

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY**  
**CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**  
*3/8/2018 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento*

**RESOLUTION 2018-07**

*Adopting a Standing Rule: DPSC Resolutions Policy*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County adopts the following as a Standing Rule to be promulgated in the same manners as our Bylaws:

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY RESOLUTIONS POLICY**

**SECTION 1. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

1. All resolutions that take a position on public policy, our values, or call for specific actions must be submitted to the Resolutions & Platform Committee Chair in an editable electronic format.
2. Resolutions may be presented for passage at any Resolutions & Platform Committee meeting (Timely Resolutions – Section 3), Executive Board meeting (Late Resolutions – Section 6), or on the floor of the Central Committee (Floor Resolutions – Section 8).
3. All resolutions presented to the Resolutions & Platform Committee for passage must be sponsored by at least one member of the Central Committee or one Democratic Club chartered by the DPSC.
4. If a resolution is sponsored by multiple DPSC members, a list of the sponsors should appear at the bottom of the text of the resolution.
5. Administrative Resolutions which amend the DPSC's Bylaws or Standing Rules, adopt Standing Rules, or seek to comment on or interpret the DPSC's rules must be presented to the Rules Committee and are not subject to this procedure.
6. Administrative Resolutions which adopt the DPSC Budget, appoint a list of members to the State Central Committee, or other non-policy related actions must be presented to the Executive Board and are not subject to this procedure.

**SECTION 2. FORM OF RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolutions that are not Administrative Resolutions must be statements of principles or positions.
2. No resolution considered by the Resolutions & Platform Committee shall:
  - A. Call for a change in the DPSC Constitution & Bylaws; nor

- B. State the endorsement of or support for a candidate for public office; nor
- C. Mandate the spending of money by the DPSC.

### SECTION 3. TIMELY RESOLUTIONS

1. For a resolution to be considered timely it must be received by the Resolutions & Platform Committee Chair before or at a regularly scheduled Resolutions & Platform Committee meeting.
2. Timely resolutions will be considered by the Resolutions & Platform Committee, which may submit the resolution to the Executive Board, which may agendaize it for consideration by the Central Committee.
3. After consideration, amendment, and deliberation, timely resolutions require a simple majority vote to proceed from the Resolutions & Platform Committee to the Executive Board, and a simple majority vote to proceed from Executive Board to the Central Committee.

### SECTION 4. ACTIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN BY THE RESOLUTIONS & PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Once a resolution is submitted to the Resolutions & Platform Committee, it becomes the “property” of the Resolutions & Platform Committee, and the Resolutions & Platform Committee shall have authority to take any of the following actions:

1. Amend or rewrite the resolution;
2. Merge the resolution with another resolution;
3. Postpone consideration of the resolution to another meeting of the Resolutions & Platform Committee;
4. Refer the resolution back to the sponsor for editing;
5. Grant a request by the sponsor to withdraw the resolution;
6. Allow for the addition of sponsors;
7. Refer the resolution to another DPSC committee; or
8. Submit the resolution to the Executive Board for consideration, further editing, and presentation to the Central Committee.
9. If the Resolutions & Platform Committee amends a resolution submitted to it, a sponsor may unilaterally remove themselves from the resolution at any time.

### SECTION 5. RESOLUTIONS DETERMINED TO BE REAFFIRMATIONS

The Resolutions & Platform Committee may declare that a newly submitted resolution is a reaffirmation of a previously passed resolution if the principle stated in the new resolution is substantially the same as that of a previous resolution. If a resolution is determined to be a reaffirmation, it will simply be adopted as such by the Resolutions & Platform Committee, and will not be sent to the floor of the Central Committee for a re-vote.

#### SECTION 6. LATE RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution shall be considered 'late' if it is received by the Resolutions & Platform Committee Chair after a regularly scheduled Resolutions & Platform Committee meeting but before the next Executive Board meeting.
2. Late resolutions require:
  - A. An explanation by the author of why the resolution should be considered urgent, outside of the committee process; and
  - B. A two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rds</sup>) majority vote by the Executive Board to be added to the Central Committee agenda.
3. Once a late resolution has been placed on the Central Committee agenda by the Executive Board, it shall be treated in the same way as if it had been submitted as a timely resolution.

#### SECTION 7. NOTICE TO LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

1. A timely or late resolution that takes a position of opposition to specific legislation authored by a Democratic elected official whose district includes Sacramento County, or that specifically names such an elected official, may not be considered by the Central Committee unless the official is given at least five days' notice prior to the Central Committee meeting and given an opportunity to present on the resolution at the meeting.
2. A resolution violating the notice provision of this section shall be ruled out of order and referred back to the Resolutions & Platform Committee for further consideration.
3. The Central Committee may suspend the notice provision of this section by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rds</sup>) vote.

#### SECTION 8. FLOOR RESOLUTIONS

1. The sponsor of a timely or late resolution that was defeated, tabled, postponed, referred, amended, rewritten, merged, substituted, or not agendized shall have the right to gather signatures to directly present the resolution from the floor of the Central Committee according to the procedures described in this section.
2. To bring a non-agendized resolution to the floor of the Central Committee, the sponsor of the resolution must obtain the signatures of at least ten (10) DPSC voting Central Committee members stating their support to bring the resolution to the floor of the Central Committee.

3. The sponsor of the resolution must, prior to the beginning of the Central Committee meeting at which the resolution is to be brought to the floor, provide the Secretary with fifty (50) printed copies and an electronic copy of the resolution.
4. Floor resolutions require an explanation by the author to the Central Committee of why the resolution should be considered urgent, outside of the committee process.
5. Once the prior requirements of this section are met, a Floor Resolution shall require a simple majority vote of the Central Committee to be added to the meeting's agenda, and a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup>s) vote of the Central Committee for passage.

#### SECTION 9. PROPOSED ACTIONS

1. In submitting a resolution, the primary sponsor shall state what proposed action they propose the DPSC take after adoption of the submitted resolution. If the proposed action is a position letter or social media post, a draft must be submitted by the sponsor to the Communications Director after the resolution is adopted.
2. The DPSC is not obligated to undertake the requested action, but the Chair and Executive Board retain full discretion to determine how the DPSC will communicate its position.

#### SECTION 10. UPDATING ADOPTED POSITIONS

1. The Chair or Executive Board may, with the consent of a resolution's primary sponsor, update the DPSC's position on legislation due to changed circumstances in order to further the purpose and intent of the Central Committee in adopting the resolution.
2. "Changed circumstances" include, but are not limited to, amendments to the legislation that render the DPSC's adopted position inconsistent with the adopted resolution's intent.
3. The Chair shall notify the Executive Board of any changes to adopted positions undertaken pursuant to this section.