

The Bylaws of The New Avenues Democratic Club

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be The New Avenues Democratic Club.

ARTICLE II: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The *New Avenues Democratic Club* shall:

1. Work within the Democratic Party to advocate for the interests of residents of the western half of San Francisco.
2. Conduct outreach to grow the Democratic Party in San Francisco with an emphasis on youth and traditionally underrepresented communities.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND VOTING

1. Membership is open to registered Democrats residing in San Francisco or residents intending to register as a democrat when they become eligible to do so, including those under the age of 18. Members shall reside in or have a vested interest in the wellbeing of the western half of San Francisco, including the Sunset District, the Richmond District, and the 19th Assembly District.
2. A Member in Good Standing shall have to have attended two general membership meetings within a 12 month period to retain their voting privileges. A new Member in Good Standing's voting privileges related to matters covering election endorsements, club officers, and bylaw amendments or suspensions go into effect at the second regularly-scheduled general membership meeting they attend. Charter members are exempt from this provision in the year 2014.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

A. Officers, Duties and Responsibilities

The New Avenues Democratic Club shall hold elections in April of each year for the officers listed below.

1. President
 - a. Serves as the public face of the New Avenues Democratic Club
 - b. Facilitates meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.
 - c. Establishes committees as necessary.
2. Vice-President
 - b. Leads the Club's outreach efforts.
 - c. Performs the roles of President when the President is unavailable.
3. Treasurer
 - a. Maintains detailed records on the Club's finances and memberships.

b. Leads all fundraising efforts, as needed.

4. Secretary

a. Maintains a list of all active members.

b. Notifies members of upcoming meetings and agendas.

c. Keeps minutes of all regular and executive meetings.

B. Nominations

Nominations of officers shall be held at the regular meeting of the Membership in March of each year. Additional names may be placed in nomination at the April meeting prior to voting. Newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon election.

C. Vacancies

In the event of vacancies in the office of President, the Vice-President succeed to the presidency until an election can be held. Such an election shall be held at the next membership meeting, not to exceed one month's time, provided the membership has advanced written notice of the pending election. Vacancies in the offices of Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer may be filled at any regular membership meeting, if such advance notice is given.

D. Dismissal

Should any Member move for the dismissal of an officer of the Club, and a second is made, that motion shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting for the review of all members and shall be voted on at the next meeting. Dismissal of any officer shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members voting.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Membership

Up to eleven (11) Club members may be elected to serve on the Club's Board of Directors, in addition to Club officers who shall also serve on the Board.

B. Nominations

Nominations of Board Members shall be held at the regular meeting of the Membership in March of each year. Additional names may be placed in nomination at the April meeting prior to voting. Newly Board Members shall take office immediately upon election.

ARTICLE VI: GENERAL MEETINGS

A. Regular Meetings

General Meetings of the Membership shall be held at least 6 times per year as determined by the Board of Directors. The Club shall strive for monthly general meetings.

Action items must be noted in the agenda, to be published no less than three days before the meeting.

B. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President, by a majority of the Membership at a regular meeting, or upon written demand from ten percent of the Club's membership rolls.

C. Rules

Advance written notice shall be given to the Membership for all meetings of the Club, as well as for all Executive Committee meetings when feasible.

A quorum for any general membership meeting shall consist of either ten percent of the Club's Membership, or twenty-five members, whichever is less.

There shall be no proxy voting.

D. Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, last revised edition, shall govern procedure to the extent that they are consistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII: ENDORSEMENTS

Rules and Process

The Club shall only endorse Democratic Party candidates for office.

In order to be endorsed, candidates or propositions must receive at least sixty percent of the votes cast. Multiple ballots shall be permitted.

To rescind an endorsement, a motion must be made by a member who had voted in the affirmative and the motion must receive a two-thirds affirmative vote shall be required.

No candidate for public or party office, or ballot proposition, shall receive an endorsement from the Club unless the Membership has been notified as specified in Article VI.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

A. Procedure

Any Member in good standing may move an amendment at any regular membership meeting. If a motion to amend is seconded, the Membership shall be notified as provided in Article VI, Section D. At the meeting to consider adoption, the proposed amendment must receive a two-thirds affirmative vote of members voting, in order to be incorporated into these bylaws.