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# CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

***BY-LAWS &  
RULES OF THE  
CALIFORNIA  
DEMOCRATIC  
PARTY***

# CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

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## ARTICLE I

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### NAME AND PURPOSE

#### Section 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY. Its governing body shall be the DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (This Committee).

#### Section 2. PURPOSE

- a. All persons registered as Democrats, pursuant to the laws of the State of California, are members of the California Democratic Party and are entitled to participate in the official organization of the California Democratic Party as provided by the laws of the State and these By-Laws.
- b. These By-Laws shall govern the organization, operation and functions of that political party known as the California Democratic Party (The Party) and the Democratic State Central Committee (This Committee).
- c. This Committee shall elect state officers of the Party and members of the Democratic National Committee, shall adopt a State Party platform in gubernatorial years and may adopt a proposed national platform in presidential election years, shall conduct campaigns for the party and its candidates for public office, shall appoint committees and employ staff as deemed desirable, and shall conduct such other business as the policy and program of the Party may require.
- d. This Committee may endorse partisan primary elections and may take positions on ballot measures.

#### Section 3. SECTIONS

This Committee shall be divided into a Southern and Northern Section:

- 1 a. The Southern Section shall be comprised of the Counties  
2 of Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San  
3 Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.  
4 b. The Northern Section shall be comprised of the remaining  
5 Counties in the State.

6 **Section 4. REGIONS**

7 This Committee shall be further divided into Regions.  
8 Regions shall be defined by A.D. boundaries and are subject  
9 to redistricting by the Organizational Development  
10 Committee for approval by This Committee or its  
11 Executive Board. (See also Article III, Section 4.) For the  
12 purposes of 1989, regions shall be defined as follows:  
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- 14 I..... 2, 8, 9  
15 II..... 1, 3, 7, 26  
16 III..... 4, 5, 6, 10  
17 IV..... 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18  
18 V..... 16, 17, 19, 20  
19 VI..... 21, 22, 23, 24, 28  
20 VII..... 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34  
21 VIII..... 35, 36, 37, 38, 39  
22 IX..... 40, 43, 44, 45, 46  
23 X..... 41, 42, 55, 56  
24 XI..... 47, 48, 49, 50  
25 XII..... 52, 59, 60, 62, 63  
26 XIII..... 51, 53, 54, 57, 58  
27 XIV..... 64, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72  
28 XV..... 61, 65, 66, 68, 73  
29 XVI..... 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80

30 **ARTICLE II**

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31 **MEMBERSHIP**

32 **Section 1. MEMBERSHIP**

- 33 a. The Committee shall consist of:  
34 (1) One member for each elective public office named in  
35 Section 2 (a) of this Article.  
36 (2) Members appointed pursuant to Section 3 of this  
37 Article.

- 1 (3) Members elected by County Central Committees of the  
2 Party pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.
- 3 (4) Members elected by Assembly District Committees  
4 pursuant to Section 5 of this Article.
- 5 (5) National Committee members of the Party.
- 6 (6) The immediate past state officers of This Committee.
- 7 (7) The President of the California Democratic Council,  
8 the Executive Vice President-North, the Executive Vice  
9 President-South, and the Executive Vice President-  
10 Central.
- 11 (8) The State President, State Vice President, Northern  
12 Section President, and Southern Section President of  
13 the California Federation of Young Democrats.
- 14 b. Membership shall terminate, subject to renewal, every two  
15 years and shall extend from the convening of the regular  
16 meeting of This Committee in January of the odd  
17 numbered year to the convening of the regular meeting  
18 held in the next odd-numbered year, with vacancies  
19 occurring during this period filled in accordance with the  
20 provisions of Section 9 of this Article.
- 21 c. There shall be no dual memberships. A member who  
22 becomes eligible for membership on some other grounds  
23 during his or her two-year term shall inform the State  
24 Chair of the eligibility and identify the position which he  
25 or she wishes to represent.
- 26 d. All members of This Committee must be duly registered  
27 members of the Democratic Party of California.

## 28 *Section 2. PUBLIC OFFICE MEMBERS*

- 29 a. For purposes of this Section, the following public officers  
30 shall be referenced:
  - 31 (1) Governor
  - 32 (2) Lieutenant Governor
  - 33 (3) Treasurer
  - 34 (4) Controller
  - 35 (5) Attorney General
  - 36 (6) Secretary of State
  - 37 (7) Insurance Commissioner



1 (8) Members of the State Board of Equalization

2 (9) Members of the State Legislature

3 (10) Members of the United States Senate and the House  
4 of Representatives from California.

5 b. Any Democrat who is elected or otherwise designated to  
6 hold an office named in subdivision (a) of this section and  
7 whose term of office extends beyond January of the next  
8 odd-numbered year shall be a member of This Committee  
9 for the two-year period commencing in January of that  
10 year.

11 c. Any Democrat who is elected or otherwise designated to  
12 hold an office named in subdivision (a) of this section  
13 during the two-year period commencing in January of the  
14 odd-numbered year shall be a member of This Committee  
15 upon election or designation for the remainder of the two-  
16 year period.

17 d. In the case of an office named in subdivision (a) of this  
18 section to which a Democrat has not been selected at the  
19 most recent general election in which a nomination for  
20 that office was made, the Democratic Party nominee at the  
21 most recent primary election shall be a member of This  
22 Committee during the two-year period commencing in  
23 January of an odd-numbered year or until such time  
24 during that period that a Democrat is elected or designated  
25 to hold that office.

26 e. In the case of an office named in subdivision (a) for which  
27 subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) are all inapplicable, one  
28 member shall be appointed as follows:

29 (1) If a state legislative office is involved, by appointment  
30 of a voter who resides in the district in question by the  
31 County Central Committee of the Party in which the  
32 district is situated (if the district is situated wholly  
33 within a single county), or in which the disqualified,  
34 deceased or resigned member resided (if the vacancy  
35 occurs in a district comprising two or more counties  
36 and is caused by disqualification or death), or in which  
37 the Republican legislator or the most recent  
38 Republican nominee for the office in question resides  
39 (if the vacancy occurs in a district comprising two or  
40 more counties and is not caused by disqualification or  
41 death).

1 (2) If the office of the U.S. Senate or any of the statewide  
2 offices named in subdivision (a) of this section is  
3 involved, by appointment by the Executive Board of  
4 This Committee.

5 (3) If the office of a member of the United States House of  
6 Representatives is involved, by appointment by the  
7 Executive Board of This Committee of a voter who  
8 resides within the Congressional District to be  
9 represented.

10 f. Any member of This Committee whose membership is  
11 held pursuant to subdivision (b), (c), or (d) of this Section  
12 shall be known as a "Public Office Member."

### 13 *Section 3. APPOINTED MEMBERS*

14 a. Each member identified in Section 2(b) or 2(c) of this  
15 Article shall be entitled to appoint six members, at least  
16 three of whom shall be of the opposite sex; except that  
17 members elected to Congress and the State Assembly shall  
18 be entitled to appoint five members, at least three of whom  
19 shall be of the opposite sex.

20 b. Each member identified in Section 2(d) or 2(e) of this  
21 Article shall be entitled to appoint three members, at least  
22 two of whom shall be of the opposite sex; except that  
23 nominee members for Congress and the State Assembly  
24 shall appoint two members, at least one of whom shall be  
25 of the opposite sex.

26 c. Appointment of members to This Committee shall be  
27 made in writing in the form prescribed by the Secretary of  
28 This Committee, signed by the appointing member and  
29 delivered to the State Chair of the Party. Delivery shall be  
30 made no later than 5:00 p.m. of the first Monday in  
31 December following the regular statewide general election.

### 32 *Section 4. MEMBERS ELECTED BY COUNTY CENTRAL* 33 *COMMITTEES*

34 a. Each County Central Committee of the Party shall elect  
35 from its own members as defined by its By-Laws  
36 representatives to This Committee as follows: four  
37 members as base representation, plus one member for each  
38 10,000 registered Democrats or fraction thereof.

39 b. The number of registered Democrats shall be as of the most  
40 recent report of registration to the Secretary of State. The

1 Secretary of the State Committee shall secure the  
2 registration totals received by the Secretary of State seven  
3 days prior to the General Election, and shall forthwith  
4 notify the respective County and District Committees of  
5 the Party registrations and the allocation of members to be  
6 elected under provisions of the Elections Code.

7 c. Elections shall be held by December 31 following the  
8 regular general statewide election. Those committees that  
9 reorganize in January shall elect their representatives to  
10 this committee at their organizational meetings.

11 d. Persons elected as members shall be divided as equally as  
12 possible between men and women and shall be members  
13 of the County Central Committee as of the date of the first  
14 regular meeting of This Committee.

15 e. By no later than January 7 of an odd-numbered year, the  
16 County Chair shall notify the State Chair of the Party in  
17 writing signed by him or her of the names and addresses of  
18 the persons elected to membership of This Committee.  
19 Those committees which reorganize in January shall make  
20 this notification within three days of the elections held  
21 pursuant to subsection (c).

22 f. County Central Committees may provide for the election  
23 of their allocation of membership on an at-large basis or by  
24 Supervisorial or Assembly Districts, or by any combination  
25 thereof.

26 **Section 5. MEMBERS ELECTED BY ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**  
27 **COMMITTEES**

28 a. Each Assembly District Committee, as provided in Articles  
29 VI of these By-Laws, shall elect twelve members to This  
30 Committee who are members of the Assembly District  
31 Committee.

32 b. Assembly District Committee meetings shall be held on  
33 the second Saturday or Sunday in January following the  
34 General Election. The State Chair will call a district  
35 committee meeting the fourth Saturday or Sunday in  
36 January for any Assembly District where no action has  
37 been reported. The Chair of the Assembly District  
38 Committee shall be elected at the same meeting at which  
39 Assembly District Committee delegates to This Committee  
40 are elected.



- 1 c. Persons elected as members shall be as equally divided as  
2 possible between men and women. In the event less than  
3 six of one sex should be candidates for election as  
4 representatives to This Committee, they shall be deemed  
5 automatically elected, with the balance of the delegation  
6 being of the other sex.
- 7 d. Within five days following the Assembly District election,  
8 the person calling the election shall notify the State Chair  
9 of the Party in writing signed by him/her of the names and  
10 addresses of the persons elected to membership on This  
11 Committee.

12 **Section 6. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION**

- 13 a. The Chair of This Committee shall notify each person  
14 appointed or elected as a member of This Committee:
- 15 (1) That he or she is a member of This Committee;  
16 (2) Of the date, time and place of the first regular meeting  
17 of This Committee;  
18 (3) That the meeting may be attended either in person or  
19 by proxy;  
20 (4) That every proxy shall be filed in the office of the State  
21 Chair no later than 5 p.m. of the day preceding the  
22 meeting of This Committee;  
23 (5) The proxy shall be in writing signed by the member  
24 under penalty of perjury.
- 25 b. The Chair of This Committee shall enclose, with each  
26 notification of appointment or election, one proxy form.
- 27 c. The Chair of This Committee shall provide all members  
28 with appropriate notice and forms of proxy prior to each  
29 special meeting of This Committee.

30 **Section 7. QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- 31 a. A person is eligible for membership on This Committee  
32 only if such person is registered as affiliated with the Party  
33 at the time of election or appointment.

34 **Section 8. REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP**

- 35 a. This Committee may remove any member if, during  
36 his/her term of membership, such member affiliates with  
37 or registers as a member of another party; publicly avows



1 preference for another party; publicly advocates that the  
2 voters should not vote for the endorsed candidate of This  
3 Party for any office; or who publicly gives support to or  
4 avows a preference for a candidate nominated by another  
5 party; or fails to pay the prescribed dues as provided in  
6 Section 10 of this Article.

7 b. Removal of a member may be effected in the following  
8 manner:

9 (1) At least two members of the Executive Board must  
10 sign and submit to the Secretary of This Committee a  
11 written statement of charges containing the grounds  
12 for removal.

13 (2) The Secretary of This Committee, upon receipt of the  
14 statement of charges, must send to the accused  
15 member by timely registered mail, a copy of the  
16 statement of charges and a letter stating: that the  
17 accused member may either resign or have a hearing  
18 before the officers of This Committee named in Article  
19 III, Section 2 that at such hearing, the accused member  
20 shall be afforded an opportunity to respond to the  
21 statement of charges and to confront the witnesses  
22 against such member; and that such member may be  
23 represented by counsel at such hearing.

24 (3) If the accused member does not resign, the Secretary of  
25 This Committee shall send a copy of the statement of  
26 charges to all officers of This Committee along with a  
27 notice of the hearing date.

28 (4) At the hearing the officers shall examine the statement  
29 of charges brought against the accused member. The  
30 accused member shall be afforded an opportunity to  
31 respond to the charges, to confront any witnesses  
32 against such members, and may be represented by  
33 counsel if desired. Such hearing shall be conducted in  
34 such fashion as to afford the accused member due  
35 process of law. After such hearing upon motion for  
36 removal, the accused member may be removed by a  
37 vote of not less than two-thirds of the officers present  
38 and voting.

## 39 **Section 9. VACANCIES**

40 a. A vacancy on This Committee shall be deemed to exist in  
41 the event of the appointment or election to membership of  
42 an ineligible person or whenever any member dies,

1 resigns, becomes incapacitated to act, is removed from  
2 membership pursuant to Section 8 of this Article, ceases to  
3 be a Central Committee county resident, assumes  
4 membership through other means, or ceases to be a  
5 member of the Party.

6 b. Vacancies shall be filled as follows:

7 (1) Should a member appointed to membership pursuant  
8 to Section 3 of this Article cease to be a member for any  
9 reason specified in subdivision (a) of this Section, the  
10 vacancy shall be filled not less than three days

11 preceding the next meeting of This Committee by the  
12 original appointing member. The original appointing  
13 member shall notify in writing the State Chair of the  
14 Party of all appointments made pursuant to this  
15 subdivision. If the original appointing person is no  
16 longer a member of This Committee or does not wish  
17 to fill the vacancy, the State Chair of This Committee  
18 shall do so.

19 (2) Should a member elected to membership by a County  
20 Central Committee cease to be a member for any  
21 reason specified in subdivision (a) of this Section,  
22 notice shall be given to the County Central Committee  
23 by This Committee as soon as possible after occurrence  
24 of the vacancy, and the County Central Committee  
25 shall fill the vacancy at its next meeting following the  
26 notification. The County Committee Chair shall notify  
27 in writing the State Chair of the Party of the election  
28 held pursuant to this subdivision.

29 (3) Should a member elected to membership by an  
30 Assembly District Committee cease to be a member for  
31 any reason specified in subdivision (a) of this Section,  
32 at the earliest convenience the A.D. Chair shall call a  
33 meeting of the Assembly District executive committee  
34 which shall fill the vacancy. Such person shall notify,  
35 in writing, the State Chair of the Party of the selection  
36 made pursuant to this subdivision.

## 37 *Section 10. DUES*

38 a. Dues shall be paid by This Committee's members. The  
39 Executive Board shall establish the time and manner by  
40 which these dues shall be paid before the next scheduled  
41 meeting of This Committee.

- b. Any member who fails to pay the prescribed dues may be removed from This Committee in the manner prescribed in Section 8 of this Article, except that payment of dues shall not be obligatory for any member to whom it constitutes an economic hardship.
- c. The name of any elected or appointed member who, without cause, fails to pay the prescribed dues shall be forwarded to the appointing member or the chair of the electing body before the initiation of removal proceedings.

## ARTICLE III

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### OFFICERS

#### *Section 1. STATEWIDE OFFICERS*

- a. The statewide officers of This Committee shall be a State Chair; two State Vice Chairs; a Secretary; and a Controller.
- b. All statewide officers shall be elected to four year terms.
- c. One Vice Chair and the Controller shall be from the same section as the Chair. The other Vice Chair and the Secretary shall be from the other section.
- d. The Vice Chair from the same section of the State as the Chair shall be of the opposite sex of the Chair.
- e. All statewide officers shall change by section of residence every four years.
- f. A prerequisite for candidacy to a statewide office is that a candidate be a member of This Committee by the time the election takes place.

#### *Section 2. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES*

- a. The State Chair shall be the chief executive officer and the official voice of This Committee, shall carry out the policies and purposes, and shall pursue its interests to the best of his/her abilities.
- b. The Vice Chair from the opposite section as the Chair shall assist the State Chair in the performance of the duties of that office. The Vice Chair from the opposite section as the Chair shall be responsible for organizational maintenance and development within his/her section consistent with the policies of the State Chair and This Committee. In the



1 event of a vacancy in both the office of the Chair and the  
2 Vice Chair from the same section, the Vice Chair from the  
3 opposite section as the Chair succeeds to the office of Chair  
4 until a new Chair has been selected as provided in Section  
5 5.a. below.

6 c. The Vice Chair from the same section as the Chair shall  
7 assist the Chair in the performance of the duties of that  
8 office. To the extent necessary, the Vice Chair from the  
9 same section as the Chair shall exercise the powers of the  
10 Chair in the event of the Chair's absence. In the event that  
11 the office of Chair is vacated, the Vice Chair from the same  
12 section as the Chair succeeds to the office of Chair until a  
13 new Chair has been selected as provided in Section 5.a.  
14 below. The Vice Chair from the same section as the Chair  
15 shall be responsible for organizational maintenance and  
16 development within his/her section consistent with the  
17 policies of the State Chair and This Committee. For the  
18 purpose of representation on the DNC, the Vice Chair  
19 from the same section as the Chair shall be considered the  
20 Party's highest ranking officer of the opposite sex of the  
21 Chair.

22 d. The Secretary shall maintain all records of This  
23 Committee, shall serve all required notices, shall discharge  
24 such other duties as pertain to this office, and shall turn  
25 over at the end of his/her term of office all records and  
26 documents associated with the office of Secretary to This  
27 Committee.

28 e. The Controller shall have access to the financial records  
29 maintained by This Committee's Treasurer, shall prepare  
30 and deliver at each Executive Board meeting, a report on  
31 the financial affairs of This Committee, shall serve as  
32 Chair of the Finance Committee, and shall turn over at the  
33 end of his/her term all records and documents associated  
34 with the office of Controller to This Committee.

### 35 *Section 3. ELECTION OF STATEWIDE OFFICERS*

36 a. The Statewide officers shall be elected to their four-year  
37 terms at the first meeting of This Committee held  
38 immediately following the conclusion of a presidential  
39 election year. The election for State Chair shall take place  
40 on Saturday of that convention. The election of the other  
41 statewide officers shall take place on Sunday.

- b. All statewide officers shall be elected by the entire membership of This Committee.
- c. A candidate for any statewide office shall file a notice of intent-to-run for that office with the secretary of the Convention no later than 9 A.M. of the day during which election for that office is to be held.
- d. Following the close of nominations for officers, no additional nominations shall be permitted, except for an office for which no person has been nominated prior to the close of nominations or for which all persons nominated have withdrawn.
- e. No vote for any person shall be counted unless the person has been duly nominated for, and has accepted that nomination for the office for which such vote is cast.
- f. In the event only one person is nominated for any office and such person accepts the nomination, the Secretary of the meeting shall be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for such candidate at the time of the election.
- g. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote on the 1st ballot, a runoff election (2nd ballot) shall be held between the two persons receiving the largest number of votes actually cast for all candidates who have been duly nominated for and accepted the nomination for the office involved.
- h. All voting for the Statewide officers shall be by secret ballot except when there is but one candidate.

#### **Section 4. REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

- a. There shall be 16-25 Regional Directors of This Committee who, with its Statewide officers, shall constitute the State Officers of the California Democratic Party.
- b. Regional Directors shall be elected for two year terms on Saturday of the first Convention of This Committee held in odd numbered years. Regional Directors shall be elected at Regional Caucuses, each comprised of all members of This Committee resident in the respective regions.
- c. Elections of Regional Directors shall be governed by the provisions set forth in Article III, Section 3, subsections c.-h.
- d. The Regional Directors shall assist the statewide officers in the maintenance and development of the Party

1 organization within their respective regions. They are  
2 responsible for developing, assisting, and coordinating the  
3 A.D. Committees, the County Central Committees, Clubs  
4 & other Democratic organizations within their region.

## 5 *Section 5. VACANCIES*

- 6 a. In the event that any statewide office shall become vacant,  
7 the vacancy shall be filled on a temporary basis by the  
8 Executive Board of This Committee and a new election for  
9 that office shall be held at the next State Convention of  
10 This Committee. The person elected must be from the  
11 same section as the person who vacated the given office,  
12 and he/she shall serve the remainder of the four year term  
13 of that office. The election shall be held consistent with the  
14 provisions found in Section 3 above.
- 15 b. In the event that any Regional Directorship shall become  
16 vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Board of  
17 This Committee. The person elected must be from the  
18 same region as the person who vacated the given office,  
19 and he/she shall serve the remainder of the two-year term  
20 of that office.

## 21 *Section 6. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS*

- 22 a. An officer of this organization may be removed from office  
23 for cause -- that is, misconduct or neglect of duty in office  
24 as differentiated from the Party disloyalty reasons for  
25 removing a member from membership -- by the following  
26 procedures:
- 27 (1) At least 20 members of the Executive Board must sign  
28 and submit to the Secretary a written Statement of  
29 Charges containing the grounds for removal.
- 30 (2) The Secretary, upon receipt of the Statement of  
31 Charges, must send to the accused officer by registered  
32 mail a copy of the Statement of Charges and a letter  
33 stating that the accused officer may either resign or  
34 have a hearing by way of motion for removal at the  
35 next regular meeting of the Executive Board.
- 36 (3) If the accused officer does not resign, the Secretary shall  
37 send a copy of the Statement of Charges to all members  
38 of the Executive Board along with the notice for the  
39 next regular meeting of the Executive Board.



- 1 (4) At said next regular meeting of the Executive Board,  
2 the accused officer shall be afforded an opportunity to  
3 respond to the charges. After such hearing, upon  
4 motion for removal made by one of the signatories to  
5 the Statement of Charges, the accused officer may be  
6 removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members  
7 present and voting, provided there is present and  
8 voting at least 33-1/3 percent of the membership of the  
9 Executive Board.

## 10 **ARTICLE IV**

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### 11 **MEETINGS**

#### 12 **Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS**

- 13 a. The Democratic State Central Committee shall convene its  
14 first regular meeting (also known as its first meeting)  
15 between February 15 and March 31 after a general election.  
16 This meeting shall be on a weekend which shall be no later  
17 than the last full weekend of March. The State Chair shall  
18 determine the precise dates, consistent with this provision.
- 19 b. The State Chair shall call This Committee to order at 10:00  
20 a.m. on the morning of the first day of such meeting, and  
21 as soon as practicable thereafter shall cause the roll to be  
22 called from the list of certified members and proxies. The  
23 next business in order shall be the election of a temporary  
24 Chair which may be by acclamation, unless there is a  
25 contest, in which event the roll shall be called. The  
26 Temporary Chair, upon election, shall appoint at once a  
27 committee on credentials and proxies, the composition  
28 and duties of which are set forth in Section 2 of Article V  
29 of these By-Laws.
- 30 c. This Committee shall hold at least one meeting each even-  
31 numbered year.

#### 32 **Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS**

- 33 a. This Committee may hold special meetings in any of the  
34 following ways: upon call of the State Chair; upon call of  
35 the Executive Board; or upon the call of the State Chair  
36 within 15 days after receipt by the Chair of a written request  
37 signed by a majority of the members of This Committee.

1     **Section 3.   PLACE OF MEETINGS**

- 2             a. Except in 1991, the first regular meeting shall be held in  
3               Sacramento. Subsequent meetings of This Committee shall  
4               be held in a suitable location determined by the Executive  
5               Board or, if the Executive Board does not meet, by the State  
6               Chair of the Party.

7     **Section 4.   AGENDA**

- 8             a. The agenda for all regular meetings shall be determined by  
9               the Executive Board of the Party.
- 10            b. Such agenda shall include provisions for adoption of a  
11               Party Platform, election of Party officers, election of  
12               National Committee Members, adoption of Party By-Laws,  
13               and such other matters as may be deemed in the best  
14               interest of the Party.

15    **Section 5.   QUORUM**

- 16            a. A majority of the credentialed members of the  
17               organization represented either in person or by proxy shall  
18               constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If at  
19               any regular or special meeting of this organization, or a  
20               committee thereof, a quorum is not present, those present  
21               may adjourn until a time when a quorum shall be present.

22    **Section 6.   PROXIES**

- 23            a. Members of This Committee may be represented at any  
24               meeting of This Committee by proxy. A member may give  
25               his/her proxy to a registered member of the California  
26               Democratic Party, of the same sex whenever possible, who  
27               is not already a member of This Committee subject to the  
28               following limitations:
- 29               (1) A member elected by a County Central Committee may  
30                  only give his/her proxy to a member, as defined by its  
31                  by-laws, of the same County Central Committee.
- 32               (2) A member elected by an Assembly District Committee  
33                  may only give his/her proxy to a member of the same  
34                  Assembly District Committee.
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- 36               (3) A member who is an appointee of a member of the  
37                  United States House of Representatives or the State  
38                  Legislature may only give his/her proxy to a person

- 1 who resides either in the district of the appointing  
2 member or of the appointed member.
- 3 (4) A member who is an appointee of the Party's nominee  
4 for election to the United States House of  
5 Representatives or the State Legislature may only give  
6 his/her proxy to a person who resides either in the  
7 district of the appointing member or of the appointed  
8 member.
- 9 (5) A proxy holder shall only vote in the district in which  
10 the person for whom he/she is a proxy resides.
- 11 b. Proxies shall be signed by the member under penalty of  
12 perjury and shall be in the form prescribed by the Secretary  
13 of This Committee.
- 14 c. No proxy shall be recognized unless filed with This  
15 Committee prior to the close of registration for a meeting  
16 of This Committee.
- 17 d. Revocation or change of proxies shall be recognized by the  
18 Credentials Committee only upon a personal request made  
19 by the member before that committee.
- 20 e. No person may hold more than one proxy. Voting by  
21 proxy shall not be permitted with respect to standing or  
22 special committees of This Committee.

23 **Section 7. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES AND VOTING**

- 24 a. In all cases not provided for by law or by these By-Laws, the  
25 meeting of this organization shall be governed by  
26 ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER.
- 27 b. When a voice or standing vote is taken at a meeting of  
28 This Committee, it shall be the duty of Assembly District  
29 Chairs to monitor their delegation to insure that only  
30 those eligible are voting.
- 31 c. When a roll call vote is taken, the roll call shall be  
32 conducted by the Assembly District Committee Chairs who  
33 shall report the vote of their delegation to the Tally Clerk.
- 34 d. When voting is by secret ballot, the Secretary shall call the  
35 roll of the districts, and as they are called, each member  
36 resident in the district shall show his or her credentials to a  
37 Tally Clerk and then deposit his or her ballot in the ballot  
38 box. More than one ballot box may be used or voting  
39 machines may be used.



- e. On any demand by a member for a roll call vote, the Chair must present the demand to the floor. Upon approval by at least 250 members by a standing vote, the roll shall be called in the manner prescribed in subdivision (c) of this Section.
- f. During any vote, the Chair may cause the floor to be cleared of persons who are not members or alternates of this Committee or do not carry a proxy therefrom.

## *Section 8. RESOLUTION PROCEDURES*

- a. Resolutions must be received by the State Chair of the Party, 30 calendar days prior to a meeting of the Committee, except as provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) below.
- b. All resolutions must be adopted by an Assembly District Committee, County Central Committee, or a Chartered Democratic Club or sponsored by 25 members of This Committee.
- c. Copies of resolutions submitted according to the above procedure shall be mailed by the State Chair of the Party to all members of the Resolutions Committee prior to a meeting of This Committee.
- d. All resolutions presented from the floor at a meeting of This Committee must have the unanimous consent of the Resolutions Committee or the signatures of two hundred (200) members of This Committee.
- e. All resolutions to be presented from the floor shall be qualified by the Secretary of the Convention by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the resolution is presented.
- f. The sponsor of each resolution coming later than 30 days prior to the meeting of This Committee shall be responsible for providing the Secretary of the Convention with sufficient copies of their resolution for each member of each Assembly District delegation.
- g. All resolutions must be typed.
- h. Twenty (20) copies of each resolution must be provided to the Resolutions Committee by the sponsor(s) of the resolution.
- i. Inducement (e.g., Whereas) clauses shall be limited to three (3) or less, and resolve clauses shall be limited to two (2) or less.

- 1 j. Resolutions must be no longer than one (1) 8-1/2" x 11"  
2 typewritten page.

3 **Section 9. SEATING**

- 4 a. Seating at meetings of This Committee shall be organized  
5 by Assembly Districts.

6 **Section 10. SPECIAL GROUP CAUCUSES**

- 7 a. In order to implement policy guidelines for Special Group  
8 Caucuses, This Committee may grant official recognition  
9 to a statewide caucus of ethnic minority members or other  
10 broad elements of the membership for the purpose of  
11 participation in the policy decisions and the outreach  
12 programs of the Party. Recognition shall be subject to the  
13 following provisions:

14 (1) A Caucus membership list and Caucus By-Laws are  
15 submitted for approval to the Executive Board by way  
16 of the Rules Committee.

17 (2) The Caucus membership list is comprised of at least  
18 one percent of the full membership of This  
19 Committee, with each person on such list affirming by  
20 signature support for the official recognition of such a  
21 Caucus and affirming that he or she shares the  
22 demographic or similar identity which defines the  
23 Caucus.

24 (3) The Caucus By-Laws are consistent with the By-Laws of  
25 this organization.

26 (4) Since all fundraising and expenditures of funds by the  
27 State Party, including all of its authorized groups, now  
28 require coordination under Federal and State Laws,  
29 each Special Group Caucus recognized by This  
30 Committee that proposes to solicit funds in the name  
31 of the Democratic Party consistent with the By-Laws  
32 and purposes of the Democratic Party, shall present a  
33 biennial fund raising and budget proposal and shall  
34 submit it to the Budget and Finance Committee or the  
35 State Chair for recommendation and approval. Those  
36 events which are not included in the main budget  
37 proposal shall be submitted on an individual basis.

38 (5) Quarterly financial reports shall be filed by such  
39 Caucus groups with the Treasurer of the Democratic  
40 State Party to comply with law. The Treasurer shall

- 1 meet with and advise the treasurer of the recognized  
2 Special Group Caucuses in regard to the required  
3 reporting of funds.
- 4 b. Official recognition of a Caucus shall extend throughout  
5 the remainder of the two-year term of membership on  
6 This Committee.
- 7 c. The Chair of an officially recognized Caucus shall be a  
8 member of the Executive Board of This Committee.
- 9 d. Membership and full voting rights in an officially  
10 recognized Caucus shall be open to all registered  
11 Democrats who meet the membership requirements of  
12 such Caucus By-Laws.

## 13 **ARTICLE V**

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### 14 **STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL** 15 **COMMITTEES**

#### 16 ***Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL*** 17 ***COMMITTEES***

- 18 a. The following standing committees shall be appointed: the  
19 committee on credentials and proxies; the committee on  
20 rules; the committee on resolutions; the platform  
21 committee; the committee on affirmative action; the  
22 committee on legislation; the committee on finance; the  
23 organizational development committee; the campaign  
24 services committee and the candidate recruitment and  
25 development committee. In addition, the State Chair of  
26 the Party may appoint such special committee as he or she  
27 deems appropriate.

#### 28 ***Section 2. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE***

- 29 a. The standing committee on credentials and proxies  
30 (designated as the Credentials Committee) shall be divided  
31 as equally as possible between the Northern and Southern  
32 sections as selected by the State Chair of This Committee  
33 from among its membership. The State Chair shall also  
34 appoint the Chair or Co-Chair of the Credentials  
35 Committee from among its members.
- 36 b. It shall be the duty of the Credentials Committee to  
37 approve the credentials of all persons appointed or elected



1 to This Committee and to present a list of qualified  
2 members to the Temporary Chair of This Committee as  
3 soon as practicable. The Credentials Committee shall  
4 review and approve all proxies in accordance with Section  
5 6 of Article IV of these By-Laws. All challenges of members  
6 or proxies shall be referred to the Credentials Committee  
7 for resolution.

- 8 c. For the purpose of the first biennial convention of This  
9 Committee, the Chair shall appoint such additional  
10 members of the Credentials Committee as may be  
11 necessary to assure that there shall be at least one member  
12 from each Senate District.

### 13 *Section 3. RULES COMMITTEE*

- 14 a. The standing committee on rules (designated the Rules  
15 Committee) shall consist of from 15 to 25 members,  
16 selected by the State Chair of the Party. The State Chair  
17 shall also appoint the Chair or Co-Chairs of the Rules  
18 Committee from among its members.
- 19 b. It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to keep the By-  
20 Laws and Rules of This Committee consistent with the  
21 aims and policies of This Committee, to propose changes  
22 in the rules and By-Laws and special rules when necessary,  
23 and to interpret the rules and By-Laws when called upon  
24 by the State Chair or the Executive Board.

### 25 *Section 4. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE*

- 26 a. The standing committee on resolutions (designated the  
27 Resolutions Committee) shall consist of from 15 to 25  
28 members appointed by the State Chair, at least four of  
29 whom shall hold a public office named in Article II Section  
30 2(a) of these By-Laws. The State Chair shall also appoint  
31 the Chair or Co-Chairs of the Resolutions Committee from  
32 among the members of This Committee.
- 33 b. It shall be the duty of the Resolutions Committee to  
34 review all resolutions proposed to This Committee or the  
35 Executive Board in accordance with these By-Laws. The  
36 Resolution Committee shall have authority to  
37 recommend, reject, or amend all such resolutions prior to  
38 referral to This Committee or the Executive Board. The  
39 Resolutions Committee shall establish and publish the  
40 procedures for the proposition of resolutions that are  
41 consistent with these ByLaws.

1     **Section 5.   PLATFORM COMMITTEE**

- 2             a. The Platform Committee shall consist of from 15 to 25  
3               members appointed by the State Chair, at least four of  
4               whom shall hold a public office named in Article II,  
5               Section 2(a) of these By-Laws. The State Chair shall also  
6               appoint the Chair or Co-Chairs of the Platform Committee  
7               from among the members of This Committee.
- 8             b. It shall be the duty of the Platform Committee to hold at  
9               least one meeting in each section of the state, to have a  
10              platform draft available for interested persons on the first  
11              day of the meeting of This Committee at which the  
12              platform is to be considered, to hold a final hearing during  
13              the first day of that meeting, and to present to This  
14              Committee for approval a final draft of the platform  
15              during the second day of that meeting.

16     **Section 6.   FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 17             a. The standing committee on budget and finance (designated  
18               the Finance Committee) shall consist of from 15 to 25  
19               members appointed by the State Chair, at least five of  
20               whom shall be members of the Executive Board.
- 21             b. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to organize,  
22               in cooperation with the officers of This Committee,  
23               activities and policies designed to protect and enhance the  
24               financial position of the Party; to prepare in cooperation  
25               with the State Committee a State Committee operating  
26               budget for presentation to the Executive Board; and to  
27               review and report to the Executive Board on the budgeting  
28               policies of the State Party.

29     **Section 7.   ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- 30             a. The standing committee on organizational development  
31               (designated the Organizational Development Committee)  
32               shall consist of from 15 to 25 members appointed by the  
33               State Chair who shall also appoint the Chair or Co-Chairs  
34               of the committee.
- 35             b. It shall be the duty of the Organizational Development  
36               Committee to organize and supervise the educational and  
37               training efforts of This Committee, including grassroots  
38               organization and precinct training, in cooperation with the  
39               officers of This Committee, and to recommend to the State

Chair activities and policies designed to improve the organizational effectiveness of the Party.

**Section 8. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE**

- a. The standing committee on affirmative action (designated the Affirmative Action Committee) shall consist of from 15 to 25 members appointed by the State Chair who shall also appoint the Chair or Co-Chairs of the Committee.
- b. It shall be the duty of the Affirmative Action Committee to implement and monitor the goal of affirmative action for selection of:
  - (1) The delegates to all State Conventions and Conferences;
  - (2) The members of all standing committees of the State Central Committee of the California Democratic Party;
  - (3) California delegates to all National Conventions and Conferences;
  - (4) The staff of the State Party.

**Section 9. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

- a. The standing committee on legislation (designated the Legislation Committee) shall consist of 26 members, including 6 members appointed at-large by the State Chair and 20 additional members selected by the State Chair from nominations submitted by the Assembly Districts. The State Chair shall also appoint the Chair or Co-Chairs of the committee. Membership on the Legislation Committee shall be balanced as equally as possible between the sexes and between the Northern and Southern sections, and must reflect the regional, rural and urban, ethnic, and other diversities of the State's population.
- b. It shall be the function of the Legislation Committee to propose legislation when needed, in response to the duties and policies of the Party; to maintain a listing of all pending legislation that is of "must" and/or major concern to the Party; and to keep a record of the vote by the Democratic Party legislators on such legislative items.

**Section 10. CAMPAIGN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- a. The standing committee on campaign services (designated as the Campaign Services Committee) shall consist of 15 to 25 members selected by the State Chair of the Party. The



1 committee membership shall include 2 members of the  
2 Congressional Delegation or their selected representatives,  
3 2 members of the State Assembly, and 2 members of the  
4 State Senate. The State Chair shall also appoint the Chair  
5 or Co-Chairs of the Campaign Services from among its  
6 members.

7 b. It shall be the duty of the Campaign Services Committee:

8 (1) To develop goals and guidelines for the State Party  
9 mail services program for state and local campaigns;

10 (2) To develop goals for the Campaign Task Force;

11 (3) To coordinate training seminars which include  
12 instruction on campaign management, issues, and  
13 financial reporting requirements;

14 (4) To recommend guidelines to the State Chair and  
15 Executive Board on the use of the Party bulk mail  
16 permit.

17 ***Section 11. CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT AND DEVELOPMENT***  
18 ***COMMITTEE***

19 a. The standing committee on candidate recruitment and  
20 development (designated the Candidate Recruitment and  
21 Development Committee) shall consist of members  
22 appointed by the State Chair. The State Chair shall also  
23 appoint the Chair and Co-Chairs of the Candidate  
24 Recruitment and Development Committee from among  
25 its members.

26 b. It shall be the duty of the Candidate Recruitment and  
27 Development Committee to make every reasonable effort  
28 to assure that with respect to each and every partisan office  
29 that there shall be at least one Democratic candidate who  
30 has filed, who wishes the Party's endorsement, and who is  
31 worthy of consideration for that endorsement as allowed  
32 for in Article X, Endorsement of Candidates.

# ARTICLE VI

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## ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT COMMITTEES

### *Section 1. ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS*

- a. The Assembly District shall be the basic organizational unit of the Democratic State Central Committee of the California Democratic Party.
- b. It shall be the duty of all members of This Committee to establish and maintain an Assembly District Committee in the district in which they reside.
- c. The State Chair, Regional Directors and State Party Staff shall provide assistance as needed, especially in the decennial period of district reapportionment.

### *Section 2. ASSEMBLY DISTRICT COMMITTEES*

- a. Each Assembly District Committee shall consist of the following:
  - (1) All members of This Committee resident in the district.
  - (2) All County Central Committee members resident in the District.
  - (3) Representatives from each Democratic Club or other Democratic organization chartered by This Committee or by a County Central Committee, with such representatives allocated as follows: one representative, resident in the District, for each full (not a fraction thereof) 20 members registered to vote in the District provided that the organization has provided the A.D. Committee with names and addresses of its members. Club members who hold dual club memberships may only be counted for representation once.
  - (4) Any Democrat registered in the district who can provide written documentation, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the Party, that he/she has registered 25 Democratic voters since the June primary of the most recent even-numbered year.

- 1 (5) Any Democrat registered in the district who  
2 demonstrates that he/she is a "Precinct  
3 Representative" of the California Democratic Party by  
4 submitting a petition signed by 25 percent (or 50  
5 registered Democrats, whichever is less) of the  
6 registered Democrats in the precinct in which he/she  
7 resides, with all such signatures to have been affixed  
8 since the June primary of the most recent even-  
9 numbered year.
- 10 (6) Any other Democrat registered in the District who  
11 meets criteria established in the Assembly District  
12 Committee By-Laws.
- 13 b. With the exception of those achieving their membership  
14 by a.(1) and a.(2) above, membership shall expire on the  
15 date of the November general election held in each even-  
16 numbered year. Requalification for Assembly District  
17 Committee membership shall begin following the June  
18 primary.
- 19 c. Membership shall be certified by the chair of each  
20 Assembly District Committee 25 days prior to any meeting  
21 of that Committee, and a roster of membership shall be  
22 maintained by that Chair and shall be provided, upon  
23 request, to the Chair of This Committee. In order to be a  
24 voting member of an Assembly District Committee, an  
25 individual's membership must have been certified as  
26 indicated herein.
- 27 d. An Assembly District Committee:
- 28 (1) Shall elect its own officers, elect representatives to This  
29 Committee and to the Executive Board of This  
30 Committee, and shall ratify or adopt new Assembly  
31 District Committee By-Laws of this Committee at its  
32 regular biennial organizational meeting. Such By-Laws  
33 shall include provisions for removal of the Committee  
34 Chair and for filling a vacancy in the position of  
35 Committee Chair.
- 36 (2) Shall hold its regular biennial organizational meeting  
37 on the second Saturday or Sunday in January of every  
38 odd-numbered year upon the call of the Assembly  
39 District Committee Chair or, if none, of the Chair of  
40 this Committee, who shall also designate an acting  
41 Assembly District Committee Chair to serve until a  
42 permanent Chair has been elected. The State Chair will



1 also call a District Committee Meeting on the fourth  
2 Saturday or Sunday in January for any Assembly  
3 District where no action has been reported. The Chair  
4 of the Assembly District Committee shall be elected at  
5 the same meeting at which Assembly District  
6 Committee Delegates to This Committee are elected.

7 (3) Shall extend full voting privileges to all its members.

8 (4) May, by By-Laws provisions, delegate such powers &  
9 duties as deemed appropriate to an A.D. Executive  
10 Committee.

11 (5) Within 5 days following the A.D. Committee election  
12 meeting, the newly elected A.D. Committee Chair shall  
13 forward to the State Chair of the Party a list of the  
14 names and addresses of the officers, the A.D.  
15 representatives, and a current list of the members of  
16 the A.D. Committee and a copy of the A.D. By-Laws.

17 (6) Shall be responsible for effecting liaison with Democrat  
18 campaign organizations operating within the A.D., its  
19 Regional Director and with appropriate County  
20 Committee(s).

21 (7) Shall be responsible, in cooperation with the relevant  
22 County Committee(s), for encouraging and developing  
23 the Party organization at the level of the precinct or in  
24 clusters of precincts designated as Areas, within the  
25 A.D.

26 (8) Shall carry out its organization and campaign  
27 responsibilities under the general direction of This  
28 Committee and the Executive Board of This  
29 Committee and shall carry out the policies and  
30 programs of This Committee in the Assembly District.

31 (9) Shall be entitled to direct representation on the  
32 Executive Board of This Committee by one vote per  
33 A.D.

34 e. Assembly District Committee delegates to This Committee  
35 shall be chosen from among its members at the District  
36 Committees regular biennial organizational meeting. In  
37 the event less than 6 of one sex should be candidates for  
38 election as representatives to This Committee they shall be  
39 deemed automatically elected, with the balance of the  
40 delegation being of the other sex.

41 f. Assembly District Committee Representatives to the State  
42 Executive Board.

- 1 (1) The Assembly District Representative to the State  
2 Executive Board, together with an alternate of the  
3 opposite sex, shall be chosen at its regular biennial  
4 organizational meeting from among those persons  
5 who will be delegates to the forthcoming biennial  
6 convention of This Committee by virtue of being a  
7 member of This Committee pursuant to Article II-  
8 Section 2(b), (d), (e); Article II- Section 3; or Article II-  
9 Section 5.
- 10 (2) Subject to the foregoing provisions, any officer of the  
11 A.D. Committee shall be eligible.
- 12 (3) In the event that an Assembly District Committee has  
13 not been represented at two successive meetings of the  
14 Executive Board, both the Representative and the  
15 Alternate shall be subject to removal from the board  
16 upon notification of the respective Assembly District  
17 Committee.

18 ***Section 3. ASSEMBLY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

- 19 a. The Assembly District Executive Committee shall consist  
20 of all members of This Committee resident in the  
21 Assembly District, and such other members of the  
22 Assembly District Committee as may be provided for in the  
23 Assembly District By-Laws.
- 24 b. The Executive Committee shall exercise such powers and  
25 duties as may be assigned to it by the Assembly District By-  
26 Laws.
- 27 c. Prior to the biennial Assembly District Committee  
28 organizational meeting, the Executive Committee shall, on  
29 behalf of the Assembly District Committee, also perform  
30 those duties and responsibilities for the Assembly District  
31 Committee as set forth in the provisions for A.D.  
32 Committees in these By-Laws.

# ARTICLE VII

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

### Section 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- a. There shall be an Executive Board of This Committee which shall have all the powers and duties of This Organization when it is not in actual session.

### Section 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Board shall consist of the following members of This Committee:

- a. The following public officials:

- (1) All United States Senators;
- (2) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Controller, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Insurance Commissioner, and all members of the Board of Equalization.
- (3) One member of the House of Representatives from each Section, each of whom shall be selected by the members of the House of Representatives on This Committee;
- (4) One member of the State Assembly from each Section; each of whom shall be selected by the members of the Assembly on This Committee;
- (5) One member of the State Senate from each Section, each of whom shall be selected by the members of the State Senate on This Committee;

- b. County Committee representatives elected as follows:

- (1) One County Committee representative shall be elected for each 100,000 registered Democrats or portion thereof resident in the county.
- (2) County Committee representatives to the Executive Board shall be elected by their respective County Committees at their first regular meeting following This Committee's state convention in an odd-numbered year. Only Democratic State Central Committee Members who hold their membership by



- 1 virtue of Article II- Section 4 shall be eligible for such  
2 election.
- 3 (3) County Committee representatives shall be divided as  
4 equally as possible between men and women.
- 5 c. All Assembly District Representatives.
- 6 d. All National Committee Members of the Party.
- 7 e. All officers and immediate past officers of This Committee.
- 8 f. The President of the California Democratic Council and of  
9 the California Federation of Young Democrats.
- 10 g. The chair or co-chairs of each Standing Committee of This  
11 Committee.
- 12 h. The Chair of each caucus officially recognized by This  
13 Committee pursuant to Article IV, Section 10 of these By-  
14 Laws.

15 **Section 3. EXECUTIVE BOARD ORGANIZATION**

- 16 a. The State Chair shall be the Chair of the Executive Board,  
17 and the State Secretary shall be the Secretary of the  
18 Executive Board.

19 **Section 4. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS**

- 20 a. The Executive Board shall convene in regular meetings at  
21 least four times in each calendar year. Such regular  
22 meetings shall be held at such time and place as the  
23 Executive Board may designate so long as no two  
24 consecutive meetings are held in the same Section.
- 25 b. The Executive Board may convene in special meetings in  
26 the following manner:
- 27 (1) At the call of the State Chair and at such time and in  
28 such place as he or she may designate; or
- 29 (2) Upon written request submitted to the State Chair by  
30 ten or more members of the Executive Board and at  
31 such time and in such place as they may designate.
- 32 c. Notice of the regular and special meetings shall be given by  
33 the Secretary. The Secretary shall mail notices to each  
34 member of the Executive Board at least ten days prior to  
35 the meeting. If, upon good cause, the time is shortened,  
36 notice must be given at least three days prior to the  
37 meeting.

1     **Section 5. EXECUTIVE BOARD VOTING**

2             a. Members of the Executive Board may vote in person or by  
3                 proxy. A person holding the proxy must be a member of  
4                 This Committee but not a member of the Executive Board;  
5                 no person may hold more than one proxy. To vote by  
6                 proxy, the following conditions must be met:

7                 (1) If the member is a representative of a County Central  
8                     Committee, such member may designate in writing as  
9                     his or her proxyholder only a person who is a member  
10                    or alternate of the same County Committee.

11                (2) If the member is an Assembly District Representative,  
12                    such member may designate in writing as his or her  
13                    proxyholder only a person who is a member of the  
14                    same Assembly District Committee.

15                (3) Any other member may designate as his or her  
16                    proxyholder a person who is a resident in the same  
17                    Section in which the designating member resides.

18             b. Proxies shall be filed in writing with the Secretary of This  
19                 Committee.

20             c. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted with respect to any  
21                 Standing or Special Committee of the Executive Board.

22     **Section 6. EXECUTIVE BOARD QUORUM**

23             a. One hundred (100) members of the Executive Board shall  
24                 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

25     **Section 7. EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

26             Submission of resolutions to the Executive Board shall be in  
27                 accordance with the following procedures:

28             a. Resolutions must be received 10 calendar days prior to a  
29                 meeting of the Executive Board by the State Chair of the  
30                 Party, except as provided for in subdivision (d) below.

31             b. All resolutions must be signed by the author and  
32                 sponsored by a member of This Committee.

33             c. Copies of resolutions submitted according to the above  
34                 procedures shall be mailed by the State Chair to all  
35                 members of the Resolutions Committee prior to an  
36                 Executive Board meeting.

- 1 d. All late resolutions must be presented for consideration at  
2 the Resolutions Committee meeting preceding the  
3 Executive Board general session. Twenty-five copies of the  
4 late resolutions must be delivered by the sponsor(s) of the  
5 resolutions to one of the Co-Chairs of the Committee. In  
6 order to be considered by the Executive Board, all late  
7 resolutions presented must have the unanimous consent  
8 of the Resolutions Committee members present, or the  
9 proponents shall gather signatures of sixty percent of the  
10 Executive Board members registered as of 10:00 a.m. on the  
11 morning of the general session. The signatures must be  
12 turned in by 10:30 a.m. to Party Officers, Resolutions Co-  
13 Chairs or staff.
- 14 e. If the resolution is presented from the floor, the sponsor(s)  
15 must submit to the Secretary sufficient copies for each  
16 member of the Executive Board present.

17 **Section 8. STATE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS**

- 18 a. Resolutions to endorse or oppose any state ballot  
19 proposition shall require sixty percent (60%) majority for  
20 approval by the Executive Board.
- 21 b. The vote on such resolutions concerning state ballot  
22 propositions shall be taken up at the regularly scheduled  
23 Executive Board meeting immediately preceding the  
24 statewide election involved.

25 **ARTICLE VIII**

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26 **AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS**

27 **Section 1. AMENDMENT**

28 These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of This  
29 Committee or by the Executive Board, provided that the  
30 Executive Board amends these By-Laws in the following  
31 manner:

- 32 a. The amendment must be submitted to the Rules  
33 Committee and filed with the Secretary at a meeting held  
34 no less than thirty days prior to the meeting at which the  
35 amendment is to be voted on.
- 36 b. A copy of the amendment shall be sent with the meeting  
37 notice to each member of the Executive Board at least ten



1 days in advance of the meeting at which the amendment is  
2 to be voted on.

3 c. If the Rules Committee fails to approve a proposed  
4 amendment, such amendment may be presented from the  
5 floor with the consent of a majority of those present.

6 d. These By-Laws shall not be amended by the vote of less  
7 than a majority of the total number of members of the  
8 Executive Board, or two-thirds (2/3) of those members of  
9 the Executive Board present and voting at any meeting  
10 thereof, whichever is smaller.

11 ***Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE***

12 a. By-Laws or any amendments thereto shall become  
13 effective immediately upon their adoption.

14 **ARTICLE IX**

15 **ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR PARTISAN**  
16 **AND NONPARTISAN OFFICE**

17 ***Section 1. PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES***

18 a. The State Central Committee of the California Democratic  
19 Party, Democratic County Central Committees, and all  
20 official units of the California Democratic Party shall not  
21 endorse any candidate for delegate to the Democratic  
22 National Convention and shall not endorse candidates for  
23 President of the United States until the Democratic  
24 National Convention has been held.

25 b. Individual members of the organizational units identified  
26 in subsection (a) of this section are in no way precluded  
27 from endorsing delegates to the Democratic National  
28 Convention nor a candidate for the Democratic  
29 Presidential nomination. The Party office of members  
30 making such an endorsement may be indicated in that  
31 endorsement for identification purposes only.

32 ***Section 2. PARTISAN PUBLIC OFFICES OTHER THAN***  
33 ***PRESIDENT***

34 a. Endorsement of candidates for the Democratic nomination  
35 to any partisan office other than President shall take place  
36 during a duly noticed "endorsing convention" of This

- 1 Committee held after the closing date for filing  
2 declarations-of-intent-of-candidacy for the offices to be  
3 voted upon. (See subsection (e) below for an exception to  
4 this provision.)
- 5 b. This Committee shall make every reasonable effort to  
6 assure that with respect to each and every office embraced  
7 by the provisions of subsection (a) above there shall be at  
8 least one candidate who has filed, who wishes the Party's  
9 endorsement, and who is worthy of consideration for that  
10 endorsement.
- 11 c. Endorsement in any given primary race shall be chaired by  
12 persons designated by the Chair of This Committee. In  
13 addition to presiding over the endorsing caucus in  
14 conformity with these By-Laws and with the principles of  
15 fairness to which this Party is committed, persons  
16 designated as Chairs shall be responsible upon the advice  
17 and assistance of the State Chair for publicizing, in the  
18 relevant local media of communication, results of the  
19 endorsing and ratifying process with respect to the  
20 candidate(s) considered by the caucus he/she chairs.
- 21 (2) Endorsing caucuses shall be held at places and times  
22 during the endorsing convention which are designated  
23 by the Chair of This Committee consistent with  
24 achieving an orderly, convenient and fair process.
- 25 (3) Each candidate entered in a forthcoming Democratic  
26 primary and subject to the provisions of this section  
27 may request to be considered for the Democratic Party  
28 endorsement, and may request to appear before the  
29 relevant endorsing caucus.
- 30 (4) Each candidate seeking the endorsement of the  
31 California Democratic Party shall submit to This  
32 Committee, in advance of the endorsing convention, a  
33 nonreimbursable filing fee of \$100 in the case of  
34 statewide public offices and \$50 in all other cases. (See  
35 Article XII, Section 4, By-Laws and Rules of the  
36 California Democratic Party).
- 37 (5) Fifty percent plus one of the credentialed members of  
38 an endorsing caucus shall constitute a quorum.
- 39 (6) Voting at all the endorsing caucuses shall be by a roll  
40 call vote.

1 (7) Members of an endorsing caucus shall be presented  
2 with a "no endorsement" option on all endorsement  
3 votes.

4 (8) No endorsing caucus may endorse more candidates  
5 than there are seats for the office in question.

6 (9) Endorsement of an incumbent candidate seeking  
7 reelection shall require a vote of simple majority of the  
8 caucus members present and voting. Endorsement of  
9 all non-incumbent candidates shall require 60% of  
10 those caucus members present and voting. In the  
11 event that on a given endorsing vote neither a  
12 candidate nor a "No Endorsement" receives the  
13 required majority, then a new vote shall be taken  
14 wherein the name of any withdrawn candidate or, if  
15 none has withdrawn, the name of the candidate with  
16 the lowest number of votes on the previous vote shall  
17 no longer be put before the members of the endorsing  
18 caucus. Before any vote, each candidate shall be given  
19 an opportunity to withdraw in favor of some other  
20 candidate.

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22 d. Decisions of the endorsing caucus shall be subject to  
23 ratification by the full membership of This Committee,  
24 except with respect to candidates for statewide public office.

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26 (1) In the case of a statewide public office, This  
27 Committee's ratification of the endorsing caucus'  
28 decision shall be assumed, since the endorsing caucus  
29 is comprised of all members of This Committee.

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31 (2) Ratification of endorsing caucus decisions on which no  
32 objection has been filed under the provisions of (3)  
33 below may be achieved by a vote of acclamation which  
34 embraces as many such decisions as deemed  
35 appropriate by the Chair of This Committee.

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37 (3) Formal objection to the ratification of an endorsing  
38 caucus decision must be signed by at least 200  
39 credentialed members of This Committee and filed  
40 with the State Chair one hour in advance of the period  
41 set aside for ratification votes.



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(4) Consideration by This Committee of endorsing caucus decisions to which objection has been filed under (3) above shall occur prior to voting on the ratification of other caucus decisions and shall include the presentation of arguments for and against ratification.

(5) In the event fifty percent plus one of the members of This Committee present and voting fail to vote to ratify an endorsing caucus decision to which formal objection has been filed, the endorsing caucus decision shall be considered "vacated".

(6) The California Democratic Party shall be considered to have made "no endorsement" where a caucus decision has been vacated unless the members of This Committee decide to endorse a substitute candidate.

(a) Substitute candidates may be nominated from the floor immediately following the vacating of the relevant endorsing caucus.

(b) Substitute candidates must have been considered for endorsement by the relevant endorsing caucus.

(c) To become the endorsed candidate of the California Democratic Party, a substitute candidate must receive 75% of the vote of the members of This Committee present and voting.

e. In the case of a special election where an endorsement cannot be made at the biennial endorsing convention of the California Democratic Party, the Chair of This Committee shall convene an endorsing caucus of the members of This Committee resident in the relevant district. Such caucus shall proceed in accordance with the relevant procedures provided for in subsection (c) above and its decision shall be subject to ratification by the Executive Board of This Committee under procedures consistent with those identified in subsection (d) above.

f. Only Democratic candidates for nomination to partisan public office who have been endorsed in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be deemed official

1 candidates of the California Democratic Party and be  
2 entitled to the privileges and benefits associated therewith.

3 g. To assure the effectiveness of the Democratic Party's  
4 endorsing process, This Committee:

5 (1) hopes and expects that all of its members will make  
6 every reasonable effort to recruit and encourage  
7 persons of the highest quality to seek the Party's  
8 nomination and endorsement in races for partisan  
9 public office;

10 (2) hopes and expects that all of its members will make  
11 every reasonable effort to see that endorsed candidates  
12 receive the Party's nomination and, in due course, are  
13 victorious in the general election;

14 (3) hopes and expects that all of its members will make  
15 every reasonable effort to see that those aspirants for  
16 the Party's endorsement who fail to receive that  
17 endorsement withdraw as candidates in the  
18 Democratic primary and encourage a unified effort on  
19 behalf of the endorsed candidates; and

20 (4) intends to protect the integrity of its endorsing power  
21 by precluding -- including through the use of legal  
22 process -- other entities from representing themselves  
23 as purveyors of an official Democratic Party  
24 endorsement.

25 h. To assure the effectiveness of the Democratic Party's  
26 endorsing process, This Committee is committed to the  
27 principle that the Democratic Party as an organization shall  
28 speak with one voice with respect to the endorsement of  
29 candidates for nomination to partisan public office. It is  
30 also committed to the principle that This Committee shall  
31 be broadly and fairly representative of the various  
32 components of the Party.

33 (1) The Executive Board of This Committee shall consider  
34 and may approve a request for a variance from these  
35 provisions submitted by a County Central Committee  
36 wishing to render an independent endorsement of a  
37 "favorite son" or "favorite daughter" candidate for the  
38 Democratic nomination to statewide partisan public  
39 office. In the event such a variance is granted, the  
40 endorsed candidate shall not be considered, and shall  
41 not be presented as the endorsed candidate of the  
42 California Democratic Party unless he/she is also

1 endorsed in accordance with the procedures described  
2 in the foregoing sections of this Article.

- 3 (2) Any official unit of the California Democratic Party or  
4 any County Central Committee which renders an  
5 independent, unauthorized endorsement of a  
6 candidate for partisan public office shall forfeit its right  
7 to representation on This Committee and the  
8 privileges and benefits which may be attached thereto  
9 for a period of 12 months from the time it renders such  
10 an endorsement, or the remainder of the term of the  
11 current State Central Committee, whichever is longer.

- 12 i. "Pre-endorsing Conferences" shall be held at the regional  
13 level prior to the State endorsing convention.

- 14 (1) The time and place of each pre-endorsing conference  
15 shall be determined by the State Chair in consultation  
16 with the Party's Regional Directors.

- 17 (2) In the event that any Senate District or Congressional  
18 District falls into more than one Region, the State  
19 Chair shall assign those districts to a single regional  
20 pre-endorsement conference for the purposes of  
21 making the recommendation set forth in this section,  
22 due consideration being given to conflicting  
23 conference dates so as to allow for full participation.  
24 When an eligible voter in a Senate or Congressional  
25 District does not reside in the designated Region for  
26 that office, a written, signed statement from the eligible  
27 voter shall be recorded as part of the roll call vote if  
28 received by the designated Regional Director prior to  
29 the beginning of roll call for the vote in the designated  
30 Region.

- 31 (3) The State Chair shall be responsible for providing each  
32 voting participant with notification of the time and  
33 place of the relevant pre-endorsing conference.  
34 Regional Directors shall be responsible, upon the  
35 advice and assistance of the State Chair, for generally  
36 publicizing pre-endorsement conferences.

- 37 (4) Each pre-endorsing conference shall be chaired by the  
38 relevant Regional Director or, in the event that there is  
39 no Regional Director available for this purpose or the  
40 Regional Director is a candidate for nomination to a  
41 partisan public office, by a person designated by the  
42 State Chair. The State Chair shall designate a Secretary  
43 for each Regional pre-endorsing conference.



- 1 (5) Voting participants at each pre-endorsing conference  
2 shall be:
- 3 a. All members of This Committee resident in the district;  
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5 b. All regular County Committee members resident in the  
6 district;  
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8 c. The designated Assembly District representative from  
9 chartered clubs and organizations. These A.D.  
10 representatives may vote only in the districts in which  
11 they reside. The representative must have been designated  
12 as the Assembly District representative by January 24, 1988.
- 13 (6) No proxy voting shall be allowed at pre-endorsing  
14 conferences. It shall be the responsibility of each  
15 Regional Director, with the assistance of the relevant  
16 County Committee Chair(s) and Assembly District  
17 Committee Chair(s) to identify by name all present  
18 who will be eligible voters at his/her regional pre-  
19 endorsing conference and to transmit the names of all  
20 such voters to the State Chair, along with the  
21 Assembly District, Senate District and Congressional  
22 District in which each resides 30 days before the pre-  
23 endorsing conference.
- 24 (7) Each candidate for the Democratic nomination to a  
25 partisan, non-statewide public office whose  
26 jurisdiction extends into, or is included in a given  
27 Region, shall be permitted to address the relevant pre-  
28 endorsing conference or to designate a representative  
29 to address said conference.
- 30 (8) Any voting participant may offer for conference  
31 consideration the name of a candidate for the  
32 Democratic nomination to a partisan, non-statewide  
33 public office whose jurisdiction extends into, or is  
34 included within the given Region, except as provided  
35 in Section 2:i:(2) above.
- 36 (9) Once the names of candidates for a given office have  
37 been thus offered, a single roll call vote shall be taken  
38 as to the preferences of the eligible voting participants.  
39 A "no preference" option shall be available at the time  
40 of each vote.
- 41 (10) Eligibility to vote with respect to a given office shall  
be limited to those conference participants resident in  
the election district in question.

1 (11) The Chair of the pre-endorsing conference is  
2 responsible for transmitting to the State Chair, in  
3 writing, the results of all votes taken within three days  
4 of the pre-endorsing conference.

5 (12) A candidate's name may be placed on the consent  
6 calendar of This Committee's endorsing convention  
7 upon receiving a 70% vote at a pre-endorsing  
8 conference. The consent calendar shall be approved by  
9 a simple majority vote of This Committee. Upon  
10 approval of the consent calendar the candidate shall  
11 become the endorsed candidate of the Democratic  
12 Party. A name may be removed from the consent  
13 calendar by any five (5) members of This Committee  
14 resident in the District in question by filing a letter of  
15 objection with the State Chair no later than ten (10)  
16 days prior to the State Endorsing Convention. If a  
17 name is removed from the consent calendar, the By-  
18 Laws of This Committee regarding endorsements shall  
19 apply.

20 j. All winners of the Democratic primaries will be deemed to  
21 be the endorsed candidates of This Committee, unless 75%  
22 of the members of its Executive Board, present and voting,  
23 object.

24 k. The only form of endorsement of a candidate for partisan  
25 public office is an "official endorsement" as provided for  
26 under these By-Laws. Unless a candidate has received an  
27 "official endorsement" all motions of support,  
28 recommendation, or other expressions of approval, no  
29 matter how denominated, shall be out of order at any  
30 meeting of This Committee, its Executive Board, its  
31 Regions, its Assembly District Committees or its Caucuses.

32 L This Committee shall not endorse candidates for County  
33 Central Committee.

### 34 *Section 3. NONPARTISAN OFFICES*

35 a. Endorsement of candidates for all local nonpartisan offices  
36 (defined here as all nonpartisan offices whose jurisdictions  
37 do not extend across county lines) shall be the exclusive  
38 responsibility of the relevant Democratic County Central  
39 Committee.

40 b. A Democratic candidate for nonpartisan office who has  
41 been endorsed by his/her County Central Committee shall

1 also be considered to be the endorsed candidate of the  
2 California Democratic Party and shall be entitled to such  
3 privileges and benefits as may be attached thereto (e.g., an  
4 opportunity, where appropriate, to include his/her name  
5 in informational material distributed with the California  
6 Democratic Party's mailing permit) provided that: (1) The  
7 endorsing provisions of the relevant County Central  
8 Committee By-laws have been reviewed and approved by  
9 This Committee as consistent with its own by-laws and  
10 with the fundamental rules of fairness to which the  
11 California Democratic Party is committed; and (2) A  
12 Democratic candidate who has been denied endorsement  
13 does not successfully argue before This Committee that  
14 there has been a significant violation of the endorsing  
15 provisions of the relevant County Central Committee  
16 when it rendered its endorsement. Any claim of by-laws  
17 violation must be filed with the State Party Chair within  
18 five (5) days of County Committee endorsement. A 2/3  
19 vote shall be necessary to uphold the violation claim.

20 c. In order for the endorsement of the County Central  
21 Committees to become the official endorsements of the  
22 California Democratic Party, the following must be met:

23 (1) A Democratic County Central Committee  
24 endorsement shall be extended only to registered  
25 Democrats.

26 (2) Endorsement shall not be given to more candidates  
27 than there are seats open for the office in question.

28 (3) All endorsements shall be made in accordance with  
29 the Committee By-Laws provisions duly adopted at  
30 least six months prior to making such an  
31 endorsement.

32 d. A County Central Committee's bylaws may provide that  
33 the Committee shall not endorse candidates for any or all  
34 offices embraced by subsection (a) above, and/or may  
35 provide for a "No Endorsement" decision with respect to  
36 any or all such offices.

37 e. A County Central Committee's by-laws may provide that  
38 voting rights with respect to its endorsements shall extend  
39 to Associate/Alternate Members and/or to all members of  
40 This Committee resident in the county.

41 f. This Committee shall be responsible for endorsing  
42 candidates in any race for nonpartisan office not identified



1 in subsection a. above. In the case of nonpartisan offices  
2 which are not statewide but embrace all or part of two or  
3 more counties, This Committee shall delegate its  
4 endorsing power to a specially organized body including  
5 Democratic County Central Committee members resident  
6 in the election district. It shall be the responsibility of the  
7 State Chair, in consultation with the relevant County  
8 Committee Chairs to determine the manner in which that  
9 delegated power is to be implemented (e.g., to determine  
10 the voting rights of Associate members of the relevant  
11 County Committees, whether and how endorsing votes  
12 may be weighted to take into account the distribution of  
13 the district population among the affected counties, etc.

14 g. To the extent permissible, the position of a Democratic  
15 County Central Committee on a local proposition being  
16 put before the voters within its jurisdiction may be  
17 communicated in informational material distributed with  
18 the California Democratic Party's mailing permit so long as  
19 the following conditions obtain:

20 (1) the County Committee position has been duly adopted  
21 in accordance with the Committee by-laws reviewed  
22 and approved by This Committee;

23 (2) the material does not express the endorsement of a  
24 candidate for local nonpartisan office who is not also  
25 an endorsed candidate of the California Democratic  
26 Party under subsection (b) above;

27 h. The County Committee position shall be the position of  
28 This Committee unless an objection is filed with the State  
29 Party Chair which: (a) is signed by at least one-half of the  
30 members of This Committee resident in the relevant  
31 county, and (b) is submitted within five days of the  
32 adoption of the County Central Committee position.

33 i. The provisions of this section (with the exception of  
34 subsections (g)1, (g)2 and (h) above) shall become effective  
35 if and when Party endorsements in nonpartisan office  
36 races become legally permissible.

37 j. This Committee hopes and expects that every County  
38 Central Committee shall make every reasonable effort:

39 (1) to see that at least one qualified, registered Democrat is  
40 a candidate for each local nonpartisan office within its  
41 endorsing jurisdiction;

- 1 (2) to raise funds sufficient to provide significant support
- 2 to endorsed candidates needing and wishing support;
- 3 (3) to persuade Democrats running against endorsed
- 4 candidates to withdraw from their races and to extend
- 5 their support to those carrying the endorsement;
- 6 (4) to protect the integrity of its endorsement power by
- 7 precluding -- including through the use of legal process
- 8 -- other entries from representing themselves as
- 9 purveyors of an official Democratic Party endorsement.

## 10 **ARTICLE X**

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### 11 **ELECTION OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

### 12 **MEMBERS**

#### 13 ***Section 1. ELECTION BY EXECUTIVE BOARD***

The members of the California Delegation to the Democratic National Committee shall be elected by the Executive Board of This Committee.

#### 14 ***Section 2. NOTICE***

Notice of such election shall be given to all members of This Committee at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which the election is to take place and as provided in Article XII of the By-Laws and Rules of the California Democratic Party.

#### 15 ***Section 3. NUMBER***

The number of members elected shall correspond to the number of votes apportioned to California by the Democratic National Committee.

#### 16 ***Section 4. ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATION***

The name of any individual registered to vote as a Democrat in the State of California may be placed in nomination by a member of the Executive Board. One-half (1/2) of the delegation shall be male and one-half (1/2) shall be female, unless an odd number of members is to be elected, in which case a variation of one shall be permitted. In the event of a tie vote, the winner of the "extra" seat shall be determined by lot.

#### 17 ***Section 5. DETERMINING ELECTION***

Except as may be required by section (4) above, the candidate(s) with the most votes shall be elected.

1 ***Section 6. VACANCIES***

Vacancies in the delegation shall be filled in the same manner as specified herein above. Only persons of the same sex as the person whose vacancy is being filled may be a candidate for membership of the Democratic National Committee. In the filling of vacancies, it is the intent of these By-Laws to maintain equal division of the delegation between males & females except as allowed by section (4) above.

2 ***Section 7. TERM OF OFFICE***

The term of office of a member of the Democratic National Committee shall be four (4) years. Persons elected to fill a vacancy shall complete the term of the person whose vacancy has been filled.

3 **ARTICLE XI**

4 **GENERAL POLICIES**

5 ***Section 1.***

All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status.

6 ***Section 2.***

No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party shall be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status.

7 ***Section 3.***

The time, place and agendas of all public meetings of the Democratic Party on all levels shall be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons.



1    ***Section 4.***

The Democratic Party, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination on grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status.

2    ***Section 5.***

The Democratic Party shall publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party Officers and representatives on all levels.

3    ***Section 6.***

Publication of these procedures shall be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party Organization.

4    ***Section 7.***

The Democratic Party shall publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication shall be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within the State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.