



Tulare County Democratic Central Committee Bylaws

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This text supersedes all older versions of these Bylaws

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

NAME

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the TULARE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE ("Central Committee").

PURPOSE

Section 2 This Central Committee shall serve as the official voice of the Democratic Party of Tulare County and shall perform all duties to benefit the Democratic Party in conformity with the California Election Code and the Democratic State Central Committee. The Central Committee shall make every reasonable effort to see that at least one qualified registered democrat is a candidate for each local non-partisan office and to raise funds sufficient to provide significant support to endorsed candidates needing and wishing support.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERS

Section 1 The Central Committee shall have five (3) classes of members: Regular, Ex-officio, and Alternate.

REGULAR MEMBERS

Section 2 The Regular members to the Central Committee shall be those persons who have been elected or appointed to fill vacancies pursuant to State of California Election Code applicable to County Democratic Central Committees and are full voting members.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Section 3 Ex-officio members of the Central Committee shall be those persons who have been defined as such by the State of California Elections Code §7206-7207 and shall enjoy all of the rights and privileges as Regular members, including the right to vote.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Section 4 Each Regular or Ex-officio member may appoint an Alternate member if they so desire to serve at the pleasure of the member. That alternate member shall have the right to vote only with the written authorization of the member who appointed him or her. An alternate member for a Regular member must meet the same qualifications as the Regular member and may vote only in the absence of the member who appointed him or her. An Alternate member for an Ex-officio member must reside in the Ex-officio member's portion of the district within Tulare County, must be a registered Democrat, and may vote only in the absence of the Ex-officio member who appointed him or her.

44 **DUES**

45 Section 5 The Central Committee will establish annual membership dues, payable before
46 appointment can be officially recognized. Changes in dues shall need approval by two-
47 thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at a meeting when the change in dues rate is
48 proposed.

49 Section 6 Any member may request a waiver of dues from the Treasurer due to hardship
50 situations. That request shall be granted and the member will be responsible for
51 volunteering time at a rate of one (1) hour per dollar of dues waived. The Secretary
52 shall track the hours donated by the member. The request for and granting of the dues
53 waiver shall be kept confidential.

54 Section 7 The Treasurer shall notify a member whose dues are in arrears thirty (30) days by
55 certified mail with return receipt requested. Any member whose dues are in arrears
56 shall not be allowed to vote in any meeting of the Central Committee until such time as
57 he or she has satisfied his or her dues obligation by payment or waiver.

58 **RESIGNATIONS**

59 Section 8 Any Regular or Alternate member may resign at any time by filing a written, signed
60 resignation with the Secretary, which specifies an effective date.

61 Section 9 Each of the following situations shall constitute automatic resignation of a Regular or
62 Alternate member from the Central Committee:

- 63 (a) The removal of residence by an elected or appointed member of the Central
64 Committee from the supervisor district from which he or she was elected or
65 appointed;
- 66 (b) Appointment or election of an ineligible person;
- 67 (c) Dismissal of the Alternate by the appointing Regular or Ex-officio member;
- 68 (d) Registering as a member of another political party outside of the Democratic
69 Party or;
- 70 (e) Non-payment of dues to the Central Committee within thirty (30) days
71 following a delinquency notice given in accordance with Article II, Section 7 of
72 these bylaws

74 **REMOVAL**

75 Section 10 The Central Committee may remove any member who, during his or her term of
76 membership:

- 77 (a) Uses the name of the Central Committee without expressed authorization;
- 78 (b) Publicly avows preference for another political party;
- 79 (c) Publicly advocates that the voters should not vote for the candidate endorsed
80 by the California Democratic Party or by this Central Committee for any office;
- 81 (d) Publicly gives support to or avows a preference for a candidate nominated by
82 another political party. This includes any type of statements of support to any

83 type of media, or displays of political paraphernalia on the member's body or
84 property promoting a candidate nominated by another political party.

85 (e) Commits any of the following transgressions, including but not limited to:
86 persistent violations of the rules; assaults on the floor; speaking or making
87 statements on behalf of the Central Committee without written authorization
88 from the Chairperson; slanderous or insulting remarks such as calling a member
89 'liar' or 'thief', etc.; disorderly conduct; references to personalities; misconduct
90 in office neglect of duty; disobedience to instructions given by the Chairperson
91 or the majority of Central Committee members; threats to hurt a member of
92 the Central Committee; defrauding or cheating the Central Committee; bribery;
93 conspiracy; incarceration; larceny; misuse of funds; false charges and
94 accusations; disclosing financial records not subject to public reporting;
95 violation of the oath; vilification of a member or the Chairperson or the
96 organization as a whole; commits the Central Committee to expending funds
97 without authorization; and, willful destruction of Central Committee property;
98 or

99 (f) Excessive unexcused absences may be grounds for removal.

100 Section 11 Removal of a member may be effected in the following manner:

101 a) At least two members of the Executive Board or five members of the Central
102 Committee must sign and submit to the Secretary of the Central Committee a
103 written statement of charges containing grounds for removal;

104 b) The Secretary upon receipt of the statement shall mail a letter containing a copy
105 of the statement of charges brought against him/her by certified mail with
106 return receipt within five (5) business days to the accused. The letter shall
107 notify the accused member that they have fifteen (15) days to either request a
108 hearing before the Officers of the Central Committee or they may immediately
109 resign from the Central Committee without prejudice.

110 c) A closed hearing by the Officers of the Central Committee shall take place no
111 later than fifteen (15) days from the receipt of the request for a hearing. At the
112 hearing, the accused member shall be afforded the opportunity to respond to
113 the statement of charges and the ability to question witnesses. The accused
114 shall have the right to be represented by lay counsel. Such hearing shall be
115 conducted in such a fashion as to afford the accused member due process.

116 d) The Officers of the Central Committee will deliberate the findings and either
117 dismiss the charge(s) or issue a recommendation, The recommendation will be
118 taken up at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Central Committee and
119 placed on the agenda as a closed session item to be heard by only those
120 members present and eligible to vote. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting
121 members present shall be sufficient to remove the accused.

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123 **VACANCIES**

124 Section 12 Vacancies on the Central Committee exist whenever a Regular member dies, resigns, is
125 removed, or becomes mentally or physically incapacitated.

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127 **FILLING OF VACANCIES**

128 Section 13 Whenever a vacancy occurs among the Regular members of the Central Committee, the
129 vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of certified nominees by the affirmative vote
130 of a majority of the members present at the next regular meeting after the meeting
131 during which nominations for the vacancy take place and nominations have been
132 certified. Nominations will be considered certified once the Central Committee
133 Secretary has verified the nominees’ qualifications have been met. A nominee who has
134 never served on the Central Committee as a Regular member, Ex-officio or Alternate
135 member may be appointed only if the nominee has previously attended two meetings
136 of this Central Committee. A nominee who has served on the Central Committee has
137 previously attended two or more meetings as a Regular, Ex-officio or Alternate member
138 may be nominated to fill a vacancy.

139 **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

140 **REGULAR MEETINGS**

141 Section 1 Regular meetings of the Central Committee shall be held each calendar month unless
142 otherwise directed by the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting members. The
143 Executive Committee, whenever there is good cause, may change the date of a regular
144 meeting, provided that proper notice is given. Meetings are open to all Democrats, or
145 to anyone who expresses an intention to register as such when an impediment due to
146 age or citizenship status disappears.

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148 **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

149 Section 2 The Chairperson, with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee, may
150 call a special meeting at any time provided that proper notice is given.
151 Section 3 If at least ten (10) Regular and or Ex-officio members of the Central Committee
152 make a
153 written request for a special meeting, such meeting must be called, provided that no
154 business other than that specified in the call may be transacted and provided that
155 proper notice has been given.

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157 **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

158 Section 4 An organizational meeting shall called to gather newly-elected and ex-officio members
159 on the first week of the month immediately following the certification of Statewide or
160 Presidential Primary Election results by the Tulare County Registrar of Voters. Election
161 of Officers, appointment of standing committees, setting the schedule for regular
162 meetings, and establishment of annual membership dues amounts will take place at the
163 Organizational Meeting.

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165 **PROPER NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

166 Section 5 The Secretary of the Central Committee shall notify each Regular, Ex-officio, and
167 Alternate member of the Central Committee by postal mail, telephone or electronic mail
168 at least seven (7) days in advance of a regular, special and organizational meeting of the

169 Central Committee. Such notice shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting and
170 shall include a statement of any special business to be brought before the Central
171 Committee. Any notice of regular or special meeting shall include an agenda. Requests
172 of additions to the agenda can be sent before the agenda is published. Once it is
173 published, members may request additions at the beginning of the meeting. Any notice
174 of an organizational meeting shall include a list of the elected Regular and Ex-officio
175 members.
176

177 **QUORUM**

178 Section 6 Seven (7) eligible-to-vote members shall constitute a quorum of the Central Committee
179 at any meeting. The Secretary, or Chair in the Secretary's absence, shall verify the
180 quorum immediately following the roll call of members.
181

182 **ATTENDANCE**

183 Section 7 The absence of a Regular member is excused if his or her Alternate is in attendance or if
184 he or she contacts the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or Secretary by electronic mail,
185 postal mail, telephone (followed by handwritten note), or by hand written note prior to
186 the meeting.
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188 **RULES OF ORDER**

189 Section 8 In all cases to which they apply and do not conflict with the provisions of these Bylaws,
190 Robert's Rules of Order (newly revised) shall govern all meetings of the Central
191 Committee.

192 **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

193 **OFFICERS**

194 Section 1 There shall be five (5) Officers of the Central Committee: a Chairperson, Vice-
195 Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Member At-Large elected from among the
196 Regular and Ex-officio members of the Central Committee.
197

198 **CHAIRPERSON**

199 Section 2 The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Central Committee and the
200 Executive Committee. The Chairperson shall appoint all standing committees and
201 special committee chairpersons, shall approve all membership appointments to
202 standing and special committees, and shall be an Ex-officio member of all standing and
203 special committees. The Chairperson is the chief spokesperson of the Central
204 Committee.
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206 **VICE CHAIRPERSON**

207 Section 3 The Vice Chairperson shall, in the absence of the Chairperson, preside over the meetings
208 of the Central Committee and Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties
209 as the Central Committee or the Executive Committee may assign to him/her.
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211 **SECRETARY**

212 Section 4 The Secretary shall keep the minutes, amended minutes and historical records of the
213 Central Committee and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall carry on the
214 correspondence of the Central Committee under the direction of the Chairperson, and

215 shall send out all notices required by the State of California Elections Code and these
216 bylaws. The Secretary shall keep the list of all the members; notify members of their
217 election to office or appointment to committees and furnish them with the proper
218 documents; and prepare the agenda for the meetings unless the Chairperson prefers to
219 do so.

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221 Any release of non-financial records of the Central Committee to non-members shall be
222 at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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224 **TREASURER**

225 Section 5 The Treasurer shall receive funds and disburse payment upon order of the Central
226 Committee or the Executive Committee of the Central committee. All funds of the
227 Central Committee will be maintained in a bank account held in the name of this Central
228 Committee. Authorized signers on the bank account shall be the Chairperson, Vice
229 Chairperson and Secretary. All vouchers and checks for payment must be co-signed by
230 two of the authorized signers. The Treasurer shall keep updated financial records and
231 file the appropriate federal, state and local disclosures and reports pursuant to federal,
232 state, and local campaign finance law. The Treasurer shall make a written financial
233 report at every regular meeting and Board meeting, or for any other occasion requested
234 by the Chairperson or a majority of the Central Committee.

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236 Financial records or reports not subject to public disclosure by the Political Reform Act
237 or successor statutes shall be considered the confidential property of the Central
238 Committee and any release to the public shall be at the sole discretion of the Central
239 Committee. Unless pre-approved by a majority of Central Committee members, there
240 shall be no release of confidential financial data by electronic methods. Any requests by
241 members for old copies of financial reports shall be fulfilled by hard copy and at the rate
242 of 25 cents per page at the convenience of the Treasurer.

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244 **MEMBER AT-LARGE**

245 Section 6 A member selected from the Central Committee at-large shall serve on the Executive
246 Committee and perform such duties as are assigned to him or her by the Central
247 Committee.

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249 **TERM**

250 Section 7 The Officers shall serve four (4) year terms commencing at the organizational meeting.

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252 **FILLING OF VACANCIES**

253 Section 8 Whenever a vacancy occurs among the Officers of the Central Committee, that vacancy
254 shall be filled at the next regular meeting of the Central Committee by election of a duly
255 qualified nominee by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present.

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257 **REMOVAL**

258 Section 9 Any Officer of the Central Committee may be removed for misconduct. The charges
259 shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Central Committee. The nature of
260 charges and the officer against who preferred shall be stated in the notice of the
261 meeting and sent to the Officer by certified mail with return receipt requested. The

262 vote required for the removal of an Officer shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the voting
263 members present at that meeting.
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265 RESIGNATION

266 Section 10 Any Officer other than the Chairperson may resign at any time by filing a written, signed
267 resignation with the Chairperson, which specifies the effective date of such resignation.
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269 Section 11 The Chairperson may resign at any time by filing a written, signed resignation with the
270 Vice Chairperson, specifying the effective date of such resignation. Resignations will be
271 kept on file by the Secretary.
272

273 VACANCIES

274 Section 12 A vacancy of an Officer of the Central Committee, except the Chairperson, shall be filled
275 by election at the next regular meeting.
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277 Section 13 Should a vacancy of the Chairperson be declared, the Vice Chairperson shall preside and
278 serve as acting-Chairperson until the vacancy is filled. The Vice Chairperson shall
279 preside over the election of a new Chairperson unless the Vice Chairperson is a
280 candidate for the office, is absent, or is unable to preside, in which case the remaining
281 officers shall preside in this order: the Treasurer, first, and Secretary, second. If all of
282 the Officers have accepted nomination for office or are unable to preside, the members
283 present shall select an acting-Chairperson for the purpose and duration of conducting
284 the election.
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286 ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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288 MEMBERSHIP

289 Section 1 The Officers of the Central Committee shall constitute the Executive Committee
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291 DUTIES

292 Section 2 The Executive Committee shall have the power to act for the Central Committee on
293 matters needing immediate attention or when the calling of a special meeting of the
294 Central Committee is not feasible, and shall perform such other functions, as the Central
295 Committee shall direct.
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297 MEETINGS

298 Section 3 Once a month a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held on a date and time
299 the Chairperson designates.
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301 ARTICLE VI

PARLIAMENTARIAN

302 Section 1 The Chairperson may appoint one of the members of the Central Committee to serve as
303 Parliamentarian for the Central Committee and the Executive Committee. The
304 Parliamentarian shall advise the Chairperson, when so requested, on procedural
305 matters. All such advice by the Parliamentarian shall be based on Robert's Rules of
306 Order (Newly Revised) and these Bylaws. The Parliamentarian shall serve the same term
307 as the officers and shall have no voting rights, except as his/her class of membership
308 may otherwise allow.
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ARTICLE VII

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Section 1 The Chairperson may appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms who shall maintain order and may expel any member of the public who is found by the Chairperson to be out of order. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall have no voting privileges except as his/her class of membership may otherwise allow.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Section 1 The Standing Committees of the Central Committee shall be: Bylaws, Budget and Finance, Credentials, Fundraising, Public Relations/Issues, Voter Registration, and Political Development
- Section 2 The Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for preparing all proposed bylaw revisions and presenting them to the Central Committee in accordance with Article XIII of these bylaws and preparing and distributing copies of these bylaws to all Regular, Ex-officio, and Alternate members of the Central Committee.
- Section 3 The Budget and Finance Committee shall be responsible for preparing an annual budget for the Central Committee and all of its standing and special committees and presenting this budget to the Central Committee for its approval. All requests for expenditures shall be evaluated by the Budget and Finance Committee before being presented to the rest of the Central Committee. The Treasurer shall be the designated Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Section 4 The Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for planning and implementing fundraising events for the Central Committee.
- Section 5 The Public Relations/Issues Committee shall be responsible for such activities as organizing booths and displays at appropriate public functions; publishing a regular Central Committee newsletter; and bringing political issues of importance to the attention of the Central Committee and the community.
- Section 6 The Voter Registration Committee shall develop and implement an on-going voter registration program for Tulare County and coordinate with the Chairperson to obtain current voter registration lists as they become available.
- Section 7 The Political Development Committee shall develop and implement planning for candidate development and support. The committee shall recruit and screen local candidates and work to involve county Democratic clubs in campaign and get-out-the-vote (GOTV) activities.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 8 Special or ad hoc committees may be established by the Chairperson upon his or her own initiative or by direction of the committees.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

357 Section 9 The Chairpersons of all standing committees must be Regular or Ex-officio members of
358 the Central Committee
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361 **AUTHORITY**

362 Section 10 All standing and special committees derive their authority to act from the Central
363 Committee. No standing or special committee nor its Chairperson(s) shall have the
364 authority to enter into financial arrangements, raise or expend funds or perform any
365 other acts on behalf of the committee until having presented plans and gained approval
366 from the Central Committee.

367 **ARTICLE IX REPRESENTATION TO THE DEMOCRATIC STATE**
368 **CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

370 **DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

371 Section 1 Following each regular general election, the Central Committee shall elect
372 members to the Democratic State Central Committee (“DSCC”) within the
373 timeframe and in the number and proportions as established in the Bylaws and
374 Rules of the California Democratic Party. Persons elected as members of the
375 DSCC shall be from among those members of the Central Committee as of the
376 date of the first regular meeting of the DSCC. Members of the DSCC shall be
377 elected by the Central Committee on an at-large basis.

379 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DSCC**

380 Section 2 Following each regular general election, the Central Committee shall elect its
381 representative(s) to the Executive Committee of the DSCC in the number and
382 proportions as established in the Bylaws and Rules of the California Democratic Party.
383 Only currently serving members of the DSCC shall be eligible for election by the Central
384 Committee to be its representative(s) to the Executive Committee of the DSCC.

386 **VACANCIES TO THE DSCC OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DSCC**

387 Section 3 In the event vacancies occur among members elected to the DSCC or to the Executive
388 Committee of the DSCC, the Chairperson of the Central Committee shall have the
389 authority to appoint members to fill vacancies temporarily until the next meeting at
390 which an election can take place to fill those vacancies.

391 **ARTICLE X ENDORSEMENTS AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

392 **ENDORSEMENT**

393 Section 1 An endorsement shall mean a formal expression of support or opposition to a
394 candidate, proposition or issue.

395 **USE OF COMMITTEE NAME**

396 Section 2 Use of the name of the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee, either expressed
397 or implied, shall not be given to any person, group, or proposition for the purpose of
398 claiming the support or showing the opposition from the Central Committee without
399 first being granted an endorsement in the manner set forth in this article.

400 **ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSITIONS OR ISSUES**

401 Section 3 As a general rule, a proposed endorsement of a proposition or a candidate shall be
402 presented at a regular meeting of the Central Committee and any action on the
403 proposal shall be taken at the next regular meeting. However, a vote of endorsement of
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409 a proposition or issue may be made at the first regular meeting or at a special meeting,
410 if either meeting is properly noticed and the item seeking endorsement is prominently
411 displayed on the agenda. In either case, the item(s) shall receive endorsement from the
412 Central Committee by a majority vote of the members present.
413

414 **ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**

415 Section 4 The Political Development Committee will interview and make recommendations of
416 worthy candidates for endorsement by the Central Committee using the following
417 criteria:

- 418 • The Central Committee endorsement shall be extended only to registered
419 Democrats.
- 420 • Endorsement shall not be given to more candidates than there are seats open
421 for the office in question.
- 422 • Any changes to this bylaw's section shall have been duly adopted at least six
423 months prior to making such an endorsement.
- 424 • No vote on endorsement shall be taken by secret ballot.

425 The Political Development Committee's final selection will be brought before the
426 Central Committee membership for vote at a properly-noticed, regular meeting. An
427 affirmative vote of voting members present shall be sufficient to endorse a candidate.
428

429 **NEWS RELEASES**

430 Section 5 No news releases or public statements on behalf of the Central Committee shall be
431 released except by approval of the Chairperson.
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433 **ARTICLE XI DEMOCRATIC CLUBS**

434 **RECOGNITION OF DEMOCRATIC CLUBS**

435 Section 1 The Central Committee shall prescribe a uniform procedure for the recognition of
436 Democratic Clubs and for the issuance and revocation of charters, and for the conduct
437 and regulation thereof; such procedure shall contain, but not be limited to, the
438 provisions of this article.

439 **CHARTERING OF DEMOCRATIC CLUBS**

440 Section 2 No club shall be chartered by the Central Committee until it has held at least two (2)
441 regular monthly meetings, has evidenced its standing as an organization devoted to
442 Democratic principles, and has a minimum often (10) members.
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444 Section 3 The Central Committee and its chartered clubs recognize that they are political
445 organizations which are vehicles for promoting Democratic Party principles and
446 supporting the election of Democratic candidates to public office. Therefore, all clubs
447 chartered by the Central Committee shall have provisions in their bylaws which:
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457 (a) Prohibit non-Democratic candidates or persons from speaking and/or soliciting
458 support at club meetings prior to adjournment;

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460 (b) State that under no circumstances may the club consider the endorsement of a
461 candidate for public office who is not registered with the Democratic Party
462

463 Section 4 At the time of filing its application for a charter and at the beginning of each year
464 following, each club shall furnish to the Central Committee a copy of its constitution
465 and/or bylaws, a list of the club's officers, a list of the names and addresses of all its
466 voting members, and a check for five dollars (\$5.00) drawn on the club bank account
467 payable to the Central Committee.
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469 Section 5 This Central Committee shall provide to each Democratic Club recognized by this Central
470 Committee a charter signed by the Central Committee's Chairperson.
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472 Section 6 All other rules and regulations regarding clubs are addressed in the policy manual.
473

474 **ARTICLE XII EMPLOYEE(S) OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

475 Section 1 No member, alternate member, ex-officio member nor spouse of any member or
476 alternate shall be eligible for employment by the Central Committee.
477

478 **ARTICLE XIII POLICY**

479 Section 1 The Central Committee shall maintain and publish a current Policy Handbook to
480 implement rules set forth in these Bylaws. The Central Committee shall distribute copies
481 (either electronic or paper) of the handbook to all Central Committee members and
482 Chartered Clubs of this Central Committee.
483

484 **ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

485 Section 1 These bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those present at any
486 regular meeting of the Central Committee. The proposed amendment(s) shall be
487 presented in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular
488 meeting of the Central Committee. The proper notice of the second meeting, mailed or
489 otherwise communicated by the Secretary, shall state the proposed amendment(s).
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491 **ARTICLE XV EFFECTIVE DATE OF BYLAWS**

492 Section 1 These bylaws shall become effective with the adoption by the Central Committee.
493 Should any conflict exist between past actions of the Central Committee and these
494 bylaws, these set of bylaws shall prevail.
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496 Adopted: April 17, 2012
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