeting is held in an electronic medium that allows members to fully participate in the meeting by simultaneous audio communication, which may be supplemented by instantaneous written communication, and that is accessible to all voting members.**
 - a. The Chair or Executive Board shall determine which electronic medium to use.**
 - b. Acceptable types of electronic media include, but are not limited to, phone conferencing or video conferencing in which communication is conducted by audio.**
 - c. "Fully participate" includes, but is not limited to, being recognized to make or second motions, speak in debate, make reasonable inquiries, and vote.**
 - 4. The meeting host does not use their control over the electronic medium to deny a member the right to fully participate in the meeting. Examples include, but are not limited to, blocking or delaying a member's entrance into the medium, refusing to recognize a member, muting a member who has the floor, etc.**
 - 5. The electronic medium permits non-member Democrats to join and observe the meeting, unless the meeting is held in executive session. The meeting host may require non-members to identify themselves or otherwise demonstrate that they are bona fide attendees prior to being permitted to observe the meeting.**
 - 6. Voting is conducted in that electronic medium, or in a separate electronic medium, either audibly or in a manner that securely records a member's vote and identifies the member who cast that vote. The Chair shall announce when voting opens and closes and shall provide members a reasonable amount of time to vote prior to announcement of the result. A voting member may demand a division in lieu of any audible vote.**
- B. The Executive Board or a committee may meet and conduct business by electronic means, including instantaneous written communication, subject to the same restrictions specified in Paragraphs 2 through 6, inclusive, of Subsection A, if the Chair or Executive Board authorizes meeting by electronic means.**
- C. The Executive Board or a committee may permit a member to attend an in-person meeting of the Executive Board or committee by electronic means, and vote audibly or by an approved electronic medium, if authorized by the Chair or Executive Board.**

- D. Notwithstanding any other rule, a vote taken during a meeting conducted by electronic means that would otherwise be required to be taken by written ballot may instead be taken by roll call vote or by an electronic voting method that records the vote and identifies the member who cast that vote, as specified in Paragraph 6 of Subsection A.**

- E. An action adopted in compliance with the requirements of this section has the same force as if the action were taken at an in-person meeting.**