

To: KCDCC Chair Natalie Reber
CC: 2018-2020 King County PCOs

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From: Julie Anne Kempf, chair, on behalf of the KCDCC Bylaws and Rules Committee

Chair Reber and incoming 2019-2020 Precinct Committee Officers,

Below is the recommendation of the KCDCC Bylaws and Rules Committee (RBC) on the proposed revision to the KCDCC bylaws submitted by Scott Forbes:

For the proposed bylaw revision to be referred back to the KCDCC Bylaws and Rules Committee with the expectation that the committee will provide a thorough recommendation of the entire KCDCC bylaws, including this submission, before a February meeting of the King County PCOs following the workplan described in Appendix A.

The workplan in Appendix A is *inclusive*, in both seeking out input from the entirety of the membership of the King County Democratic Party (KCDP), PCOs and general members included. It is *transparent*, in that technology based feedback options as the draft is developed will be provided to all members of the KCDP over the course of the months, and that public meetings and workshops will be conducted to also collect input and refine the proposal. It is *conscientious*, as it will be reviewed by the RBC, as well as state-level experts for compliance, conflict, and technical errors. Finally, the workplan is *grassroots*, as the final amended Bylaws, if the recommendation of the RBC is accepted, will be discussed and adopted at a special KCDCC PCO meeting called for that purpose.

the PCOs of King County direct via motion the KCDCC Executive Board to adopt at its January meeting this amendment to Section 6.3 of the existing bylaws, which would facilitate a February 2019 PCO meeting for the purpose of amending the KCDCC Bylaws :

~~The quorum for special meetings of the KCDCC called for the purpose of replacing the Chair, recommending appointments to vacant public offices or other matters of special interest to the membership shall be 25% of PCOs~~ transacting business shall be 15% of the King County PCOs with representation from at least 2/3rds of the Legislative Districts having precincts in King County. Written notice of such meetings shall be provided, including a written agenda of the expected business to be transacted, at least 14 days in advance of the meeting, and if the Bylaws are to be amended, a verbatim copy of the proposed amendment. Special meetings called for other purposes, such as training or informational meetings, shall have no quorum requirement, and notice may be sent by the service deemed most suitable and timely.

Background

The Bylaws and Rules Committee of the KCDCC functioned under two different chairs over the course of the first 8 months of 2018 with the customary 3-4 members in addition to the chair, providing guidance to the chair and the KCDCC Executive Board on matters relating to bylaws, rules, and procedures, as asked from time to time.

From January – May 2018, Bryan Kesterson, RBC chair, noted the considerable challenges faced with some of the inadequacies of the existing Bylaws and the events of Spring 2018. He drew up a listing of

technical issues, and inconsistencies in the existing Bylaws, which formed the basis for the review of the Bylaws which was begun by the RBC.

An examination of the Bylaws in their entirety was commenced, and continued under RBC chair Kempf after her appointment in June 2018. Input was sought by key KCDCC committees, and individual outreach was done to members who had expressed concerns. Progress was mostly paused in September and October 2018, to allow members to focus solely on GOTV in this critical election year, with the exception of producing guidance reports on issues as requested, and producing reports to the KCDCC Executive Board at each monthly meeting.

The RBC chair noted that the committee needed to be more robust and representational for a full Bylaws review, and a call for committee members went out to each LD Chair in early September, with follow-up emails for those districts still not represented. The RBC chair has been engaged in welcoming and orienting new and existing members to the committee with the prospect of the committee working through the bylaws after the election was certified and after reorganization. On October 30, 2018, the KCDCC Executive Board formally directed that the Bylaws and Rules Committee conduct a thorough Bylaws review commencing after the election and culminating in a meeting of the PCOs in February specifically to consider new Bylaws.

On November 18, 2018, PCO Scott Forbes (SEA 43-1996) submitted a revision to the current bylaws of the King County Democrats along with 50 signatures of voting members of the KCDCC, which met the current requirements for a Bylaws amendment to be considered at a meeting of the PCOs of King County.¹ Under the current bylaws, this action required review of the KCDCC Bylaws and Rules Committee.²

The introduction to Mr. Forbes' revision states, in part, that the revision would “turn the KCDCC into a more effective organization—one that's focused on supporting the King County LDs with training, resources, and coordination of cross-district activities.” It further goes on to state the revision would give more “power to the PCOs, including control over endorsements, bylaw amendments, and the power to fill a vacancy in the office of KCDCC Chair.”³

As the Bylaws and Rules Committee, we find great value in the effort of Mr. Forbes and appreciate his desire to ensure the KCDCC is a strong, effective organization that elects our Democratic candidates and promote a representative party open to everyone who supports its principles. Since the submission by Mr. Forbes, at least one PCO has submitted amendments to the Bylaws and Rules Committee to that draft, and the Kesterson list of technical issues is also still active. Some of those amendments were more technical in nature, while other parts of the proposed amendments are more substantive.

There is much to like about the revision and we would like the chance to facilitate an effort to combine Mr. Forbes' product with the technical and compliance concerns previously gathered and on which work was begun by the RBC, and to provide additional input and feedback from the PCOs in King County and other interested Democrats around certain topics in the proposed revision to the KCDCC bylaws.

¹ The proposed revision is found as Appendix B (available electronically at <https://tinyurl.com/ybtfznvs>)

² Section 14.2: An amendment to these Bylaws shall be adopted by the KCDCC if proposed in writing by 50 voting members of KCDCC, submitted to the Bylaws and Rules Committee, and supported by a majority of the PCOs present and voting at a special meeting, provided that 14 days' written notice of the meeting has been sent.

³ <https://www.facebook.com/m.scott.forbes/posts/10157794928593942>

General Concerns

The Bylaws and Rules Committee did not have adequate time to go over all of the proposed revision to the KCDCC bylaws before the reorganization meeting (or to submit timely suggestions or recommendations to the newly-elected PCOs).

We do note that the proposal submitted by Mr. Forbes is not an amendment to the existing KCDCC bylaws but a wholesale revision. We note that it may go to the floor without the recommendation of the KCDCC Bylaws and Rules Committee. That said, since it is a revision, Roberts Rules of Order state that it must be considered *seriatim*.⁴ This means that each paragraph must be reviewed paragraph by paragraph, bullet point by bullet point.⁵ Preliminary votes would be taken on each paragraph and a vote would be held at the end of the process to adopt the revision as a whole. This process offers members the opportunity to amend each of those paragraphs as the body go through the document and so the amendment to that new revision is made, its debated, its resolved before moving on to the next section. After all the articles are read, the whole document is opened up for further discussion and amendment, so if something in Article V is changes and it affects something in Article II, the members can fix it before voting on the revision.

We also note that members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee have suggested amending or adding to other parts of the KCDCC bylaws, beyond what is in the proposed revision. Our preference is to request for input from all of the KCDCC membership which consists, not only of the PCOs, but of those who are members in good standing of the King County LDs who may not be PCOs. Our proposed workplan will consist of calls for input, workshoping events open to all Democrats, a technical review for conflict and compliance issues, reconciliation between similar sections, and a matrixing of those sections with which there are differing views of how a rule should be structured, so the PCOs - the voters - can ultimately make good choices with all available information organized in such a way that they do not have to hunt for it.

A draft of that workplan is found in Appendix A.

Specific Concerns

As a committee, we brought up several examples about the potential problems in the revision - however, we must strongly emphasize that these are only examples – the existing list of items of concern in the revision as carry over from the existing bylaws, as new areas of concern, or of omissions is much longer.

Key examples are: 1) the procedures surrounding a general PCO meeting and 2) shrinking the membership of the Executive Board from 3 voting members to 2 (or 2 to 1) from each LD and 3) assertion of control over the LD organizations. As a Committee, we were not able to come to any conclusion regarding either change - some committee members supported these provisions and others opposed these provisions.⁶

⁴ Amend bylaws or revise bylaws? <https://jurassicparliament.com/amend-bylaws/>

⁵ The full procedures are incorporated in the proposed rules for debate.

⁶ Individual committee members had additional questions and concerns about the revision, but our discussion focused on these three topics.

Regarding the first concern, the draft sent to the Bylaws and Rules Committee includes a requirement for a PCO meeting to be held “prior to the primary election each year and again prior to the general election each year.”⁷ There was considerable debate among the committee whether PCOs are likely have the time resources to attend an endorsement meeting to ensure a quorum, whether the PCOs who would attend broadly reflected the interests of the entire county, as the current Executive Board does today, and the difficulty in scheduling a meeting that could be able to accommodate up to 1200 PCOs. At the same time, there were committee members who strongly did believe that the PCOs are the best capable of issuing endorsements for the King County Democrats.

We must note that the revision would change the requirement for quorum at these meetings to 100 PCOs.⁸ This is a change from the current bylaws that states that quorum of PCOs for special meetings of the KCDCC shall be 25%.⁹ ¹⁰ Assuming no PCO will resign or has resigned prior to reorganization, the current quorum requirements for special meetings is 253 PCOs, nearly a 60% decrease in number of PCOs that would be necessary to conduct business.

Our second concern is the proposal to change the number of Executive Board members from 3 voting members per Legislative District to 2 (or in some cases from 3 to 1 or 2 to 1).¹¹ Mr. Forbes suggests that the current Executive Board is “unnecessarily large and unwieldy” and the revision would improve gender representation. We are sensitive to the need for all Democratic committees to achieve greater gender representation.

During our discussion, it was mentioned that in the 30th LD, the vast majority of the LD is within King County, seven precincts are in Pierce County. This means that only the 30th LD Chair would be represented on the KCDCC Executive Board (and go from three voting members to one). We have strong reservations about this provision. We also note that it would be possible for five seats on the Executive Board might go to non-King County residents (a Snohomish or Skagit County Chair in the 39th, a Snohomish County Chair in the 1st or 32nd, and Pierce County Chairs in the 30th and 31st). Some committee members are also concerned that this provision would be unduly burdensome on the LD Chairs, who already have lots on their plate.

We also noted a problem in the proposed Bylaws amendment that exists already in the current Bylaws – the KCDCC repeatedly tries to exert control of the LDs, by dictating conditions and operational rules to them such as how their district chooses to appoint PCOs for their half of the appointment process. Outside

⁷ Proposed Section 8.3.7: The PCOs shall meet to consider the committee’s recommendations for endorsements prior to the primary election each year and again prior to the general election each year.

⁸ Proposed Section 6.4: Quorum at PCO meetings shall be the greater of 100 PCOs or half the number of PCOs who sign in.

⁹ Section 6.2: The quorum for special meetings of the KCDCC called for the purpose of replacing the Chair, recommending appointments to vacant public offices or other matters of special interest to the membership shall be 25% of PCOs.

¹⁰ We recognize that the quorum requirements in the current bylaws is both inconsistent and confusing. Section 5.9 states that a quorum for a meeting to remove and officer shall be 20% of the PCOs, and Article VI is about special KCDCC meetings, which include the reorganization meeting.

¹¹ Proposed Section 7.2.2: The District Chair of each Legislative District Organization having one or more precincts in King County shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

Legislative District Organizations whose precincts are entirely within King County may elect one additional representative to serve as a voting member of the Executive Board. The representative shall be a different gender than the District Chair.

of a responsibility for planning and starting the LD re-organizational meeting, the KCDCC does not have any continuing operational authority over the LDs.¹²

Recommendation

We believe there is value and interest in giving a thorough review of the KCDCC bylaws and thank Mr. Forbes for his efforts to provide a revision to the existing KCDCC bylaws. There are many good provisions in the revisions, but some we would prefer to think about some more before giving a recommendation to the Executive Board and the King County PCOs.

We want our county organization truly representative and open to everyone who supports our Democratic values. We pledge to continue to work together to build a strong, effective organization that support public officials, candidates, issues and policies that protect individuals' rights, civil liberties, our environment, and social and economic justice for all.

To that end, our recommendation on the revision to the KCDCC bylaws submitted by Mr. Forbes and 50 voting members of the KCDCC is for the proposed bylaw revision to be referred back to the KCDCC Bylaws and Rules Committee with the expectation that the committee will provide a thorough recommendation before a February meeting of the PCOs following the workplan described in Appendix A.

We also recommend that PCOs vote to instruct the Executive Board to modify the quorum requirement at PCO meetings to 15% and representing 2/3rds of the Legislative Districts in King County at its January meeting. This change would make it easier for the PCOs to transact business at PCO meetings with ensuring strong geographic representation.

Implications of this vote

A yes vote on this report would refer the revision back to the Bylaws and Rules Committee where the committee would undertake a comprehensive review of the KCDCC bylaws as described in Appendix A, with a workplan envisioning Inclusion, transparency, conscientiousness, and grassroots input. The proposal to amend the quorum requirements would be referred to the Executive Board for potential adoption at its January meeting.

A no vote on this report would mean that the KCDCC would discuss bylaw changes following the election of the statutory officers and the essential officers (Secretary and Treasurer) of the County as shown in the proposed agenda for the reorganization meeting. At that point, an eligible PCO may move to adopt the Forbes revision. At that point, the revision would be reviewed section by section, bullet point by bullet point, and eligible PCOs may make amendments to each section.¹³

¹² We similarly note there is a similar concern about Article 13 of the current bylaws.

¹³ With a revision, the current bylaws are not under consideration. If the revision is defeated, no change to the current bylaws takes place. If members like certain things in the revision but reject the revision as a whole, they have to propose amendments to the current bylaws.

Appendix A

Draft Workplan

[Fri, Dec 7](#): Launch input website and call for submissions from all King County PCOs and other King County Democrats

[Saturday, Dec 15th](#): RBC meeting with initial review of data gathered

[Monday, Dec 17th](#): Refine call for input using initial response, and reach out again to KCDCC members

[Dec 24 - Dec 31](#): Identify sections of no conflict, Identify sections needing matrix of solutions

[Jan 2nd](#): Post work in progress for comment

[Jan 13th](#): RBC meeting, workshopping

[Jan 17th](#) Launch survey monkey for sections with conflict

Jan TBD: workshopping event

[Jan 25-27](#) State Committee Meeting - informal review by State Rules Committee

[Feb 2](#): Final RBC committee

[Feb 4](#): Publish final RBC report out for [Feb 9th](#) meeting vote

[Feb 9](#): All-county PCO meeting and vote.

Appendix B

FORBES Amendment: Proposed Bylaws of the King County Democratic Central Committee

(Proposed for adoption at the December 1, 2018 Reorganization Meeting)

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Preamble

We, the Democrats of King County, Washington, are committed to the principles of the Democratic Party and the United States of America. We hereby adopt these Bylaws to make our county organization truly representative and open to everyone who supports these principles. We pledge to work together to support public officials, candidates, issues and policies that protect individuals' rights, civil liberties, our environment, and social and economic justice for all. We encourage participation by the citizens of King County in all levels of their government. We seek their support by providing information regarding the ideals, goals, and operations of the King County Democratic Party and its endorsed candidates and issues.

Article 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the King County Democratic Central Committee (“KCDCC”).

Article 2. Purpose

The KCDCC is the county central committee for the Democratic Party in King County pursuant to the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic National Committee, the Washington State Democratic Party, and the laws of the State of Washington. Its purposes include:

- Supporting the Legislative District Organizations of King County by building and providing shared party infrastructure, coordinating cross-district activities, providing leadership training, and sharing best practices;

- Electing Democratic candidates and judicial candidates to federal, state, and county offices, and encouraging public officials at these levels to act in accordance with the values of the Democratic Party as expressed in the National, State, and KCDCC party platforms;
- Ensuring that the KCDCC and the Legislative District Organizations are free from harassment and bullying, and treat people fairly and equitably regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, age, origin, religion, economic status, marital status, parental status, or other marginalized identity; and
- Performing the functions delegated by statute and the Washington State Democratic Party to county committees, including nominating candidates to fill vacancies in partisan county and legislative district positions and calling reorganization meetings of the Legislative District Organizations.

Article 3. Membership

Section 3.1. Voting Members

Voting members of the KCDCC shall include all Democratic Precinct Committee Officers (“PCOs”) who represent precincts within King County. As used in these Bylaws, the unqualified term “PCO” means:

- An Elected PCO, who was elected to that office pursuant to state law; or
- An Appointed PCO, who was appointed pursuant to state law and these Bylaws.

Section 3.2. Non-voting Members

Non-voting members of the KCDCC shall include:

- Democratic public officeholders who represent residents of King County.
- Officers of the Democratic National Committee, the Washington State Democratic Party, the Congressional District Organizations, and the Legislative District Organizations who reside in King County.
- Officers of the KCDCC and the King County Young Democrats.
- Acting PCOs. An “Acting PCO” is a person who volunteers to perform the duties of a PCO for a precinct, but is not eligible to serve as the PCO for that precinct.
- Any other person who provides financial or organizational support to the KCDCC, including serving on a KCDCC committee or volunteering, and who agrees to become a member and support the principles of the KCDCC.

Section 3.3. Membership Dues

The KCDCC Executive Board may establish dues to be paid by the Legislative District Organizations. Such dues may be waived or reduced by the Executive Board or its designee. In accordance with the Charter of the Washington State Democratic Party, participation in the KCDCC or receipt of services provided by the KCDCC shall not be denied for failure to pay membership dues.

The KCDCC shall not impose membership dues on individuals or on the King County Young Democrats. The KCDCC may, however, solicit donations from any individual or organization as part of the KCDCC's regular fundraising activities.

Article 4. Precinct Committee Officers (“PCOs”)

Section 4.1. Eligibility

To become or continue as the PCO for a precinct, state law requires that the person be a member of the party and be registered to vote in the precinct. PCOs are elected through the primary election process in even-numbered years, and serve two-year terms starting on December 1 of even-numbered years.

Section 4.2. Filling Vacancies

For any precinct that does not have a PCO, the Legislative District Organization that includes the precinct may recommend an eligible person to fill the vacancy. The KCDCC shall accept the Legislative District Organization's recommendation and appoint the person to be a PCO provided that the following conditions are met:

- The precinct in question is vacant at the time the recommendation is made.
- The Legislative District Organization has set a reasonable deadline, not to exceed two weeks, by which an application to fill the vacancy must be submitted in advance in order to be voted on at a meeting of the Legislative District Organization.
- An application was submitted prior to the deadline.
- The application was approved by a majority vote of PCOs.
- The application was signed by the District Chair and submitted to the County Chair.

Within 30 days of receiving a PCO application, the County Chair shall either sign and approve the application, which completes the PCO appointment process, or provide a written statement to the Legislative District Organization as to why the application is not approved.

The KCDCC Secretary shall maintain a list of all Elected, Appointed, and Acting PCOs, which shall be posted on the KCDCC website.

Section 4.3. Acting PCOs

An Acting PCO may be appointed for a vacant precinct using the same procedure as above. The term of an Acting PCO shall continue until a PCO for the precinct is elected or appointed.

Article 5. Officers

Section 5.1. Elected Officers

The elected officers of the KCDCC shall be the County Chair, First Vice-Chair, Vice-Chair for Communications, Vice-Chair for Outreach, Vice-Chair for Fundraising, Treasurer, Secretary, and two State Committee Members.

Section 5.2. Genders of Elected Officers

Section 5.2.1. County Chair and Vice-Chairs

The First Vice-Chair and at least one other Vice-Chair shall be a different gender than the County Chair.

Section 5.2.2. State Committee Members

The State Committee Members shall be of different genders.

Section 5.2.3. Terms of Office

The KCDCC's elected officers shall serve until the next Reorganization Meeting or until their successors are elected.

Section 5.3. Filling Vacancies

Section 5.3.1. Vacancy in the Office of County Chair

A vacancy in the office of County Chair shall be filled by election at a PCO meeting, which shall be called within 30 days of the vacancy occurring.

Section 5.3.2. Vacancy in Other Elected Office

A vacancy in any elected office other than County Chair shall be filled by election at a PCO meeting or at the next regular meeting of the Executive Board for which sufficient notice can be provided.

Section 5.4. Duties of Officers

Section 5.4.1. General Duties

All officers of the KCDCC shall have the following general duties:

- Leading the Democratic Party’s efforts at the county level, and ensuring that the KCDCC performs all of the necessary functions of a county party organization.
- Supporting the Legislative District Organizations in their efforts to fundraise, recruit PCOs, activate Democratic voters, and endorse and elect candidates, and ensuring that the KCDCC’s efforts do not conflict with those efforts.
- Complying with, and ensuring that other members comply with, the KCDCC’s code of conduct.
- Ensuring that the KCDCC remains fiscally solvent and that planned expenditures do not exceed the organization’s approved budget or its fundraising efforts.
- Completing an annual plan and an end-of-year report for each year of their term of office, and completing an end-of-term transition plan and materials.
- Attending at least three-fourths of all KCDCC meetings and at least three Legislative District Organization or King County Young Democrats meetings per year and documented in their end-of-year report.

Section 5.4.2. Duties of the County Chair

- Calling, issuing the proposed agenda, and chairing all meetings of the KCDCC. If the County Chair is unable to attend or chair a KCDCC meeting for any reason, the inability shall be communicated as far in advance as practicable.
- Appointing PCOs pursuant to Section 4.2 of these Bylaws.
- Implementing the policies of the KCDCC, including the code of conduct.
- Calling and issuing the proposed agenda and rules for all Legislative District Organization reorganization meetings.
- Appointing a Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and other individuals as necessary for the efficient and fair conduct of meetings.
- If the KCDCC hires paid staff, creating and chairing a Human Resources Committee consisting of at least five members.
- Serving as the KCDCC’s sole authorized spokesperson. Documentation shall only be published or provided outside of the organization upon approval of the County Chair or their designee, or upon a majority vote of the Executive Board.
- Representing the KCDCC to the Organization of County and District Chairs.
- Ensuring that all financial and legal obligations of the KCDCC are duly planned for and met in a timely manner.
- Performing any other duties assigned by vote of the PCOs or the Executive Board.

Section 5.4.3. Duties of the First Vice-Chair

- Chairing the Code of Conduct Committee.
- Chairing the Legislative District Organization Support Committee, including creation of an annual plan and measures of success for the committee.
- Performing any other duties assigned by vote of the PCOs or the Executive Board.

Section 5.4.4. Duties of the Vice-Chair for Communications

- Chairing the Communications Committee, including creation of an annual plan and measures of success for the committee.
- Performing any other duties assigned by vote of the PCOs or the Executive Board.

Section 5.4.5. Duties of the Vice-Chair for Outreach

- Chairing the Outreach Committee, including creation of an annual plan and measures of success for the committee.
- Performing any other duties assigned by vote of the PCOs or the Executive Board.

Section 5.4.6. Duties of the Vice-Chair for Fundraising

- Chairing the Fundraising Committee, including creation of an annual plan and measures of success for committee.
- Performing any other duties assigned by vote of the PCOs or the Executive Board.

Section 5.4.7 Duties of the Secretary

- Preparing the minutes and maintaining attendance records for all meetings of the KCDCC, the Executive Board, officer meetings and county conventions. Drafts of minutes and attendance records will be made available to all KCDCC members no later than two weeks after the meeting in question.
- Maintaining all non-financial records of the KCDCC, including all standing rules and resolutions adopted by the KCDCC or the Executive Board.
- Performing any other duties assigned by vote of the PCOs or the Executive Board.

Section 5.4.8 Duties of the Treasurer

- Accurately preparing and timely filing all reports required by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission or other legal authorities.
- Maintaining the financial records of the KCDCC, including a record of all assets and properties.
- Supervising the disbursement of funds in accordance with the KCDCC's budget.
- Providing, at each meeting of the KCDCC and the Executive Board, a written financial report showing the KCDCC's fundraising to date for the calendar year and KCDCC's expenditures to date relative to the budget.

- Chairing the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Performing any other duties assigned by vote of the PCOs or the Executive Board.

Section 5.4.9 Duties of the State Committee Members

- Representing the KCDCC and acting as the KCDCC’s liaison to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC).
- Before State Committee meetings, gathering input and guidance on upcoming State Party business from officers and members of the KCDCC.
- After State Committee meetings, providing summaries of the business conducted, the outcomes, and likely topics for the following meeting.
- Performing any other duties assigned by vote of the PCOs or the Executive Board.

Section 5.4.10. Delegation of Duties

Except as provided below, any elected officer may delegate any of their duties to another elected officer, paid staff member, KCDCC committee, or other member of the KCDCC. If a duty is delegated, responsibility for ensuring that the duty is performed remains with the elected officer. The following duties cannot be delegated:

- The general duties listed in Section 5.4.1.
- The County Chair’s statutory authority to appoint PCOs.
- The State Committee Members’ duty to represent the KCDCC on the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, unless the State Party bylaws say otherwise.
- Any duty that the PCOs or the Executive Board assigns to an officer and indicates cannot be delegated.

Section 5.5. Removal of Officers

Provided that notice is given, any KCDCC elected officer may be removed from office by:

- If the Code of Conduct Committee recommends that the officer be removed, a majority vote of the Executive Board;
- A two-thirds vote of the Executive Board; or
- A majority vote of the PCOs.

A trial or other special proceeding is not required.

Article 6. PCO Meetings

Section 6.1. Reorganization Meeting

In any year in which PCO elections are held, the newly elected PCOs shall meet for the purpose of reorganizing the KCDCC. The reorganization meeting shall be held after the newly elected PCOs take office on December 1, but no later than the second Sunday of the following January.

Rules for the reorganization meeting shall be adopted by the Executive Board of the retiring KCDCC.

Section 6.2. *Other PCO Meetings*

Other PCO meetings may be called by majority vote of the Executive Board or written petition of 20% of the PCOs.

Section 6.3. *Notice of PCO Meetings*

Written notice of any PCO meetings, including an agenda of the expected business to be transacted, shall be sent to the PCOs at least 14 days in advance. Written notice may be sent by email or other electronic means, but shall be sent via U.S. mail to any PCO who requests it or when electronic communication is refused or returned.

Section 6.4. *Quorum at PCO Meetings*

Quorum at PCO meetings shall be the greater of 100 PCOs or half the number of PCOs who sign in.

Article 7. Executive Board

Section 7.1. *Purpose and Powers*

The Executive Board is the administrative body for the KCDCC and shall act on behalf of the KCDCC. Except as specified otherwise by these bylaws or by majority vote of the PCOs, the Executive Board is authorized to exercise all powers and carry out all duties delegated to the KCDCC by state law and by the charters and bylaws of the National and State Democratic Parties.

Section 7.2. *Membership*

Section 7.2.1 *Elected Officers of the KCDCC*

The elected officers of the KCDCC, as listed in Section 5.1 of these Bylaws, shall be voting members and shall comprise the officers of the Executive Board.

Section 7.2.2 *Legislative District Organizations*

The District Chair of each Legislative District Organization having one or more precincts in King County shall be a voting member of the Executive Board.

Legislative District Organizations whose precincts are entirely within King County may elect one additional representative to serve as a voting member of the Executive Board. The representative shall be a different gender than the District Chair.

Section 7.2.3 King County Young Democrats

The Chair of the King County Young Democrats and one representative elected by the King County Young Democrats shall be voting members of the Executive Board. The representative shall be a different gender than the Chair.

Section 7.2.4 Ex Officio Members

The State Party Chair, State Committee Members (other than the KCDCC's State Committee Members) who reside in King County, and any Democratic National Committee representatives who reside in King County shall be non-voting *ex officio* members of the Executive Board. By majority vote, the Executive Board may grant non-voting *ex officio* memberships to other officeholders or representatives of organizations.

Section 7.2.5. Proxies at Executive Board Meetings

If a District Chair or the King County Young Democrats Chair cannot attend an Executive Board meeting, any vice-chair from their organization who attends the meeting shall automatically be designated as a proxy. If more than one vice-chair is in attendance, the vice-chair who was elected first shall be designated as the proxy.

If a Legislative District Organization or the King County Young Democrats elect an alternate KCDCC representative, then that person shall automatically be designated as a proxy for their representative.

The Chair of an organization may further designate other members of the organization to serve as proxies for their Chair or representative as needed.

Section 7.3. Executive Board Meetings

Section 7.3.1. Schedule for Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board shall meet at least quarterly.

Section 7.3.2. Quorum at Executive Board Meetings

A quorum of the Executive Board shall be 40% of those eligible to vote. For purposes of determining a quorum, valid proxies shall be counted and unfilled vacancies shall not be counted.

Section 7.3.3. Notice of Executive Board Meetings

Written notice of any Executive Board meetings, including an agenda of the expected business to be transacted, shall be sent to the voting members at least seven days in advance. Written notice may be sent by email or other electronic means, but shall be sent via U.S. mail to any voting member who requests it or when electronic communication is refused or returned.

Article 8. Committees

Section 8.1. General Provisions

Except as noted below, each committee shall be subject to the general provisions in this section.

Section 8.1.1. Appointment of Committee Members

The County Chair shall appoint the chair and members of each committee, and shall serve as an *ex officio* member. The term of appointment shall be from the time when the Chair notifies the Executive Board of the appointment to the next reorganization meeting. Names and contact information for all committee chairs shall be made available to all KCDCC members, and a list of members shall be made available for committees that conduct business by vote.

Section 8.1.2. Removal of Committee Members

If appointed by the County Chair, committee members (including the committee chair) may be removed by either the County Chair or a majority vote of the Executive Board. Committee members appointed by other officers or organizations may be removed by the appointing officer or organization, or by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

Section 8.1.3. Co-Chairs

Unless otherwise specified, the County Chair may appoint two members to serve as co-chairs of a committee. Co-Chairs are each empowered to perform any duty assigned to the committee chair. Co-Chairs are responsible for providing written communication regarding designation of responsibilities and accountability structure to the County Chair.

Section 8.1.4. Annual Plan with Measurable Goals

By no later than February 1 of each year, each committee shall report to the Executive Board an annual plan including a list of specific, measurable goals the committee intends to achieve in that calendar year. The Executive Board may approve this plan by majority vote, amend the plan and approve it, or refer the plan back to the committee for revision. The committee shall provide a written report of its progress toward achieving the goals in its annual plan at the end of the year.

Section 8.2. Code of Conduct Committee

Section 8.2.1. Purpose

The Code of Conduct Committee is the investigative and hearing body for alleged violations of the KCDCC's code of conduct, and is responsible for determining whether the code of conduct has been violated and recommending disciplinary action to the Executive Board. The Executive Board is ultimately responsible for enforcing the code of conduct.

Section 8.2.2. Membership

The County Chair and the KCDCC Vice-Chairs shall each either serve as a member of the committee or, by notifying the Executive Board, appoint a person to serve on their behalf. The First Vice-Chair or their appointee shall chair the committee.

Section 8.2.3. Ombudsperson

The committee may, at its discretion, appoint an ombudsperson to advise and assist the committee in performing its duties. If an ombudsperson is appointed, the appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board, and may be removed by majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 8.2.4. Code of Conduct

The committee shall, by no later than March 1 of each year, review the code of conduct and recommend any changes or updates to the Executive Board. If a code of conduct has not been adopted, the committee shall draft one by March 1 and recommend it to the Executive Board for adoption. The committee's recommendations shall not be binding, and this section shall not be interpreted to limit the ability of the Executive Board or the PCOs to adopt or amend the code of conduct.

Section 8.2.5. Complaints

Any member may report a possible code of conduct violation by submitting a written complaint to any member of the committee. The complaint shall identify the person who submitted it (which may be any witness to the purported violation), the accused individual, the section(s) of the code of conduct that were purportedly violated, and any testimony, evidence, or other information that may assist the committee.

Section 8.2.6. Investigations

Within 30 days of receiving a written complaint, the committee shall investigate the complaint and determine, for each accusation in the complaint, (a) whether the accusation is credible, and if so (b) whether it represents a violation of the code of conduct. If three members of the committee answer both questions in the affirmative, then the accused individual shall be deemed to have violated the code of conduct with regard to that accusation.

Section 8.2.7. Standard of Review for Investigations

The committee shall use a preponderance of the evidence standard when determining the outcome of its investigations. That is, the committee shall determine, based on the testimony and evidence that the committee gathers, whether it is more likely than not that the accusation is true and the code of conduct has been violated.

Section 8.2.8. Confidentiality of Investigations

The committee shall keep its investigations, its deliberations, and the identities of the accused and accusing parties confidential to the extent it does not interfere with gathering testimony or evidence.

Section 8.2.9. Recusals from Investigations

An individual member of the committee shall automatically be recused from any investigation in which the accused or accuser is:

- The individual member of the committee; or
- The officer who appointed them to the committee.

Members of the committee may also recuse themselves for any other reason.

If the First Vice-Chair or their appointee is recused from an investigation, then the Chair or their appointee shall chair the committee with regard to that investigation only.

Section 8.2.10. Outcomes of Investigations

If the committee determines that an accusation is not credible, or that the code of conduct has not been violated, the committee shall close its investigation. The committee shall maintain an archive of closed investigations for at least three years.

If the committee determines that an individual has violated the code of conduct, the committee may recommend one or more disciplinary actions to the Executive Board. The disciplinary actions that the committee may recommend shall be limited to the following:

- Removing the individual from elected or appointed office of the KCDCC.
- Disqualifying the individual from being elected or appointed to any office that is subject to election, appointment, or nomination by the KCDCC or the Executive Board. The disqualification may be temporary, permanent, or tied to the individual performing an action to remedy the violation. If the individual is currently an officer and is disqualified but not removed, the individual may serve the remainder of their term, but may not be re-elected or re-appointed.
- Suspending the individual from performing a duty or duties. The suspension may be temporary, permanent, or tied to the individual performing an action to remedy the violation. Duties that may be suspended include:
 - Any officer duty that can be delegated under Section 5 of these Bylaws;
 - The duty of representing an organization at KCDCC meetings;
 - The duty of chairing or serving on a KCDCC committee; or
 - Any other duty assigned by the County Chair, the PCOs, the Executive Board, or a KCDCC committee.

- Banning the individual from physically attending or virtually participating in KCDCC meetings, events, forums, office spaces, message boards, or other places or activities.
- Requiring the individual to perform an action or actions to remedy the violation.
- Disqualifying the individual from receiving the KCDCC's endorsement.
- Censuring the individual.

If the committee determines that the code of conduct was violated but does not recommend disciplinary action, the committee shall report its reasons for that decision in writing to the Executive Board.

Regardless of the outcome of an investigation, the committee may also recommend non-disciplinary actions to the Executive Board or the PCOs, such as amending the Code of Conduct or the Bylaws to address an issue or improve the workings of the committee.

If recusals or vacancies leave the committee with fewer than three members, the committee shall report to the Executive Board that it received a complaint but was unable to investigate. Upon receiving such a report, the Executive Board may, at its discretion, appoint an *ad hoc* committee of five members to perform the duties of the committee with regard to the complaint in question.

Section 8.2.11. Adoption of Recommendations

The Executive Board may adopt any or all of the committee's recommended disciplinary actions by majority vote. If the code of conduct has been violated but the Executive Board disagrees with the committee's recommendations for disciplinary action (or lack thereof), then the Executive Board may, by two-thirds vote, impose disciplinary actions from the list above that the committee did not recommend.

The Executive Board may not impose a disciplinary action for violating the code of conduct if the committee's determination was that the code of conduct has not been violated. However, nothing in this section shall be interpreted as preventing the Executive Board or the PCOs from invoking other rules, including other sections of these bylaws, to remove an officer, remove a committee chair or committee member, or discipline members for reasons other than code of conduct violations.

Section 8.2.12. Role of Executive Board in Investigations

The Executive Board shall rely on the Code of Conduct Committee to investigate and report whether the code of conduct has been violated, and shall not conduct its own trials or investigations with regard to this question. The Executive Board may, by two-thirds vote, direct the committee to reopen an investigation to consider additional information that has come to light since the committee made its report to the Executive Board. However, the committee may

consider whether the additional information was deliberately withheld for purposes of delaying the investigation, and if so may treat that act as a separate violation of the code of conduct.

Section 8.2.13. Performance of Remedial Actions

If the Executive Board requires an individual to perform an action to remedy a code of conduct violation, the committee shall meet after a reasonable time (or, if the Executive Board sets a deadline, after the deadline) to assess whether the action has been performed. If the action has not been performed, or was performed in a manner that did not remedy the code of conduct violation, the committee shall report that issue to the Executive Board and may recommend further disciplinary action.

Section 8.2.14. Effect on Eligibility to Hold Office

No person shall be elected, appointed, or nominated to any office by the KCDCC or the Executive Board who was removed or permanently disqualified from office for violating the KCDCC's code of conduct or another Democratic organization's code of conduct. But the Executive Board may, by a two-thirds vote, remove such disability.

Section 8.3. Endorsements and Elections Committee

Section 8.3.1. Purpose

The Endorsements and Elections Committee shall make recommendations to the PCOs regarding proposed endorsements of candidates and campaigns, and shall lead the KCDCC's efforts to support endorsed candidates and campaigns. The committee shall also lead KCDCC's efforts to provide election observers and protect the integrity of elections.

Section 8.3.2. Membership

The County Chair, the KCDCC Vice-Chairs, the District Chairs, and the King County Young Democrats Chair shall each appoint one member of the committee. The member appointed by the County Chair shall chair the committee.

Section 8.3.3. Duties—Endorsements

The committee shall propose endorsements for the following candidates and campaigns only:

- Candidates for King County offices, including judicial offices.
- Candidates for municipal offices, including judicial offices, in cities in King County that span more than one Legislative District.
- Ballot measures for King County or cities in King County that span more than one Legislative District.
- Candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives whose districts include all or part of King County.

As described below, the committee shall defer to the Democratic National Committee, the Washington State Democratic Party, and the Legislative District Organizations with regard to recommended endorsements of other candidates and campaigns.

Section 8.3.4. Duties—Elections

The committee shall work with the Legislative District Organizations to coordinate cross-district efforts to support the KCDCC’s endorsed candidates and campaigns. The committee shall also be responsible for recruiting, training, and coordinating the activities of Democratic Party election observers and election board workers, and for recommending policies that increase voter turnout and safeguard the integrity of the election process.

Section 8.3.5. Questionnaire

The committee shall, by no later than March 1 of each year, propose to the Executive Board one or more questionnaires for vetting potential candidates and ballot measures. The Executive Board may approve the questionnaires by majority vote, and may amend the questionnaires or refer them back to the committee. To the extent possible, the committee shall work with the Legislative District Organizations and the King County Young Democrats to minimize the number of questionnaires that candidates must complete.

To be eligible for endorsement, a candidate or campaign must return the questionnaire to the committee chair at least seven days prior to the committee meeting at which endorsements are to be recommended, or by the Monday following the end of the candidate filing period, whichever is later. Completed questionnaires must also be made available to PCOs at least seven days prior to the meeting at which endorsements are to be made.

Section 8.3.6. Slate of Recommended Endorsements

The committee may propose some or all of its recommended endorsements to the PCOs as a slate. If the committee proposes a slate, any PCO may call for division to remove a recommendation from the slate. The removed recommendation(s) shall then be voted on individually.

Section 8.3.7. Endorsements

The PCOs shall meet to consider the committee’s recommendations for endorsements prior to the primary election each year and again prior to the general election each year. The PCOs may, by majority vote, endorse any candidate or position that is recommended by the committee. By two-thirds vote, the PCOs may endorse a candidate or position that was considered but not recommended by the committee. The Executive Board shall defer to the PCOs with regard to endorsements, and shall not make its own endorsements.

The KCDCC shall defer to the Democratic National Committee, the Washington State Democratic Party, and the Legislative District Organizations with regard to endorsements of

other candidates and campaigns. Candidates and measures that appear on all ballots statewide shall be deemed to have received the KCDCC's endorsement if they are nominated by a convention of the National or State Party, or if they receive the endorsements of two-thirds of the Legislative District Organizations. Candidates and measures that appear on ballots in a single legislative district shall be deemed to have received the KCDCC's endorsement if they are endorsed by the Legislative District Organization for that legislative district.

Section 8.4. Communications Committee

Section 8.4.1. Purpose

The Communications Committee shall be responsible for regular communications about KCDCC functions and opportunities for engagement with the stakeholders of the KCDCC, including the KCDCC Executive Board, the PCOs, Legislative District and KCYD Executive Boards, Elected Officials, and financial supporters.

Section 8.4.2. Duties

The committee's primary focus shall be to provide timely and valuable information about the work of the party to its stakeholders. This shall be accomplished by:

- Building and maintaining the infrastructure to communicate across multiple channels as appropriate for the information and audience, including websites, email, social media, physical mail, phone banks, and text banks.
- Ensuring all stakeholders have access to the information needed to participate fully in the organization and furthering its mission.
- Developing and updating a Communications Guidelines document to support broader volunteer engagement in creating messaging and communications.
- Building a diverse and engaged Communications Committee.
- Creating an annual plan and measures of success to accomplish the above.

Section 8.5. Outreach Committee

Section 8.5.1. Purpose

The Outreach Committee shall engage with communities who are underrepresented in party membership and leadership and identify opportunities to make party membership more welcoming and inclusive.

Section 8.5.2. Duties

The committee's primary focus shall be to identify and implement opportunities to welcome and include members from communities who are underrepresented. Outreach activities shall include:

- Determining communities that are underrepresented in party membership via available demographic data and surveys of communities.
- Identifying community organizations already serving communities determined to be underrepresented and building relationships with those organizations.
- Convening underrepresented members to discuss and document barriers to participation and membership.
- Recommending actions to the Executive Board to reduce identified barriers.
- Actively recruiting underrepresented members to party leadership roles.
- Building a diverse and engaged Outreach Committee.
- Creating an annual plan and measures of success to accomplish the above.

Section 8.6. Fundraising Committee

Section 8.6.1. Purpose

The Fundraising Committee shall support the County Chair in ensuring that the organization has sufficient funds to operate and support its mission.

Section 8.6.2. Duties

The committee's primary focus shall be communications, direct donor outreach, and fundraising events. Fundraising activities shall include:

- Creating and maintaining a donor database with sufficient details to support fundraising efforts.
- Determining annual budget and fundraising requirements in conjunction with the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Developing content for the Communications Committee to inform donors of how fundraising is going and what their funds are accomplishing.
- Scheduling and staffing call time with the County Chair and the KCDCC Vice Chairs for donor outreach.
- Planning and executing annual fundraising events.
- Building a diverse and engaged Outreach Committee.
- Creating an annual plan and measures of success to accomplish the above.

Section 8.7. Legislative District Organization Support Committee

Section 8.7.1. Purpose

The Legislative District Organization Support Committee shall lead the KCDCC's efforts to ensure that the Legislative District Organizations and other Party organizations have the tools and training they need to be effective. The committee shall work within the KCDCC, the Legislative District Organizations, and the King County Young Democrats to develop leaders

and community organizers, and to ensure that our Party’s leadership reflects the diversity of its membership.

Section 8.7.2. Duties

The committee’s primary focus shall be to develop training programs for Legislative District Organization officers and KCYD officers. Training programs shall include:

- Training District Chairs and other officers in essential leadership skills, including how to run meetings, how to inspire and motivate volunteers, and how to make the organizations they lead inclusive and welcoming.
- Training Treasurers in essential fiscal skills, including how to comply with public disclosure laws, how to develop and implement budgets, and how to manage expenditures.
- Training all current and future Party leaders in essential party-building skills, including recruiting skills, outreach skills, communication skills, and how to lead and work within diverse groups.
- Training-the-trainer programs that empower the Legislative District Organizations to provide training to their PCOs and members.

The committee shall develop training programs and materials for delivery in both online and offline formats.

Section 8.8. Candidate Development Committee

Section 8.8.1. Purpose

The Candidate Development Committee shall ensure that every election in King County includes at least one viable candidate who strongly supports the Democratic Party’s values. The committee and shall recruit and train candidates for public office who reflect the diversity of the party’s membership, and who work together effectively to enact Democratic policies and legislation.

Section 8.8.2. Duties

By February 1 of each year, the committee shall identify a list of elected and appointed positions for which candidates are needed, and develop recruiting plans to ensure that these positions are contested by Democratic candidates (or, for judicial positions, by candidates who strongly support the Democratic Party’s values). The committee shall ensure that its plans do not conflict with any candidate recruiting efforts of the Legislative District Organizations or the Washington State Democratic Party.

The committee shall also develop candidate training programs, with a particular focus on encouraging candidates from underrepresented communities to run for office.

Section 8.9. Party Infrastructure Committee

Section 8.9.1. Purpose

The Party Infrastructure Committee shall provide the KCDCC, the Legislative District Organizations, and the King County Young Democrats with the tools and technologies needed to make these organizations more effective.

Section 8.9.2. Duties

The committee shall survey the tools and technologies in use by the various Party organizations, and shall make recommendations for standardizing and improving these tools. The committee may propose programs and policies to encourage the adoption of particular tools or technologies, and may develop and implement pilot programs, migration programs, training programs, and other improvements.

The tools and technologies that the committee may recommend adopting, standardizing, or improving include:

- Party websites and membership databases.
- Technologies for communicating with members, including social media platforms and tools for audio/video streaming.
- Voter canvassing tools and voter information databases.
- Bylaw provisions, standing rules, endorsement procedures, and other common rules.
- Online collaboration and project management tools.
- Other tools or technologies that may make Party organizations more effective.

The committee shall schedule its activities so as not to interfere with the Party organizations' ongoing efforts during the election cycle.

Section 8.10. Budget and Finance Committee

Section 8.10.1. Purpose

The Budget and Finance Committee shall assist the Treasurer in securing the fiscal health of the KCDCC and ensuring its compliance with all relevant public disclosure laws and statutes.

Section 8.10.2. Duties

The committee shall propose a budget as described in Section 9 below, and shall determine annual fundraising requirements in conjunction with the Fundraising Committee. The committee shall provide a report at the end of each fiscal year on KCDCC's fundraising and expenditures, and shall identify opportunities to improve the KCDCC's fiscal health. By majority vote of the Executive Board, a full financial review can be initiated at any time.

Section 8.11. Other Standing Committees

The Executive Board may establish other standing committees on a permanent or ad-hoc basis as needed.

Article 9. Budget and Expenditures

Section 9.1. Fiscal Year

The KCDCC's fiscal year shall run from April 1 to March 30.

Section 9.2. Budget Proposal

By no later than March 1 of each calendar year, the Budget and Finance Committee shall propose a budget for the fiscal year. The budget shall itemize spending, and shall indicate for each line item the officer, committee, or program to which funds are budgeted. By no later than February 1, all committee chairs will submit budget requests to the Treasurer.

Section 9.3. Adoption and Amendment of Budget

The budget must be adopted, and may be amended, by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 9.4. Budgeted Expenditures

When adopted, the budget authorizes the County Chair or the Treasurer to make expenditures on behalf of the KCDCC for the specified line items and amounts, except that expenditure of any amount budgeted for campaign contributions requires approval of the Executive Board. No money shall be paid from the funds of the KCDCC except by bank transaction through the Treasurer or the County Chair. No member other than the Treasurer or County Chair may incur a debt or otherwise obligate the KCDCC for the future payment of funds.

Section 9.5. Unbudgeted Expenditures

If the County Chair and the Treasurer both agree, unbudgeted expenditures may be made for any items other than campaign contributions. Unbudgeted expenditures must be ratified by amending the budget at the next subsequent Executive Board meeting.

Section 9.6. Interim Budget

If the Executive Board does not approve a budget by April 1, the Budget and Finance Committee may adopt an interim budget that is limited to only those expenditures necessary to maintain the organization. The interim budget shall be replaced by adoption of a final budget, and any funds expended under the interim budget shall be counted against line items in the final budget.

Section 9.7. Budget and Spending Caps

Section 9.7.1. Total Budget Cap

As part of the budget proposal and when making financial reports, the Treasurer shall determine the KCDCC's fundraising total for the calendar year to date and for each of the past four calendar years, as reported to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission. The total amount budgeted may not exceed the highest of these five totals.

Section 9.7.2. Unbudgeted Expenditures Cap

The total amount of unbudgeted expenditures shall not exceed \$200 at any time.

Section 9.7.3. Campaign Contributions Cap

Campaign contributions may only be made from a line item in the budget that is set aside exclusively for that purpose. If the budget includes a line item for campaign contributions, the line item may not exceed 10% of the total budget. The line item does not need to be earmarked for specific campaigns, and the maximum amount that may be contributed to any individual campaign may be up to the total amount in the line item.

Section 9.8. Campaign Contributions

The Executive Board may, by majority vote, contribute funds that are budgeted for that purpose to endorsed candidates and campaigns, provided the following conditions are met:

- The Budget and Finance Committee confirms in writing that making the proposed contribution will not prevent the KCDCC from meeting its other financial obligations.
- If the proposed contribution is to an endorsed candidate, the Endorsements and Elections Committee shall report whether the endorsed candidate (a) is viable, and (b) has at least one viable opponent. A candidate shall be considered viable when there is a reasonable possibility, based on polling, past elections, or other objective measures, that the candidate may win the election.
- If the KCDCC endorses more than one candidate for an office, any contributions must be evenly distributed among the endorsed candidates for the office.
- Candidate contributions approved by the Executive Board will be disbursed by the Treasurer or County Chair no later than five business days following the vote.

Article 10. Resolutions

The Executive Board may adopt resolutions that are consistent with the KCDCC party platform and with the scope and purpose of the KCDCC. Proposed resolutions must relate to an issue that is specific to King County, and must include a call to action that involves King County public officials or members of the KCDCC.

Article 11. Legislative District Organizations

Section 11.1. Relationship to the KCDCC

Legislative District Organizations are chartered by the State Party to lead and coordinate all Democratic Party activities in their respective legislative districts. The relationship between the KCDCC and the Legislative District Organizations should be understood as a relationship between peers, with the KCDCC providing support and assistance to the Legislative District Organizations as needed.

When used without further qualification in these bylaws, the term “Legislative District Organizations” refers to organizations in legislative districts that have at least one precinct in King County.

Section 11.2. Reorganization Meetings

Following the KCDCC reorganization meeting, or within 60 days of the creation of a new legislative district, the County Chair shall call a meeting of all elected PCOs in each legislative district for the purpose of reorganizing the Legislative District Organization.

Article 12. Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 12.1. Bylaws are Continuous

These Bylaws shall be continuous and shall remain in effect, subject to any amendments, until a subsequent adoption of bylaws at or after a KCDCC reorganization meeting.

Section 12.2. Bylaw Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of PCOs at a PCO meeting, provided that previous notice of the proposed amendment is given in writing.

Section 12.3. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the KCDCC in all matters to which they are applicable and not covered by these Bylaws and any special rules of order the KCDCC may adopt.