

# Tulare County Stonewall Democrats Bylaws

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## I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Tulare County Stonewall Democrats.

## II. PURPOSE

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Tulare County Stonewall Democrats (hereinafter called the Club) shall focus its efforts within the County of Tulare; to advance the goals of the Democratic Party (hereinafter called the Party), through public policy and political issue analysis, education, fund-raising, recruitment, coordination with other Democratic groups, and other activities to benefit the Party.

The club shall seek to publicize activities, and to build its membership from registered Democrats within the county. The Club shall develop a work plan, which shall be evaluated by the membership at least once every six months. This work plan shall include a report on the number of registered Democrats within the County of Tulare, a report on Democratic voter turnout in, and a comparison Tulare County and surrounding area of local Democratic statistics to other political affiliations.

## III. AFFILIATION

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- A. The Club is officially chartered with the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee (hereinafter called the Central Committee) and was duly chartered by the Central Committee on February 23, 2015.
- B. As a chartered and affiliated club of the Central Committee, the Club shall comply with bylaws of the Central Committee and the California Democratic Party, as they apply to fully chartered local affiliates.

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## IV. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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29 A. Qualifications: Any individual qualifies for Club membership if: The individual  
30 is a registered Democrat; or

31 1) other legal impediment), but pledges to register as a Democrat when  
32 eligibility is attained; and

33 2) Supports the purpose of the Club as stated in Article II, above.

34 B. **Active Membership:** A qualified individual shall be considered an active  
35 member only if

36 1) The member has attended at least one meeting prior to being eligible to  
37 vote and

38 2) The member has paid all club dues.

39 C. This organization does not require or use any test of membership or oath of  
40 loyalty which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members to  
41 acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination on the grounds of race, color,  
42 creed, national origin, physical ability, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual  
43 orientation, gender identity or economic status.

44 D. A member is removed from the club roster for non-payment of dues by the date  
45 required in these Bylaws, or for publicly endorsing or financially supporting  
46 other than a Democrat in any election.

47 E. **Student Membership:** Upon presentation of a current valid "Student Body  
48 Card" a person shall be entitled to a 50% (fifty percent) reduction in their dues.

49 F. **Standing:** Upon meeting the above requirements a person is considered a  
50 Member In Good Standing and is granted all the rights and privileges of  
51 membership.

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## V. DUES

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53 A. Dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and reviewed at the first  
54 meeting of each calendar year and presented to the General Membership for  
55 approval.

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- 56 B. Dues shall be \$20.00 (twenty dollars) per calendar year. Dues can be reduced to  
57 no less than \$12.00 (twelve dollars) through attendance and participation. \$1.00  
58 (one dollar) will be subtracted from dues for attendance at 2 (two) or more  
59 meetings per quarter year. Participation in major events (maximum of 4 (four))  
60 per calendar year for a reduction of \$1.00 (one dollar) per event. Student dues  
61 shall be exempt from reduction.
- 62 C. Dues are due on January 1 and payable by January 31 of each calendar year.
- 63 D. Annual dues for new active Club members shall be prorated on a monthly basis.
- 64 E. Membership is effective 30 (thirty) days after receipt of dues.
- 65 F. Payment of dues shall not be obligatory to anyone for whom it constitutes an  
66 economic hardship, and after due consideration with approval of the Executive  
67 Board.

## VI. MEETINGS

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### 70 A. Regular Meetings

- 71 1) The Club shall hold regular monthly meetings on such day as the  
72 membership may determine from time to time.
- 73 2) Regular meetings shall not be canceled more than 3 (three) times within  
74 any calendar year and in no event shall more than 2 (two) regular  
75 meetings be canceled in succession.
- 76 3) Meetings are open to all Democrats, or to anyone who expresses an  
77 intention to register as such when an impediment due to age or  
78 citizenship status disappears.

### 79 B. Special Meetings

- 80 1) Special meetings may be called by the chair at any time, on notice as  
81 specified below.
- 82 2) In the absence of the chair, any two officers may call a special meeting, on  
83 notice as specified below.

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85 C. Notice of Meeting

86 1) Notice of regular or special meetings shall be given at least two weeks in  
87 advance to all active members, in any manner as follows:

88 a. Notice in writing by US mail

89 b. Notice in writing by e-mail

90 c. Telephone message

91 2) Notice of the meeting shall be deemed sufficient by any manner specified  
92 above if such notice includes the date, time and place of the meeting and  
93 is calculated to be received at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

94 **VII. RULES FOR MEETINGS**

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95 A. The Club shall use the newly revised *Roberts Rules of Order* to govern  
96 parliamentary procedure at all official meetings of the organization, except as  
97 specifically noted in these bylaws.

98 B. A quorum for any official meeting of the Club shall be 25% (twenty-five percent)  
99 of the total organizational membership, or ten members, whichever is smaller, as  
100 of 24 hours before the meeting, as reported by the secretary.

101 C. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, the Club may adopt events and  
102 conduct regular business with a vote of 50% (fifty percent) plus 1 (one) of the  
103 members present at any meeting.

104 D. The Club may pass resolutions not related to endorsements with a vote of 2/3  
105 (two-thirds) of those present and voting at any meeting.

106 E. A process to consider the endorsement of candidates must be approved prior to  
107 any suggestion of endorsements. If the discussion of an endorsement process is  
108 noticed in the meeting agenda, such process must be approved by at least 2/3  
109 (two-thirds) of those present and voting at any meeting. If the discussion of an  
110 endorsement process is brought up from the floor as New Business, such process  
111 must be approved by at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-fourths) of those present and voting at  
112 any meeting. Under no circumstances may the Club consider the endorsement of  
113 a candidate for public office who is not registered with the Democratic Party.

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114 The minimum threshold for endorsement in a race with multiple Democratic  
115 candidates is two-thirds of the members present and voting.

116 F. must be noticed to the membership at least one meeting before the vote in  
117 question, and must be approved by a vote of 2/3 (two-thirds) of those present  
118 and voting.

## VIII. OFFICERS

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120 A. Club officers shall consist of: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and  
121 Member At-Large. They shall be elected in January to serve one-year terms of  
122 office.

123 B. If the Chair vacates office, the Vice-Chair shall ascend to the position of Chair,  
124 until an election is held to fill the Chair's remaining term of office.

125 C. In the temporary absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair. If the  
126 position of Vice-Chair is vacant, the Secretary or Treasurer shall serve as Vice-  
127 Chair.

128 D. **The Secretary** shall be responsible to ensure that all members are notified of  
129 Club meetings, maintain an updated club roster, and shall maintain all written  
130 records of the Club.

131 E. **The Treasurer** shall maintain all financial records of the club, be responsible for  
132 bank accounts, ensure FPPC/FEC financial reports are submitted on time, and  
133 will provide a monthly financial report at club meetings.

134 F. **Member At-Large** shall be selected from the club membership at-large and shall  
135 serve on the Executive Committee and perform such duties as are assigned by  
136 the club .

137 G. **The Chair** shall officiate at all meetings of the Club.

138 H. **The Chair** may appoint members temporarily to fill un-expired terms of office,  
139 subject to election by the membership at the next Club meeting 30 (thirty) days  
140 after the office is vacated.

141 I. The Club shall be represented at meetings of the DPOC and any Assembly  
142 District Committee meetings at which it may be entitled to membership, and at

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- 143 meetings of the California Democratic Council. A person may serve as  
144 representative to more than one outside body if the club membership approves.
- 145 J. The Club is encouraged to appoint a publicity officer, who shall have the  
146 responsibility to develop and to implement a plan to increase the visibility of the  
147 Club among Democrats within the County of Tulare.
- 148 K. The chair may appoint Club members to serve in other capacities as needed.
- 149 L. The Club may elect such other officers as may be deemed necessary from time to  
150 time to conduct Club business.
- 151 M. The Executive Board shall be composed of the club officers and chairs of  
152 standing committees, and shall be responsible for implementing the club's goal  
153 and maintaining financial viability.
- 154 N. An elected officer can be removed from office by resolution of a two-thirds vote  
155 of the Regular members at a General Meeting for such causes as missing three  
156 unexcused consecutive meetings or non-performance of duties, providing the  
157 membership and the officer have been notified ten days in advance of the  
158 meeting of the proposed action against the officer.

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## IX AMENDMENTS

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161 These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote at a general membership  
162 meeting after the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at a  
163 preceding meeting. Two week's notice must be provided of each meeting.

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166 **ADOPTED: August 13, 2018**

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**Salvador Cazarez**

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**Secretary**