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| Preamble | | Preamble | Preamble | |
| | | We, the people of the California Democratic Council of the state of California, hereby affirm our dedication to the democratic process – a process which exists to defend the equal dignity and value of all human beings – and the right of all people to participate in this process and to shape it to their needs and aspirations. | In order to stimulate an active interest and participation in governmental affairs; to increase the efficiency of popular government; to foster and perpetuate the ideals and principles of the democratic process; and to provide for all the people the highest degree of justice and social welfare we do associate ourselves together to establish this Constitution. | Improves, tightens Preamble |
| Article I – Name | | Name | Article I - Name | |
| | | The name of this organization shall be the CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL. | The name of this organization shall be the California Democratic Council (hereinafter CDC or Council). | Introduces acronym |
| Article II - Incorporation | | Incorporation | Article II - Incorporation | |
| | | The California Democratic Council shall be incorporated under the laws of California as a non-profit corporation. | The California Democratic Council shall be incorporated under the laws of California as a non-profit corporation. | <i>no change</i> |
| Article III - Purpose | | Purposes | Article III - Purpose | |
| | A-J | A) To build and maintain a network of grassroots Democratic organizations and activism throughout all areas of the State of California. B) To promote the establishment and maintenance of Democratic clubs across California to ensure every address in the state is served by at least one functioning, chartered, geographically-focused Democratic club. C) To promote diversity and opportunity for full participation throughout the Democratic Party and to end discrimination based on race, age, creed, national origin, economic condition, sexual/ gender orientation, marital status and disability or handicap. D) To promote the candidacy and election of Democratic candidates for partisan offices in cooperation with the California Democratic Party. E) To promote the candidacy and election of Democratic candidates for non-partisan offices in cooperation with the California Democratic Party. F) To assist in the development, training and activism of affiliated organizations. G) To coordinate the exchange of ideas, issues and information among affiliated organizations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To develop the fullest possible membership in chartered Democratic Clubs. ● To provide Democratic Clubs with resources and skills training to recruit and encourage individuals with a commitment to justice and equality to run for public office. ● To provide Democratic Clubs with a mechanism to leverage interclub cooperation. ● To promote recommendations and critiques of the California Democratic Party Platform. ● To establish a CDC Legislative Agenda to be communicated to elected Democratic officials and Democratic candidates for office. | Clarifies, simplifies, streamlines |

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| | | H) To consider pre-primary endorsements of Democratic candidates for partisan and non-partisan elected offices. I) To study, discuss and adopt positions on public policy issues and legislative proposals and to work for the enactment of those positions. J) To regularly meet with members of the State Legislature to discuss and promote CDC positions on issues and legislation. | | |
| Article IV - Records and Offices | | Records and Offices | <i>Deleted</i> | Obsolete - there are no offices |
| | A-E | A) The Board of Directors shall determine the location of the offices for the organization, and shall designate a principal office. B) All official records as designated by the Board of Directors shall be maintained at the principal office of the organization. C) The policies and procedures, as determined by the Board of Directors, shall be compiled into a manual which shall be maintained at the principal office. D) All records, policies and procedures shall be available for inspection by any officer or director. E) All policies and procedures shall be provided to the officers and directors. | <i>Deleted</i> | Procedures, not bylaws B. See Article V., Section 4, Duties, C. Secretary |
| Article V - Membership | | Membership | Article IV Membership | Renumbered Article |
| | A. | A) MEMBERSHIP IN THIS COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING: 1. ORGANIZATIONS a. Democratic clubs b. County Central Committees c. Young Democrat and College Democrat clubs 2. Ex-Officio Members a. Democratic elected officials or nominees for public partisan office in California. b. Democratic National Committee members registered to vote in California. c. Statewide and regional officers and Assembly District Committee chairs of the California Democratic Party d. The statewide officers of the California Young Democrats e. The statewide officers of the California College Democrats | Section 1. Membership. Membership in this council is open to all of the following: A. Democratic County Central Committees B. Chartered Democratic Clubs C. California Young Democrats (CYD) | Renamed Section 1., defines member qualification Eliminates heading "Organization" A. Corrects organization name. B. Requires clubs to be chartered C. Corrects organization name, eliminates College Dems caucus 2a-g Ex-Officio Members eliminated |

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| | | f. The chair of the Federation of County Central Committees g. Past presidents of this Council h. MEMBERS-AT-LARGE This Council shall have a Members-at-Large Division. Any registered Democrat may become a Member-at-Large, provided there is no Democratic Club within 25 miles. | D. Members-at-large 1. Any registered Democrat greater than 25 miles from the nearest chartered Democratic Club. | D. Retains 2h Members at Large D.1. Removes unnecessary language from definition |
| | B. | <p>B) REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>1. Organizations shall:</p> <p>a. Subscribe to the Constitution and Bylaws of the California Democratic Council and to the Constitution and Bylaws of the California Democratic Party and the National Democratic Party Charter and Bylaws when not in conflict with the CDC Constitution and Bylaws.</p> <p>b. Support only Democrats for partisan and non-partisan public office, who best exemplify and subscribe to the philosophy and platform of this Council.</p> <p>2. Democratic Clubs</p> <p>c. Be a bona fide Democratic Club chartered by a Democratic County or State Central Committee, holding at least one meeting in each quarter, and an annual or biennial election of officers.</p> <p>b. Have a minimum of twenty (20) dues paid-up members who are not members of any other club represented on this Council. Members (including ex-officio) belonging to more than one club shall designate in writing their club of primary affiliation.</p> <p>d. Have a minimum of one dollar (\$1.00) annual dues per member, which dues may be waived by individual clubs and have a written roster showing how many members qualified, which roster shall be provided to the CDC on demand.</p> <p>a. Have as voting members only those persons registered as Democrats, or if ineligible to register have declared their intention of registering immediately upon eligibility.</p> <p>3. Young Democrat and College Democrat clubs</p> <p>a. Shall be duly chartered by their governing organizations.</p> | <p>Section 2. Requirements for Affiliation.</p> <p>A. All Affiliates. All Affiliates shall:</p> <p>1. Subscribe to the state platform of the Democratic Party.</p> <p>2. Support only Democrats for partisan and non-partisan public office, who best exemplify and subscribe to the philosophy and platform of this Council. And</p> <p>3. Submit an affiliation application.</p> <p>B. Democratic Clubs. Each member Club shall:</p> <p>1. Be duly chartered by a Democratic County Central Committee.</p> <p>2. Have a minimum of twenty (20) members in good standing.</p> <p>3. Provide current membership roster or latest CDP credentialing roster to include indicating elected officers, delegates and alternates, and date of latest re-chartering.</p> <p>4. In the event that the Chartering Agency refuses to certify, then an appeal may be made to this Council.</p> <p>5. If a Chartered Democratic Club decides to dissociate for cause from their respective County Central Committee, they may either seek or continue their affiliation with this Council.</p> <p>C. California Young Democrats (CYD)</p> <p>1. Shall be duly chartered by their governing organization.</p> <p>2. Shall have at least ten (10) members in good standing.</p> | <p>Changed to Section 2, changed membership to affiliation</p> <p>Requires an application</p> <p>B. Sets requirements for Club affiliation</p> <p>c. edited</p> <p>b. edited</p> <p>d. edited</p> <p>4. New</p> <p>5. New</p> <p>a. deleted – already a club requirement</p> <p>C. Sets requirements for CYD affiliation</p> |

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| | | <p>b. Shall have at least ten (10) members who shall be registered Democrats or who intend to register as Democrats upon eligibility.</p> <p>4. Ex-Officio Members</p> <p>a. All individuals who qualify as ex-officio members shall also be required to hold membership in and appear on the roster of an affiliated organization, to be eligible to fully participate in the activities of this Council.</p> <p>5. Members-at-Large</p> <p>a. Members-at-Large shall maintain their registration in the Democratic Party at all times.</p> <p>6. Free affiliation for all Chartered Democratic Clubs and County Central Committees.</p> <p>a. All chartered Democratic clubs, organizations and county central committees are entitled to affiliate.</p> <p>b. Any chartered club, organization or county central committee that has not submitted a complete affiliation application is entitled to have its President or Chair attend all CDC Conventions, state area and regional meetings with voice and vote.</p> <p>c. To qualify for the complete complement of delegates and full benefits, organizations may affiliate as full members of CDC by filling out the affiliation application and submitting a current club roster, in a CDC approved format, which will be used to determine the number of allocated delegates. Full affiliation will remain in effect until either party retracts the affiliation in writing subject to yearly updates of club members and officers. Full affiliation provides organizations with participation in CDC committees, proportional voting strength at meetings and the right to host ex officio members.</p> | <p>3. Provide current membership roster to include indicating elected officers, delegates and alternates, and date of latest re-chartering.</p> <p><i>Deleted</i> <i>Deleted</i></p> <p>D. Members-at-large shall maintain their registration in the Democratic Party.</p> <p>Section 3. Affiliation Renewal. Affiliation renewal shall occur annually with submission of the current membership roster indicating elected officers, delegates and alternates; and date of annual re-charter. <i>Deleted</i></p> <p>Section 4. Affiliation Termination. Affiliation termination occurs upon written notification by either party or through lapse of annual renewal by the affiliating organization.</p> | <p>4. Ex-Officio Membership category eliminated</p> <p>D. Renumbered</p> <p>6. Rewritten to define affiliation process</p> <p>a. Redundant</p> <p>b. Moved to Article VII Conventions</p> <p>c. Moved to Article VII Conventions</p> <p>New section to define termination and process</p> |
| Article VI - Dues | | Dues | <i>Deleted</i> | |
| | A-B | <p>A) The determination of dues and associated fees may be reviewed and adopted by the regular Convention.</p> <p>B) The Board of Directors may consider hardship applications.</p> | <i>Deleted</i> | Deleted, there are no dues |
| Article V | | | Article V - Council Organization | New article |

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| | | | <p>Section 1. Annual Convention. A. Authority. The Annual CDC Convention is the supreme governing body of the California Democratic Council. B. Business. 1. Annual Conventions held in even-numbered years shall be to endorse Democratic candidates for statewide partisan public office and adopt a Council Platform and Legislative Agenda. 2. Annual Conventions held in odd-numbered years shall be to elect Council Officers. 3. Annual Conventions in any year may amend this Constitution and Bylaws. It may transact such other business as may come before the convention.</p> | <p>New section defining conventions</p> <p>From Section VII-B Officers</p> |
| Article VII - Officers | | | Moved to Article V, Section 4 | |
| Article VIII - Board of Directors | Board of Directors | Section 2. Steering Committee | Moved into Article V, renumbered | |
| | B. | <p>B) POLICY 1. The Board of Directors shall be the final authority between state-wide conventions with regard to all matters of state-wide policy; provided, however, that the Board of Directors shall at all times be subject to the policies of this council as adopted by Statewide Convention and to the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws.</p> | <p>A. Authority. The Steering Committee shall be the governing body between conventions with regard to all matters of state-wide policy, endorsements, and resolutions.</p> | <p>Board of Directors renamed "Steering Committee" Composition moved to Section B, Policy (B) moved to Section A.</p> |
| | A. | <p>A) COMPOSITION 1. The Board of Directors of this Council shall consist of the elected and appointed officers, past presidents of this Council, organization presidents and chairs, caucus chairs, standing committee and ad-hoc committee chairs who shall have voice and vote. 2. Organization presidents and chairs are entitled to appoint a permanent representative in writing to serve in their place at Board meetings 3. Any affiliated organization having in excess of 100 affiliated members shall be entitled to an additional representative on the Board of Directors.</p> | <p>B. Composition. The Steering Committee of this Council shall consist of the elected officers, immediate past president of this Council, one appointee each from affiliated organizations (club, county central committee, or CYD designees), and CDC standing committee chairs. Organization presidents and chairs are entitled to appoint a permanent representative in writing to serve in their place at Committee meetings. <i>Deleted</i></p> | <p>Policy moved to Section A, Composition (A) moved to Section B.</p> <p>Eliminates Ex-officio members</p> <p>Eliminates extra members for larger bodies</p> |
| | D. | <p>D) REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS 1. Regular business meetings of the entire Board of Directors shall be held no less than two times a year. Said regular meetings shall be called by the President.</p> | <p>C. Meetings. Regular meetings of the Steering Committee shall be held no less than two (2) times a year and shall be called by the President.</p> | <p>Quorum (C) moved after Regular and Special Meetings (D)</p> |

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| | | 2. Special meetings of the entire Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time, and shall be called by her or him upon request of Twenty percent (20%) of the affiliated organization presidents and chairs. | Special Meetings of the Steering Committee may be called by the President at any time, or may be called by the President upon the request of 20% of the affiliated organizations. | |
| | C. | <p>C) QUORUM</p> <p>1. One-fifth (20%) of the Board of directors shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>2. All resolutions and policy statements shall require a 60% vote of those present and entitled to vote at conventions and meetings of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>3. Policy resolutions in the name of the California Democratic Council shall be the function of the state-wide Convention and Board meetings; resolutions of the Executive Committee shall be limited to implementation of previously stated policies of the California Democratic Council.</p> <p>4. The Board of Directors shall be the final authority between state-wide Conventions with regard to all matters of state-wide policy; provided, however, that the Board of Directors shall at all times be subject to the policies of this Council as adopted by the Statewide Convention, and to the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws.</p> | <p>D. Quorum. One fifth (20%) of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>Moved to Endorsements.</p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> | <p>2. Moved to Article VIII.</p> <p>3. Unnecessary</p> <p>4. Unnecessary</p> |
| | E. (Missing) | | | |
| | F. | <p>F) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <p>1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected and appointed officers under Article VII, Section a. with the exception of the Trustees.</p> <p>2. The Executive Committee shall act on organizational matters and on policy matters that are of an urgent nature between meetings of the Board of Directors. Any action taken is subject to ratification at the next Convention or Board of Directors meeting.</p> <p>3. The Executive Committee also shall advise the President from time to time, as necessary, on policy issues and planning matters.</p> <p>4. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to any member of the Board of Directors.</p> | <p>Section 3. Executive Committee.</p> <p>A. Authority. The Annual Convention is the supreme governing body of the California Democratic Council</p> <p>B. Membership. The Executive Committee shall consist of the CDC Officers, the chairs of the standing committees, and the regional coordinators.</p> <p>C. Business. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the Steering Committee for the general management of the council's business.</p> | Tightened language |
| ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS | | | Section 4. CDC Officers. | Moved from Article VII A-J |
| | A. | A) The elected officers of this Council shall be a President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Controller and three Trustees, one or | A. Officers. The CDC Officers shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, controller, and regional coordinators. | Removes Vice Presidents/ Standing Committee Chairs |

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| | | more Vice-Presidents who will Chair the Standing Committees set out under Article IX, Section B, Sub-Section 1, a. Standing and Ad Hoc/Special Committees. | Regional Coordinators 1. Northern Region 2. Central Region 3. Southern Region | Replaces Trustees with Regional Coordinators Insert Organization Chart |
| | E. | E) ELIGIBILITY 1. Any member of an affiliated club of this Council is eligible to hold office in this Council. 2. Any Officer of this Council, other than Trustee, who is a candidate for full-time paid elective public office, other than offices within the Democratic Party, shall be required to take a leave of absence upon the announcement of his or her candidacy, unless otherwise authorized by the Executive Committee, Board of Directors or the Convention. 3. Remuneration for elective or appointed officers, except as reimbursement for expenses (i.e. postage, mileage, travel, phone, Internet, et al.) shall be approved by the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors or the Convention, or as set forth in the organization’s adopted strategic plan. | B. Eligibility. Any at-large member or member of an affiliating organization is eligible to hold office in this Council. <i>Deleted</i> <i>Deleted</i> | Conflict of Interest policy, not a bylaw N/A no paid staff |
| | D. | D) The terms of office for appointed officers shall be the same as for elected officers. | C. Terms. Officers shall be elected for two (2) year terms. Regional Coordinators shall be elected for three (3) year terms, rotating regions each year. Standing Committee Chairs shall have terms concurrent with the elected officers. | Defines terms of office |
| | B. | B) Elected officers shall be elected at the Annual Convention in odd-numbered years and shall assume office upon conclusion of that Convention. | <i>Deleted</i> | Included in Election of Officers and Regional Coordinators below. |
| | I. | I) ELECTIONS 1. Nominations and elections of Officers, other than those appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors, shall take place at the Annual Convention occurring in odd-numbered years, except in the case of Trustees. 2. One Trustee shall be nominated and elected each year at the Annual Convention on a rotating basis. | D. Election of Officers and Regional Coordinators. Nominations and elections of Officers shall take place at the Annual Convention occurring in odd-numbered years and shall assume office upon conclusion of that Convention. Regional Coordinators shall be elected on a rotating basis from one region each year at the Annual Convention. | From Section 4, B. |
| | C. | C) In addition, the President shall be entitled to appoint additional officers, as determined by the Board of Directors, to assist in the governance of this Council. | <i>Deleted</i> | Included below in Section 4 Duties A President. |
| | F. | F) DUTIES & AUTHORITY 1. President. The President shall serve as the chief executive officer and in that capacity shall oversee | E. Duties. 1. The President shall direct the affairs of the Council, act as the spokesperson and | |

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| | | <p>the day-to-day activities of this Council. In addition, the President shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preside over the Annual Conventions, Board of Directors meetings and Executive Committee meetings. b. Serve as the official spokesperson for this Council. c. Serve as the chief fundraiser for this Council. d. Serve as liaison to the California Democratic Party and DNC. e. Hire all paid staff of this Council, provided estimates for staff compensation have been approved as part of the adoption of the organization’s strategic plan or by vote of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors or the Convention. f. Appoint elected officers upon the vacancy of an elected officer, subject to approval at the next Board of Directors meeting. g. Appoint additional unpaid, non-voting officers, as necessary, to assist in the governance of this Council elected officers upon the vacancy h. Develop and implement an annual strategic plan to be approved by the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, or the convention. i. Report annually on the state of the CDC and its progress under the strategic plan presented during the preceding annual convention. j. Have the authority to authorize all proper expenditures of this Council, except that expenditures exceeding \$7500 shall require the approval of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, or the Convention. k. Coordinate the activities of all volunteer officials of this Council and serve as primary representative to all affiliates. l. Have the authority to appoint one or more special assistants. The special assistant(s) shall have voice but no vote on the Board of Directors and shall be eligible to serve as a delegate to conventions. <p>2. The Executive Vice President shall assume the duties of the President upon the resignation or incapacitation of the President.</p> | <p>representative for this Council, appoint Standing and Ad-hoc Committee Chairs and additional officers as needed with Executive Board approval, and shall preside over the annual Convention and periodic membership meetings between Conventions.</p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p>2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of their duties and shall assume the role of the President in case of their absence, resignation, or incapacitation.</p> | <p>1. retained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. retained b. retained c. Fundraising Committee d. retained representative e. not applicable f. retained g. confusing h. not a bylaw i. not a bylaw j. standing rule k. retained representative l. OMG |

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| | | <p>3. The Secretary shall act as secretary of the Annual Convention and of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, keeping records of the proceedings thereof, distributing copies as appropriate and notifying members of meetings of this council and its Board of Directors.</p> <p>4. The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay bills of this Council at the request direction of the President, make regular reports regarding the financial condition and major expenditures of this Council, assist the President and staff with fundraising activities, cooperate with the Trustees in all audits, and in conjunction with the President, ensure that all governmental reports are timely filed in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and that all financial transactions of the this Council comply with the internal control policies set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts.</p> <p>5. The Controller shall, in cooperation with the Treasurer, maintain the books of account of the organization and the budgetary and internal control matters of the Board of Directors. The Controller shall serve as Chair of the Budget Committee and shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>6. The Trustees shall audit the books of account of the Organization at least twice a year and at any time when the incumbent Treasurer shall leave office, submit a report of each audit to the Board of Directors, and of their year-end-audit to the Annual Convention. They shall review the expenditures of Council funds and report whether they have been made in accordance with Convention decisions and/or this Constitution and By-Laws. They shall also serve on the Standing Committee of Finance and assume the Responsibilities thereof as outlined by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>a. The term of office of a Trustee shall be three years.</p> | <p>3. The Secretary shall keep all records of proceedings of the Council, distribute copies of the proceedings to the member organizations and individual members, notify members of the meetings and shall be responsible for correspondence of this Council.</p> <p>4. The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds and pay all proper bills of the Council, shall make timely filings of state and federal reports as required by law, and provide a Treasurer’s report at all meetings.</p> <p>5. The Controller shall, in cooperation with the Treasurer, maintain the books of account of the Council.</p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p>6. The Regional Coordinators shall assist in appointing people to the standing committees; shall assist clubs and central committees with submitting rosters to the CDC and with credentialing the voting members for the state convention; and shall assist in the outreach and development of clubs and the training of officers in the clubs.</p> | <p>Replaces Trustees with Regional Coordinators</p> |
| | G. | <p>G) VACANCIES Vacancies in any of the offices herein shall be filled by the Board at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that written notice of the existence</p> | <p>F. Filling Vacancies. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Steering Committee, any vacancies which may occur.</p> | <p>Vacancies filled by Presidential appointment, not Steering Committee</p> |

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| | | of the vacancy shall be sent to all members of the Board fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting. | If the office of President becomes vacant, such vacancy shall be filled by the succession of the Vice President and a new Vice President shall be elected by the Steering Committee. In the event the Steering Committee is unable to meet, an Interim Vice President shall be appointed by the Executive Committee until such time as an election may be held. | Introduces succession of officers. Allows Executive Committee to act should Steering Committee not be able to meet and vote for new VP. |
| | H. | H) REMOVAL Any officer of this Council may be removed by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Board of Directors; provided that written charges against the officer shall first be presented to the meeting of the Board immediately preceding, that at least sixty (60) percent of those present and voting at the meeting where charges are presented shall vote to notify the officer of such charges and to proceed with a removal action, and that the affected officer shall be given an opportunity to answer and be heard at the Board meeting immediately following the Board meeting at which such charges were presented. | G. Removal of Officers. Any officer of the Executive Committee may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the Steering Committee at any meeting thereof, provided that written charges against the officer shall first be presented to the meeting of the Steering Committee immediately preceding, and the officer shall be informed of such charges and be given an opportunity to answer them and be heard. | |
| | J. | J) USE OF NAME No member of the Board of Directors of CDC may use her or his CDC title in any way – including for identification purposes only – in support of any candidate or ballot proposition not endorsed by CDC. | <i>Deleted</i> | Standing Rule if necessary, not a bylaw |
| Article IX - Committees | | Committees | Article VI - Committees | Moved from Article IX |
| | A. | A. MEMBERSHIP & AUTHORITY 1. Standing and ad-hoc committee members shall be members of affiliated organizations and shall appear on the affiliated membership list. 2. Each affiliated organization is entitled to appoint a voting member to each standing committee and any voting member may be appointed to a standing committee by the CDC President, with the exception of the Finance Committee, whose membership will be defined by the Executive Committee. 3. Each affiliated organization is entitled to appoint a voting member to each standing committee and any voting member may be appointed to a standing committee by the CDC President, with the exception of the Finance Committee, whose membership will be defined by the Executive Committee. 4. All committees shall meet as necessary. | A. Membership and Authority. Members of Standing and Ad-hoc Committees shall be either at-large members or members of affiliated organizations. <i>Deleted</i> <i>Deleted</i> <i>Deleted</i> | 2. cumbersome, unable to be met 3. cumbersome, unable to be met 4. unnecessary |

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| | | <p>5. No committee shall have the power to set policy for CDC or to represent the CDC unless such authority is explicitly granted to such committee by the CDC Convention or the CDC Board of Directors. The primary purposes of Committees are to make recommendations and to carry out tasks assigned by the CDC Convention and the CDC Board of Directors.</p> <p>6. All committee appointments made by affiliated organizations shall stay in force until a replacement is designated, or until the organization’s affiliation with this Council lapses. Under no circumstances may an unaffiliated organization be represented by voting members to committees. All other appointments terminate at the end of the CDC Convention.</p> | <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p>The duties of these committees and the chairs shall be defined by the Executive Committee. Committees shall be responsible for developing programs in their area of operation. The Executive Committee shall approve or reject by a majority vote all appointments made by the President. The Steering Committee shall have the authority to appoint when the President does not act within a reasonable period of time.</p> | <p>5. punitive, delete</p> <p>6. punitive, delete or move to Standing Rule</p> <p>New – Executive Committee defines duties New - Committee develops programs New – Executive Committee approves President’s appointments New – Steering Committee appoints when President inactive</p> |
| B-D (<i>Missing</i>) | | | | |
| | E. | <p>E) STANDING AND AD HOC/SPECIAL COMMITTEES</p> <p>1. Standing Committees</p> <p>a. The Standing Committees shall be: Bylaws & Rules, Communications, Credentials, Finance, Issues & Political Action, Membership, Organizational Development and Resolutions. The duties of these committees and the chairs shall be defined by the Executive Committee.</p> | <p>Bylaw.</p> <p>B. Standing Committees.</p> <p>1. Fundraising – responsible for developing fundraising projects and events to advance the Council.</p> <p>2. Communications/PR – Public Relations, press corps, CDC newsletter, flyers, printed materials, and other communication vehicles.</p> <p>3. Constitution and Bylaws – Responsible for maintaining and interpreting the Constitution and Bylaws of the CDC.</p> <p>4. Platform & Policy Development – Responsible for developing vehicles to give voice to members’ views on issues, through events; speakers; on- and off-line activism; and issue discussion. In addition, the committee will work with the state party Platform and Resolutions Committee through development and consideration of platform items and resolutions.</p> <p>5. Membership Rosters & Credentialing – Verification of affiliating organizations and</p> | <p>Designates Bylaw from Constitution.</p> <p>Sets potential scope of duties</p> <p><i>Bylaws & Rules</i> becomes 3. Constitution and Bylaws</p> <p><i>Communications</i> becomes 2. Communications/PR</p> <p><i>Credentials</i> combined with Membership to become 5. Membership Rosters & Credentialing</p> <p><i>Finance</i> becomes 1. Fundraising</p> <p><i>Issues & Political Action</i> becomes 4. Platform & Policy</p> |

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| | | <p>2. Ad Hoc/Special Committees</p> <p>a. The Board of Directors may create Ad Hoc/Special Committees as it deems necessary.</p> <p>b. The President shall appoint the members and chair of any Ad Hoc/Special Committees.</p> | <p>delegate rosters, and maintenance of the Council delegate roster.</p> <p>6. Organizational Development – Training and skill building, leadership development, and strategic planning. Developing and implementing a plan for membership recruitment and expansion that reflects the community. Helping clubs develop candidate recruitment.</p> <p>7. Legislative Tracking – Track important bills during the legislative session with action alerts to pressure legislators and/or committee members.</p> <p>8. IT/Webmaster – Website maintenance. Membership database upkeep. Internet connectivity. Member organization website hosting management.</p> <p>C. Ad Hoc Committees. The Steering Committee may create Ad Hoc/Special Committees as it deems necessary. The President shall appoint the members of any Ad Hoc/Special Committees.</p> | <p>Development, or 7. Legislative Tracking</p> <p><i>Membership</i> combined with Credentials to become 5. Membership Rosters & Credentialing</p> <p><i>Organizational Development</i> retained in 6.</p> <p><i>Resolutions</i> becomes 4. Platform & Policy Development.</p> <p>New – committee to track and advocate for legislation</p> <p>New – committee for website databases</p> <p>Deletes Special Committees</p> <p>Ad Hoc Committees may appoint their own chair.</p> |
| Article X - Conventions | Conventions | Article VII – Conventions | Relocated from Article X | |
| | A. | <p>A. TIME AND PLACE</p> <p>1. A Convention of this Council shall be held annually. Notice of such convention shall be conveyed to each ex-officio and organization member at least Two (2) months in advance of any cut-off date for credentials established in accordance with Article X, Section B, Subsection 1-c.</p> <p>2. Rules for the Annual Convention shall be reviewed and adopted by the Board of Directors at least four months in advance of the Convention.</p> | <p>Section 1. Time and Place.</p> <p>The Annual Convention is the supreme governing body of the California Democratic Council.</p> <p>The time and place shall be fixed by the Steering Committee and notice shall be made to all affiliated organizations two (2) months in advance of any cutoff date determined for credentials.</p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> | <p>Move to Standing Rules, not a bylaw</p> |
| | E. | <p>E. SPECIAL CONVENTIONS</p> <p>1. Special state-wide conventions may be called by the President with the approval of the majority of the total membership of the Board of Directors, which may be polled in writing; or by Two-Thirds (2/3)</p> | <p>Section 2. Special Conventions.</p> <p>Special state-wide conventions may be called by the President with the approval of the majority of the members of the Steering Committee, which may be polled in writing.</p> | <p>Relocated from E.</p> |

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| | | majority of the total membership of the Executive Committee. | The call for a special convention shall specify the subjects to be considered and no other subjects shall be considered. The time and place shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and affiliated organizations and members shall be notified thereof at least 15 days in advance of said convention. | Special convention requires a fixed agenda so noticed Executive Committee determines time and place. At least 15 day notice. |
| | B. | <p>B. REPRESENTATION</p> <p>1. Organizations</p> <p>a. Each club affiliated with this Council by 30 days prior to the convening of the Annual Convention or by March 31st whichever is earlier, shall be entitled to one duly elected delegate, and one alternate, for each ten (10) members who appear on the affiliation roster, as well as a vote for the Club President or the Club President’s designee.</p> <p>b. Each County Central Committee affiliated with this Council by 30 days prior to the convening of the Annual Convention, or by March 31st whichever is earlier, shall be entitled to two duly-elected delegates, and two alternates, for each Assembly District, whole or partial, contained in the county.</p> <p>c. Clubs that are new members or clubs that have not renewed by March 31st shall be limited to no more than two delegates and two alternates, as well as a vote for the Club President or the Club President’s designee, with right of appeal to the Credentials Committee if desired</p> <p>d. All other organizations shall be guaranteed only one convention vote, with right of appeal to the Credentials/Roster Committee if desired.</p> <p>e. Each club president shall certify in writing to this Council that the names listed on the submitted roster are paid-up members who are not members of any other club represented on this Council; or are members who have designated in writing that club as their club of primary affiliation.</p> <p>2. Ex-officio members are entitled to serve as individual delegates.</p> | <p>Section 3. Representation.</p> <p>A. All Affiliates. All affiliates shall submit names of delegates and designated alternates at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Convention.</p> <p>B. Democratic Clubs. Each affiliated club shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for every twenty (20) members in good standing. The number of delegates for each club shall be determined by the club roster submitted for affiliation or annual renewal received at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual convention.</p> <p>C. County Central Committees. Each county Central Committee shall be entitled to two (2) duly elected delegates and two (2) alternates.</p> <p>D. California Young Democrats. Each California Young Democrat chapter shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for every ten (10) members in good standing. The number of delegates for each chapter shall be determined by the chapter roster submitted for affiliation or annual renewal received at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual convention.</p> <p><i>Deleted</i> <i>Deleted</i> <i>Deleted</i></p> <p>E. Members-at-Large. Each individual at-large member of this Council shall be a delegate to the convention. <i>Deleted</i></p> | <p>Relocated from B Delegate/Alternate designations.</p> <p>Changes number of Club delegates from one for every 10 members to one for every 20 members.</p> <p>Changes the number of County Committee delegates from two delegates and two alternates for every Assembly District to two delegates and two alternates per county</p> <p>Allows CYD to send delegates</p> <p>Eliminates delegates for unaffiliated clubs</p> <p>Eliminates delegates for all other unaffiliated organizations</p> <p>Unenforceable requirement</p> <p>Adds At-Large members as delegates</p> <p>Eliminates Ex-Officio members</p> |

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| | | 3. The immediate past presidents of this Council are entitled to serve as individual voting delegates. | <i>Deleted</i> | Removes immediate past presidents as delegates |
| | C. | C. QUORUM 1. A quorum to conduct business at any convention shall consist of one third (1/3) regular accredited delegates. | Section 4. Quorum. A quorum at any Convention shall consist of one-third (1/3) of the duly registered accredited delegates at the Convention. | |
| | D. | D. PROXIES 1. There shall be no duplicate voting or voting by proxy. | <i>Deleted</i> | Eliminates unnecessary language. Create rule if needed. |
| | F. | F. RULES 1. Any Convention or meeting of this council shall be governed by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised. In addition, the Board of Directors will develop, review and adopt rules governing specific procedures for each meeting, consistent with this Constitution and Bylaws. | Section 5. Rules. The Convention shall adopt its own rules of procedure. | Eliminates unnecessary language. |
| | G. | G. CONSTITUENCY CAUCUSES 1. A Constituency Caucus may be created by twenty (20) or more delegates gathering together at and Annual Convention, signing a Caucus Affiliation form, electing a Chair and other officers and notifying the Convention Secretary of the establishment of the caucus. 2. The purpose of a Constituency Caucus is to promote issues, legislation and candidates of interest to the specific constituency. 3. A Constituency Caucus will need to re-affiliate annually. 4. The Caucus Chair shall be a member of the Board of Directors. | <i>Deleted</i> | Eliminates Constituency Caucuses, no capacity currently |
| Article XI - Endorsements and Resolutions | | Endorsements and Resolutions | Article VIII - Endorsements and Resolutions | Relocated from Article XI |
| | A-E | A. All resolutions and endorsements shall be initiated by the standing committee on Endorsements (Endorsement Committee). The Endorsement Committee shall determine the time and procedure for endorsements. Resolutions and endorsements may be voted on in an in-person (including phone) or by an electronic basis. | Section 1. Candidates, Ballot Measures, and Bills. The California Democratic Council shall exercise its right to make endorsements for candidates, ballot measures, and bills. Endorsements shall take place in even years or as defined in Article V, Section 1. Endorsements of candidates, ballot measures, and bills shall require sixty-percent (60%) of those voting in favor of, or those opposed to, an endorsement position. | Separates endorsements of candidates, etal, from resolutions. Moved from XI Section D. |

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| | | <p>B. The manner in which a resolution or endorsement is acted upon shall be called an endorsement process. The procedure for conducting a resolution or endorsement process shall be a standing rule of the majority of the Endorsement Committee, subject to the approval of the Credentials/Roster and Tech/IT Committees.</p> <p>C. Notification of the endorsement process shall be issued by the CDC Secretary on behalf of the Endorsements Committee. Delegates designated 60 days before the beginning of voting shall be eligible to vote.</p> <p>D. Forty percent (40%) of eligible delegates voting shall constitute a quorum for any resolution or process. Passage of a resolution or issuing of an endorsement shall require sixty percent (60%) of those voting in favor of the resolution or supporting an endorsement position.</p> <p>E. The Endorsement Committee may use the endorsement process to canvass their members or conduct a straw poll for the purpose of finding members opinions on a particular subject, but such a process would not imply an official position of the CDC.</p> | <p>Section 2. Resolutions. The formulation of official Council positions on major issues begins at the club and county committee level. All resolutions passed at the club and county committee level should be promptly forwarded to the Platform & Policy Development Committee for review and inclusion in the CDC Legislative Agenda. <i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> <p><i>Deleted</i></p> | <p>Endorsements begin at the Club and County Committee level, not the Standing Committee. Refers endorsements to the Platform & Policy Devt Committee. Introduces the CDC Legislative Agenda.</p> <p>Standing Rule, not a bylaw.</p> <p>Standing Rule, not a bylaw.</p> <p>1/3 quorum retained.</p> <p>Move to Section 1.</p> <p>Eliminates straw polls.</p> |
| Article XII - Amendments | | Amendments | Article IX - Amendments | Relocated from Article XII |
| | A-F | <p>A. The Constitution and Bylaws of this Council may be amended at any annual or special convention by a majority vote of the duly registered accredited delegates present.</p> <p>B. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted to the Bylaws & Rules Committee for review 30 days prior to consideration by the Convention delegates.</p> <p>C. A proposed amendment which the Bylaws & Rules Committee has rejected or refused to consider may</p> | <p>The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates at any Annual Convention of the CDC. The Bylaws may be amended by a sixty-percent (60%) vote of the Steering Committee. Amendments will take effect upon adjournment of the Convention or meeting at which it was adopted. <i>Delete</i></p> <p><i>Delete</i></p> | <p>Removes Sections B – E – standing rules not bylaws</p> |

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| | | <p>be considered by the Convention if submitted over the signatures of 25 accredited delegates, or has been approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>D. Those amendments which do not involve changes in substance, but only changes in language or form, may be voted on as a group.</p> <p>E. The Bylaws & Rules Committee is empowered to make any and all non-substantive changes, whether for grammar or typographical error in reproduction.</p> <p>F. All amendments approved by the delegates in Convention shall become effective on the first day following that Convention, and an updated version of the Constitution and Bylaws shall be posted on the CDC website.</p> | <p><i>Delete</i></p> <p><i>Delete</i></p> <p>Retained</p> | <p>Section F retained</p> |
| Article X | | | Article X – Authority, Subordination, and Severability | |
| | | | <p>This Constitution and Bylaws are subordinate to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of California. If a provision is determined to be invalid only that specific provision will be set aside. This Constitution shall be effective upon the adjournment of the adopting Convention.</p> | <p>New Article</p> |
| END | | | | |

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