

Voted on May 23, 2010 at County Committee Meeting at Beaver Brook Country Club

CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY

We, the Democrats of the County of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey, in order to ensure the participation in the political process of United States, the State of New Jersey and the County of Hunterdon by all people regardless of race, religion, sex, economic status, or any other attribute irrelevant to the right of individual freedom; and with a desire to rededicate ourselves to the traditional principles of the Democratic Party of the United States and of the State of New Jersey and the County of Hunterdon, do hereby acknowledge this Constitution and agree to abide by it as the basic document of the Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County. It is our hope and intention that we can assure the open and free conduct of public affairs in our society and, to that end, we hereby establish and adopt this Constitution of the Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County.

ARTICLE I

Purposes and Powers

The Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County is empowered to:

1. Endorse the principles of the Democratic Party of the State of New Jersey, subject to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of New Jersey.
2. Nominate candidates for election under the laws of the State of New Jersey and shall work towards the election of those candidates.
3. Adopt and promote statements of policy both within and without the legislative process.
4. Raise and disburse money.
5. Manage the affairs of the Democratic Party in the County of Hunterdon in cooperation with the national, State and municipal Democratic organizations.

ARTICLE II

Hunterdon County Democratic Party

The Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County of the State of New Jersey shall be the governing body of the Hunterdon County Democratic Party and shall act in accordance with its constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE III

Platforms and Policies

1. The Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County is responsible for general Hunterdon County Democratic Party policy and organization. The Committee is empowered, within the laws of the State of New Jersey, to determine Party Platforms; to define issues; issue instructions to party workers; and participate in candidate selection.
2. In addition to meetings convened by the Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County, periodic public hearings may be sponsored by the Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County in different parts of the County in order to obtain expressions of public opinion on current issues. These expressions of public attitudes are to be compiled and directed to appropriate committees for consideration in the development of Platforms.

ARTICLE IV

General Provisions

1. The Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County shall ensure the fair selection of candidates for public offices throughout the County, to assure proper consideration being given to national and state party platforms and policies and, in order to carry out the states policies of the County, State and National Parties, the Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County shall take such actions as it deems appropriate and necessary within the limits of the law.
2. Equal opportunity shall be given to all qualified people regardless of race, religion, age, sex, economic status, or any other attribute irrelevant to the right to individual freedom, to participate in all activities carried on by the Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County, including participation as candidates for elective office on all levels.
3. The Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County shall ensure fundamental fairness and the rights of the members of the County Committee in the governing of the County Party.
4. No Democratic County Committee of Hunterdon County Officer or candidate for party or public office, whether national, state, county or municipal, shall publicly support, endorse or assist any duly nominated candidate of another political party who is in opposition to any duly nominated Democratic Candidate while that person holds the position bestowed by the Democratic Party. In the event any such Democratic Party person shall automatically be removed from the position held within the Democratic Party. In the event such person has been placed on the ballot as the nominee for a public elective office, all Democratic support and sponsorship shall be withdrawn immediately.

Article V

Amendments to Constitution

1. **Submission of Amendments:** Any proposed amendment to these By-laws shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the county chairman and secretary.
2. **Referral to Committee:** The county chairman, upon receipt of such proposed amendment, shall submit it to the committee on Rules and By-Laws for study and recommendation to the next meeting of the county committee unless such amendment has been recommended by this committee.
3. **Adoption:** An amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the county committee present and voting at the meeting at which said amendment is considered. The text of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws shall be sent to each member of the county committee at least 10 days prior to the county committee meeting at which it is to be considered. Any amendment so adopted shall be effective immediately, unless the amendment itself provides otherwise.

Enacted: May 23, 2010