

## Memo CDC Bylaws Summary

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**To:** CDC Affiliates

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**Subject: Summary of Bylaw Revisions**

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The CDC Code Blue Crew was elected with a charge to transform and reinvigorate the CDC. One of those tasks was to evaluate the bylaws which resulted in a streamlined Constitution and Bylaws that:

- enables the CDC to achieve a quorum and conduct business; and
- maintains the voice of Democratic Clubs, County Committees, and CYD in our leadership and decision making.

The basic features of the new bylaws are changes to the delegation, officers, and the rules and procedures:

1. Delegation. The composition has been streamlined for a greater emphasis on Clubs.
  - Clubs: one delegate and one alternate per 20 club members, rather than one delegate and one alternate per 10 club members plus the club president or designee.
  - County committees: two delegates and two alternates per county committee rather than two delegates and two alternates per whole or partial assembly district in the county.
  - CA Young Democrats added one delegate and one alternate per 10 charter members.
  - Ex-officio seats for all partisan elected officials and nominees, DNC members, Party officers, and more have been discontinued.
  - Affiliation and termination language has been clarified.
2. Officers. The prior bylaws had a Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and 16 Elected Officers. The proposed bylaws replace the Board of Directors with a new Steering Committee, and reform the Executive Committee and Officers.
  - The new elected Officers are the President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Controller, and three (3) Regional Coordinators.
  - The positions of the prior eight (8) elected Vice Presidents are retained as appointed Standing Committee Chairs.
  - The Executive Committee has a new provision for leadership during times when an Officer is unable or unwilling to perform their duties.
  - Constituency caucuses have been discontinued until the CDC restores capacity and demand for these bodies.
3. Rules and Procedures. The proposed Bylaws returns to its simpler origins and institutes separate Standing Rules for routine policies and procedures. In addition to the extensive notes of Martha Gamez, the CDC Archives, the MN Democratic Farmer Labor Party Constitution, other Democratic Party organization Bylaws, interviews with club officers, and the current CDC survey results were used to craft the language of this new proposed Constitution and Bylaws.

We welcome your feedback on this draft Constitution and Bylaws. **Please email comments by Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** to: [president@cdc-ca.gov](mailto:president@cdc-ca.gov). We look forward to seeing you at our Special Convention May 31st.

Attachments:

1. CDC Current Organization Chart – CDC Constitution and Bylaws Rev 2.0 Adopted 2/22/2014
2. CDC Proposed Organization Chart – CDC Constitution and Bylaws Final Draft 5/1/2019

# Current Organization Chart – CDC Constitution and Bylaws Rev 2.0 Adopted 2/22/2014

## Convention Delegation

- Organizations (TBD)
- Ex-Officio Members (865+)
- Members at Large (TBD)

## Board of Directors

- Elected and Appointed Officers (16)
- Past Presidents of this Council (TBD)
- Organization Presidents and Chairs - Organizations with over 100 members get an additional representative on the Board of Directors (TBD)
- Constituency Caucus Chairs (TBD)
- Ad Hoc Committee Chairs (TBD)

## Executive Committee

- Elected and Appointed Officers with the exception of the Trustees (13)

## Officers

- President
- Executive Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Controller
- Trustees (3)
- Standing Committee Chairs / VPs (8)

## Organizations

- Democratic Clubs (1 delegate, 1 alternate for every 10 members, plus club president or designee)
- County Central Committees (2 delegates, 2 alternates for every whole or partial Assembly Dist.)
- Young Democrat and College Democrat Clubs (silent)
- Unaffiliated Organizations (2 delegates plus club president or designee)
- All other Organizations (one vote)

## Ex-Officio Members

- Democratic elected officials or nominees for public partisan office in CA (787)
- Democratic National Committee members registered to vote in CA (20 to ~30)
- Statewide and regional officers and Assembly District Committee chairs of the CA Democratic Party (25 to ~35)
- Statewide officers of the California Young Democrats (23)
- Statewide officers of the California College Democrats (9)
- Chair of the Federation of County Central Committees (1)
- Past presidents of the Council (TBD)

## Members at Large

- Any registered Democrat not within 25 miles of a Democratic Club (TBD)

## Proposed Organization Chart – CDC Constitution and Bylaws Final Draft 5/1/2019

### Convention Delegation

- Chartered Democratic Clubs *(TBD)*
- Democratic County Central Committees *(TBD)*
- California Young Democrats *(TBD)*
- Members at Large *(TBD)*

### Steering Committee

- Officers *(8)*
- Immediate Past President *(1)*
- Designees from Affiliated Organizations -- one per organization *(TBD)*
- Standing Committee Chairs *(8)*

### Executive Committee

- Officers *(8)*
- Standing Committee Chairs *(8)*

### Officers

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Controller
- Regional Coordinators *(3 - Northern, Central, and Southern Regions)*

### Organizational Affiliates

- Chartered Democratic Clubs *(1 delegate, 1 alternate for every 20 club members)*
- Democratic County Central Committees *(2 delegates, 2 alternates for each Central Committee)*
- California Young Democrats *(1 delegate, 1 alternate for every 10 charter members)*

### Members at Large

- Any registered Democrat greater than 25 miles from the nearest chartered Democratic Club *(TBD)*