

Long Beach Democratic Club Constitution & Bylaws Preamble

In order to manifest our interests in government affairs, to interpret and apply the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party, and to be able to server local, State and Federal branches of our government, we do hereby associate ourselves together to establish this Democratic Club of Long Beach.

ARTICLE I - Policy

Section I It shall be the aim of this organization in all its efforts to contribute to the advancement of the Democratic Party, to encourage its members in the development of leadership among themselves, to support the principles of the State and National platforms of the Democratic Party.

Section II This organization may endorse by affirmative vote of sixty percent of those members voting any Democrat who has filed as a candidate for partisan or non-partisan office. The following shall govern the endorsement process:

This organization shall not endorse more candidates for an office than the number to be elected for that office.

This organization shall make no form of endorsement and shall not support in any way a candidate who is not a Democrat.

Endorsement procedures shall only take place when requested in writing by a candidate who has taken out papers for an office, or by a member of this organization. In all races, irrespective of any other consideration, where an endorsement procedure is instituted all candidates who are registered Democrats and Club Membership shall be notified 10 days in advance of the date, time and place of all relevant meetings and of their rights to consideration.

No endorsement shall take place until the deadline for filing has passed. Any voting member may request a secret ballot at any stage in the proceedings.

"No Endorsement" shall be an option on each ballot and shall be counted toward the total. If no endorsement is made succeeding ballots shall drop the name or names of candidates receiving less

than twenty percent of the vote. Where there is no candidate who has less than twenty percent of the vote, or three ballots have been taken, it shall be deemed that this organization has made no endorsement in said race.

This organization shall support the nominees of the Democratic Party after primary elections have taken place.

* Persons eligible to vote in the endorsement procedures are members of the organization in good standing who have attended at least two meetings excluding the holiday party within the previous twelve (12) months.

ARTICLE II - Membership Section I All members shall be registered Democrats with the following exceptions:

A minor who has stated the intention to register as a Democrat upon reaching majority;

A citizen who has not yet met residency qualifications but has stated intention to register as a Democrat upon fulfilling residency requirements.

A person in the process of naturalization who has stated his or her intention to register as a Democrat upon becoming a citizen.

Section II Members may be expelled for cause by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

★ Section III Membership Dues are payable in a 12 month calendar period and are up for renewal at the end of 12 months. Any member may request in writing or in person to every member of the Executive Committee a waiver of Dues based on economic hardship. Hardship waivers shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III - Officers and Committees Section I

The officers of the Club shall be the following:

President

Vice President of Programs

Vice President of Membership

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

ARTICLE IV - Executive Committee

Section I The elected officers shall constitute the Executive Committee

Section II The Executive Committee shall meet as necessary for the purpose of formulating plans and directing policies for the various activities of the club.

ARTICLE V - Duties of Officers Section I President shall preside over all meetings and be responsible for the general supervision of club activities.

Section II Vice-President for Program shall act as chair in absence of the President and shall be responsible for club programs.

Section III Vice-President for Membership shall be responsible for attendance roll at each meeting. shall work on programs to increase membership and shall also serve or appoint a Parliamentarian.

Section IV Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all the minutes of meetings of the club. a copy of formal reports of all the officers and Club Business.

Section V Corresponding Secretary shall keep a roster of club members, and handle all correspondence of the organization, including notices of general and special meetings and upkeep of the club website and email list.

Section VI Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the club under the direction of the Executive Committee. Routine and recurring expenditures of not more than \$50 may be paid by the Treasurer upon presentation of proper receipt. Larger expenditures must be approved in advance by the membership.

ARTICLE VI - Elections of Officers

Section I A Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, three appointed by the President and two elected by the membership at the June meeting of the club. This committee will then submit the names of the nominees before the July meeting, at which time further nominations may also be made before the election of officers takes place. Each nominee must declare whether to accept or decline his or her nomination. Election must take place immediately after the nominations at the July meeting.

Section II No person may be nominated as President of the organization who has not been a member for at least six months; nor for any other office who has not been a member for at least three months.

Section III Voters' Qualifications: No person shall be eligible to vote

in any election unless he or she is a member in good standing.

Section IV Assumption of Office: Elected officers shall assume office in August and shall serve for a period of one year. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than the President, the President shall fill the vacancy by appointment.

Section V Recall of Officers:

Any officer may be removed for cause by a 2/3rds vote of members in attendance and voting, after a proper 30 day notice of the entire club membership.

ARTICLE VII - Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be submitted in writing at a regular meeting, presented thereat and at the next regular meeting, adopted by 2/3rds affirmative vote of those members present and voting with a quorum being present.

A notice in writing shall be mailed at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken to all members.

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Quorum: A quorum shall be declared to exist in such regularly or specially called meetings of the organization, of which all members have been informed in writing one week in advance, at which twenty-five percent of the membership is present and at least four members of the Executive Committee in attendance.

Membership fees for participating members shall be determined by a majority vote at the November meeting.

No proxies are recognized in any membership or Executive Committee meeting.

This organization's funds shall be deposited in a bank recommended by the Executive Committee. There shall be three signatures to vouch for such deposits, any two of which can be eligible to vouch for withdrawal of any funds as approved by the Executive Committee.

All the duties and responsibilities of all the Committees shall be defined by the President, based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee.