

**BYLAWS OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL
COMMITTEE**

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**ARTICLE I.
NAME**

This organization shall be known as the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.

**ARTICLE II.
PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Committee is to promote and encourage the principles and ideals of the Democratic Party of the United States and to act as the official San Mateo County representative body of the Democratic Party of the State of California as set forth in the California Election Code.

The Committee shall be charged with the conduct of all party election campaigns subject only to the direction of the Democratic State Central Committee.

**ARTICLE III.
MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee shall be composed of Elected Members, Alternate Members, Ex-officio Members and Associate Members.

Section 1. Elected Members

Members shall be elected as specified by the California Election Code at the presidential primary election. Members shall serve from the reorganization meeting of this Committee to be held at the first regularly scheduled meeting following the certification of presidential primary election results for a period of four years, until the next reorganization meeting.

Section 2. Alternate Members

Each Elected Member and Ex-officio Member shall appoint two Alternate Members within 30 days of their election or appointment to the Committee. If these appointments are not made, the Committee Chair may appoint Alternate Members with the approval of the Committee. Alternate Members must reside in the same Supervisorial district as the Elected Member. Elected Members and Ex-officio Members shall designate one alternate as the first alternate who shall be eligible to vote in the absence of the Elected Member. The second alternate shall be eligible to vote only in the absence of both the Elected Member and the first Alternate. An Alternate Member who is removed

Thursday of July. The rechartering application shall be accompanied by the organizations bylaws, a current list of members and \$1.00 per member as a chartering fee.

C. Hold meetings at least once every three months.

D. Provide for the disposition of its treasury in the event of dissolution or revocation of its charter.

E. Endorse and support only Democrats for public office.

The Committee Chair shall have the power to suspend the charter of any organization not in compliance with this section. Written notice of suspension shall be sent to the President/Chair of the organization requesting that a representative appear at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee to show cause as to why the charter should not be revoked.

ARTICLE XII. HEADQUARTERS

The San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee shall maintain a headquarters in the county.

ARTICLE XIII. ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1.

A. The official Democratic Party endorsement of candidates for San Mateo County local and county non-partisan offices, and positions regarding local and county ballot measures, shall be the exclusive responsibility of the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee, as provided for in the Bylaws of the California Democratic Party.

B. No Member may use his/her title as a Committee officer or Member in advocacy of any candidate for non-partisan office or any position relative to any non-partisan political issue or proposition until receiving the consent of the Committee by a 60% (sixty percent) vote of Members present and voting.

C. Committee endorsements shall be extended only to candidates registered as Democrats by the filing deadline for the office they seek, and endorsements shall not be given to more candidates than there are seats open for the particular office in question. No endorsement shall take place prior to the filing deadline.

D. Any Member may act in an individual capacity in advocacy of any candidate for local non-partisan office or any position relative to any non-partisan political issue or proposition provided that the Member makes a diligent effort to ensure

that his/her affiliation with the Committee is not disclosed in the context of such advocacy.

Section 2.

A. In the event the Committee is called upon to, or desires to make endorsements or recommendations for appointed or elective positions, or any proposition or local issue, only one endorsement or recommendation can be made for any vacancy, proposition or issue.

B. The Endorsements Committee shall notify candidates who are Democrats in writing, informing them of the time place and procedure for endorsements, and thereafter interview said candidates.

C. The Endorsements Committee will study materials concerning propositions and other issues of import, at the direction of the Committee.

D. The Endorsements Committee will present their recommendations in writing to the full Committee. An endorsement must be approved by a 60% (sixty percent) vote of Members present and voting.

Section 3.

The Committee shall not endorse a non-Democrat in any partisan or non-partisan election.

Section 4.

The Committee shall make no endorsement in a partisan election race when the California Democratic Party has made no endorsement.

Section 5.

In the event a compelling reason to consider rescinding an endorsement of a candidate is brought forward to the Chair, reasonable efforts will be made to contact the candidate in question and to give such candidate an opportunity to state their position with regard to such possible rescission to the deciding body as set forth in this section of these Bylaws. If time allows (as determined by the Chair), the possible rescission shall be brought before the full Committee to decide, with a vote of 60% (sixty percent) of Members present and voting required to rescind. If time does not allow (as determined by the Chair), the possible rescission shall be brought before a group comprised of the voting members of the Executive Board plus the chair of the Endorsements Committee to decide, with a vote of a majority of such group required to rescind.

ARTICLE XIV. RESOLUTIONS