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# TULARE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS

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# Tulare County Democratic Central Committee Bylaws

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# Tulare County Democratic Central Committee Bylaws

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## ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

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### 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

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### MEMBERS

Section 1 The Central Committee shall have three (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, The Central Committee  
46 will establish annual membership dues, applicable to all three classes of members,  
47 payable before appointment can be officially recognized. Changes in dues shall need  
48 approval by two- thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at a meeting when the  
49 change in dues rate is proposed.

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

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

59 **RESIGNATIONS**

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

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

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

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75 **REMOVAL**

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

- 78 (a) Uses the name of the Central Committee without expressed authorization; by  
79 the Chair or the Central Committee as a whole;
- 80 (b) Publicly avows preference for another political party;
- 81 (c) Publicly advocates that the voters should not vote for the candidate endorsed  
82 by the California Democratic Party or by this Central Committee for any office;

- 83 (d) Publicly gives support to or avows a preference for a candidate nominated by  
84 another political party. This includes any type of statements of support to any  
85 type of media, or displays of political paraphernalia on the member's body or  
86 property promoting a candidate nominated by another political party.
- 87 (e) Commits any of the following transgressions, including but not limited to:  
88 persistent violations of the rules; assaults on the floor; speaking or making  
89 statements on behalf of the Central Committee without written authorization  
90 from the Chairperson or the Committee; slanderous or insulting remarks;  
91 disorderly conduct; disobedience to instructions given by the Chairperson or the  
92 majority of Central Committee members; threats to hurt a member of the  
93 Central Committee; defrauding or cheating the Central Committee; misuse of  
94 funds; false charges and accusations; disclosing financial records not subject to  
95 public reporting; violation of the oath; vilification of a member or the  
96 Chairperson or the organization as a whole; commits the Central Committee to  
97 expending funds without authorization; and, willful destruction of Central  
98 Committee property; 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. from receipt of the  
108 letter, to either request a hearing before the Officers of the Central Committee  
109 or they may immediately 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, or  
125 is removed for just cause, or becomes unable to perform their duties.  
126

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**

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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.  
147

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 make a  
152 written request for a special meeting, such meeting must be called, provided that no  
153 business other than that specified in the call may be transacted and provided that  
154 proper notice has been given.  
155

156 **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

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

164 **PROPER NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

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

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

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

## 181 **ATTENDANCE**

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

## 187 **RULES OF ORDER**

188 Section 8 In all cases to which they apply and do not conflict with the provisions of these Bylaws,  
189 Robert's Rules of Order (newly revised) shall govern all meetings of the Central  
190 Committee.  
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# 191 **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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## 192 **OFFICERS**

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

## 197 **CHAIRPERSON**

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

## 205 **VICE CHAIRPERSON**

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

## 210 **SECRETARY**

211 Section 4 The Secretary shall keep the minutes, amended minutes and historical records of the  
212 Central Committee and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall carry on the  
213 correspondence of the Central Committee under the direction of the Chairperson, and  
214 shall send out all notices required by the State of California Elections Code and these



215 bylaws. The Secretary shall keep the list of all the members; notify members of their  
216 election to office or appointment to committees and furnish them with the proper  
217 documents; and prepare the agenda for the meetings unless the Chairperson prefers to  
218 do so.

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

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## 223 **TREASURER**

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

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

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## 243 **MEMBER AT-LARGE**

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

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## 248 **TERM**

249 Section 7 The Officers shall serve two (2) year terms commencing at the organizational meeting.

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## 251 **FILLING OF VACANCIES**

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

255

## 256 **REMOVAL**

257 Section 9 Any Officer of the Central Committee may be removed from office for failure to perform  
258 their duties in a responsible manner, including failure to attend board and regular  
259 Central Committee meetings. A request to remove an Officer shall be presented in  
260 writing to the Central Committee Secretary by one or more regular or ex-officio Central  
261 Committee member(s). The written request will include a numeration of the charges

262 preferred against the Officer. A letter with a copy of the complainant's charges will be  
263 sent to the Officer by certified mail with return receipt requested. The Officer will be  
264 given the choice to present their case against removal to the Central Committee at the  
265 next regular Central Committee meeting fifteen (15) or more days from the receipt of  
266 the certified letter, or to resign as an Officer of the Central Committee. If the Officer  
267 chooses to present their case to the Central Committee, the subject will be placed on  
268 the meeting agenda. The vote required for removal of an Officer shall be two-thirds  
269 (2/3) of those eligible to vote at that meeting. If the Officer in question is the Secretary,  
270 then the request for removal shall be presented to the Chair of the Central Committee.

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## 273 **RESIGNATION**

274 Section 10 Any Officer other than the Chairperson may resign at any time by filing a written, signed  
275 resignation with the Chairperson, which specifies the effective date of such resignation.

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277 Section 11 The Chairperson may resign at any time by filing a written, signed resignation with the  
278 Vice Chairperson, specifying the effective date of such resignation. Resignations will be  
279 kept on file by the Secretary.

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## 281 **VACANCIES**

282 Section 12 A vacancy of an Officer of the Central Committee, except the Chairperson, shall be filled  
283 by election at the next regular meeting.

284

285 Section 13 Should a vacancy of the Chairperson be declared, the Vice Chairperson shall preside and  
286 serve as acting-Chairperson until the vacancy is filled. The Vice Chairperson shall  
287 preside over the election of a new Chairperson unless the Vice Chairperson is a  
288 candidate for the office, is absent, or is unable to preside, in which case the remaining  
289 officers shall preside in this order: the Treasurer, first, and Secretary, second. If all of  
290 the Officers have accepted nomination for office or are unable to preside, the members  
291 present shall select an acting-Chairperson for the purpose and duration of conducting  
292 the election.

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## 294 **ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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### 296 **MEMBERSHIP**

297 Section 1 The Officers of the Central Committee shall constitute the Executive Committee

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### 299 **DUTIES**

300 Section 2 The Executive Committee shall have the power to act for the Central Committee on  
301 matters needing immediate attention or when the calling of a special meeting of the  
302 Central Committee is not feasible, and shall perform such other functions, as the Central  
303 Committee shall direct.

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308 **MEETINGS**

309 Section 3 Once a month a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held on a date and time  
310 the Chairperson designates.  
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312 **ARTICLE VI: PARLIAMENTARIAN**

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313 Section 1 The Chairperson may appoint one of the members of the Central Committee to serve as  
314 Parliamentarian for the Central Committee and the Executive Committee. The  
315 Parliamentarian shall advise the Chairperson, when so requested, on procedural  
316 matters. All such advice by the Parliamentarian shall be based on Robert’s Rules of  
317 Order (Newly Revised) and these Bylaws. The Parliamentarian shall serve the same term  
318 as the officers and shall have no voting rights, except as his/her class of membership  
319 may otherwise allow.  
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321 **ARTICLE VII: SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

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322 Section 1 The Chairperson may appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms who shall maintain order and may  
323 expel any member of the public who is found by the Chairperson to be out of order.  
324 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall have no voting privileges except as his/her class of  
325 membership may otherwise allow.  
326

327 **ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES**

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328 **STANDING COMMITTEES**

330 Section 1 The Standing Committees of the Central Committee shall be: Bylaws, Budget and  
331 Finance, Credentials, Fundraising, Public Relations/Issues, Voter Registration, and  
332 Political Development. Each Committee shall submit a proposed budget/line item to the  
333 Treasurer for consideration in the annual budget requests throughout the year as  
334 needed.

335 Section 2 The Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for preparing all proposed bylaw revisions  
336 and presenting them to the Central Committee in accordance with Article XIII of these  
337 bylaws and preparing and distributing copies of these bylaws to all Regular, Ex-officio,  
338 and Alternate members of the Central Committee.  
339

340 Section 3 The Budget and Finance Committee shall be responsible for preparing an annual budget  
341 for the Central Committee and all of its standing and special committees and presenting  
342 this budget to the Central Committee for its approval. The Budget and Finance  
343 Committee will update the budget throughout the year as needed. Requests to make  
344 specific, non-recurring expenditures under line items delineated in the annual and  
345 updated budget shall be evaluated by the Budget and Finance Committee as a whole at  
346 a regular or special meeting.  
347

348 Section 4 The Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for planning and implementing  
349 fundraising events for the Central Committee.  
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351 Section 5 The Public Relations/Issues Committee shall be responsible for such activities as  
352 organizing booths and displays at appropriate public functions; publishing a regular  
353 Central Committee newsletter; and bringing political issues of importance to the

354 attention of the Central Committee and the community.

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356 Section 6 The Voter Registration Committee shall develop and implement an on-going voter  
357 registration program for Tulare County and coordinate with the Chairperson to obtain  
358 current voter registration lists as they become available.

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360 Section 7 The Political Development Committee shall develop and implement planning for  
361 candidate development and support. The committee shall recruit and screen local  
362 candidates and work to involve county Democratic clubs in campaign and get-out-the-  
363 vote (GOTV) activities.

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### 365 **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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

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### 369 **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

370 Section 9 The Chairpersons of all standing committees must be Regular or Ex-officio members of  
371 the Central Committee

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### 373 **AUTHORITY**

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

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## 380 **ARTICLE IX: REPRESENTATION TO THE DEMOCRATIC STATE**

### 381 **CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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### 383 **DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

384 Section 1 Following each regular general election, the Central Committee shall elect  
385 members to the Democratic State Central Committee ("DSCC") within the  
386 timeframe and in the number and proportions as established in the Bylaws and  
387 Rules of the California Democratic Party. Persons elected as members of the  
388 DSCC shall be from among those members of the Central Committee as of the  
389 date of the first regular meeting of the DSCC. Members of the DSCC shall be  
390 elected by the Central Committee on an at-large basis.

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### 392 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DSCC**

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

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### 399 **VACANCIES TO THE DSCC OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DSCC**

400 Section 3 In the event vacancies occur among members elected to the DSCC or to the Executive  
401 Committee of the DSCC, the Chairperson of the Central Committee shall have the

402 authority to appoint members to fill vacancies temporarily until the next meeting at  
403 which an election can take place to fill those vacancies.  
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## 405 **ARTICLE X: ENDORSEMENTS AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### 406 **ENDORSEMENT**

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408 Section 1 An endorsement shall mean a formal expression of support or opposition to a  
409 candidate, proposition or issue.  
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### 411 **USE OF COMMITTEE NAME**

412 Section 2 Use of the name of the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee, either expressed  
413 or implied, shall not be given to any person, group, or proposition for the purpose of  
414 claiming the support or showing the opposition from the Central Committee without  
415 first being granted an endorsement in the manner set forth in this article.  
416

### 417 **ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSITIONS OR ISSUES**

418 Section 3 As a general rule, a proposed endorsement of a proposition or a candidate shall be  
419 presented at a regular meeting of the Central Committee and any action on the  
420 proposal shall be taken at the next regular meeting. However, a vote of endorsement of  
421 a proposition or issue may be made at the first regular meeting or at a special meeting,  
422 if either meeting is properly noticed and the item seeking endorsement is prominently  
423 displayed on the agenda. In either case, the item(s) shall receive endorsement from the  
424 Central Committee by a majority vote of the members present.  
425

### 426 **ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**

427 Section 4 The Political Development Committee will interview and make recommendations of  
428 worthy candidates for endorsement by the Central Committee using the following  
429 criteria:  
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- 431 • The Central Committee endorsement shall be extended only to registered  
432 Democrats.
- 433 • Endorsement shall not be given to more candidates than there are seats open  
434 for the office in question.
- 435 • No vote on endorsement shall be taken by secret ballot.  
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439 The Political Development Committee's final selection will be brought before the  
440 Central Committee membership for vote at a properly-noticed, regular meeting. An  
441 affirmative vote of voting members present shall be sufficient to endorse a candidate.  
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### 443 **NEWS RELEASES**

444 Section 5 No news releases or public statements on behalf of the Central Committee shall be  
445 released except by approval of the Chairperson.  
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450 **ARTICLE XI: DEMOCRATIC CLUBS**

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452 **RECOGNITION OF DEMOCRATIC CLUBS**

453 Section 1 The Central Committee shall prescribe a uniform procedure for the recognition of  
454 Democratic Clubs and for the issuance and revocation of charters, and for the conduct  
455 and regulation thereof; such procedure shall contain, but not be limited to, the  
456 provisions of this article.  
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458 **CHARTERING OF DEMOCRATIC CLUBS**

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

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471 (b) State that under no circumstances may the club consider the endorsement of a  
472 candidate for public office who is not registered with the Democratic Party  
473

474 Section 4 At the time of filing its application for a charter and at the beginning of each year  
475 following, each club shall furnish to the Central Committee a copy of its constitution  
476 and/or bylaws, a list of the club's officers, a list of the names and addresses of all its  
477 voting members, and a check for five dollars (\$5.00) drawn on the club bank account  
478 payable to the Central Committee.  
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480 Section 5 This Central Committee shall provide to each Democratic Club recognized by this Central  
481 Committee a charter signed by the Central Committee's Chairperson.  
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483 Section 6 All other rules and regulations regarding clubs are addressed in the policy manual.  
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485 **ARTICLE XII: EMPLOYEE(S) OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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486 Section 1 No member, alternate member, ex-officio member nor spouse of any member or  
487 alternate shall be eligible for employment by the Central Committee.  
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489 **ARTICLE XIII: POLICY**

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490 Section 1 The Central Committee shall maintain and publish a current Policy Handbook to  
491 implement rules set forth in these Bylaws. The Central Committee shall distribute copies  
492 (either electronic or paper) of the handbook to all Central Committee members and  
493 Chartered Clubs of this Central Committee.  
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497 **ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

498 Section 1 These bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those present at any  
499 regular meeting of the Central Committee. The proposed amendment(s) shall be  
500 presented in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular  
501 meeting of the Central Committee. The proper notice of the second meeting, mailed or  
502 otherwise communicated by the Secretary, shall state the proposed amendment(s).

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504 **ARTICLE XV: EFFECTIVE DATE OF BYLAWS**

505 Section 1 These bylaws shall become effective with the adoption by the Central Committee.  
506 Should any conflict exist between past actions of the Central Committee and these  
507 bylaws, these set of bylaws shall prevail.

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509 Adopted: April 17, 2012

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