

Amendment 1

An amendment to create a consistent reference to the LGBTQ+ community throughout the SDD Bylaws and include the term “queer” in any place where identity labels are used. (Art II Sec (A) - (D))

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED WILL READ
<p>Section 1. Mission Statement SDD is devoted to advancing equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. SDD draws its strength from a countywide network of individuals composed of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and pro-equality allied Democrats. This organization works to elect pro-equality Democrats in municipal, statewide, and federal elections by:</p> <p>A. Sensitizing Democratic candidates and officeholders to the political needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community.</p> <p>B. Promoting the Democratic Party’s message of economic justice and social progress in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community.</p> <p>C. Encouraging lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer participation in the campaigns of Democratic candidates and at all levels of the Democratic Party.</p> <p>D. Facilitating the elections of Democratic candidates to public office by maximizing the Democratic turn-out in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities.</p>	<p><u>Section 1. Mission Statement</u> SDD is devoted to advancing equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. SDD draws its strength from a countywide network of individuals composed of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, <u>queer (LGBTQ+)</u> and pro-equality allied Democrats. This organization works to elect pro-equality Democrats in municipal, statewide, and federal elections by:</p> <p>A. Sensitizing Democratic candidates and officeholders to the political needs of the <del>lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer</del> <u>LGBTQ+</u> community.</p> <p>B. Promoting the Democratic Party’s message of economic justice and social progress in the <del>lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer</del> <u>LGBTQ+</u> community.</p> <p>C. Encouraging <del>lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer</del> <u>LGBTQ+</u> participation in the campaigns of Democratic candidates and at all levels of the Democratic Party.</p> <p>D. Facilitating the elections of Democratic candidates to public office by maximizing the Democratic turn-out in the <del>lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer</del> <u>LGBTQ+</u> communities.</p>	<p><u>Section 1. Mission Statement</u> SDD is devoted to advancing equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. SDD draws its strength from a countywide network of individuals composed of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, <u>queer (LGBTQ+)</u> and pro-equality allied Democrats. This organization works to elect pro-equality Democrats in municipal, statewide, and federal elections by:</p> <p>A. Sensitizing Democratic candidates and officeholders to the political needs of the LGBTQ+ community.</p> <p>B. Promoting the Democratic Party’s message of economic justice and social progress in the LGBTQ+ community.</p> <p>C. Encouraging LGBTQ+ participation in the campaigns of Democratic candidates and at all levels of the Democratic Party.</p> <p>D. Facilitating the elections of Democratic candidates to public office by maximizing the Democratic turn-out in the LGBTQ+ communities.</p>

Amendment 2(a)

An amendment to edit headings, language, grammar, and punctuation to establish more concise bylaws in Art III Sec 1.

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p>Section 1. Members                      Anyone may make application for membership in the Organization. To be accepted as a member, the person must:                      A. Have a Democratic Party primary election voting history and/or affirm allegiance to the purpose of the Organization, and;                      B. Pay monthly or annual membership dues as set by the Executive Board.</p>	<p>Section 1. <u>Membership Requirements</u>  <del>Anyone</del> <u>person</u> may <del>make application</del> apply for membership to the Organization. <del>To be accepted as a member,</del> <u>The requirements for membership are that the person applicant</u> must:</p>	<p>Section 1. Membership Requirements                      Any person may apply for membership to the Organization. The requirements for membership are that the applicant must:                      A. Have a Democratic Party primary election voting history and/or affirm allegiance to the purpose of the Organization, and;                      B. Pay monthly or annual membership dues as set by the Executive Board.</p>

Amendment 2(b)

An amendment to edit headings, language, grammar, and punctuation to establish more concise bylaws in Art IV.

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p>Section 1. The officers of the Organization shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization, with the assistance of the at-large members of the Executive Board.</p>	<p>Section 1. <u>Positions and Term of Office</u>                      A. The officers of the Organization shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization. <del>with the assistance of the at-large members of the Executive Board.</del>                      B. <u>The term of office for each officer is one year and shall begin on the first day of January following the Annual Meeting.</u></p>	<p>Section 1. Positions and Term of Office                      A. The officers of the Organization shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.                      B. The term of office for each officer is one year and shall begin on the first day of January following the Annual Meeting.</p>
<p>Section 2.</p>	<p>Section 2. <u>Election of Officers</u></p>	<p>Section 2. Election of Officers</p>
<p>Section 3.</p>	<p>Section 3. <u>President</u></p>	<p>Section 3. President</p>

Section 4.	Section 4. <u>Vice President</u>	Section 4. Vice President
Section 5.	Section 5. <u>Secretary</u>	Section 5. Secretary

Amendment 2(c)

An amendment to edit headings, language, grammar, and punctuation to establish more concise bylaws in Art V Sec 2.

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p><u>Section 2.</u> The Officers, at their discretion, may appoint an unlimited number of at-large members to the Executive Board to implement the purposes and goals of the Organization. To be eligible to serve, a prospective at-large member of the Executive Board must be a member, in good standing, of the Organization. Such members' terms shall be set by the Executive Board at the time of appointment and shall not exceed the yearly term of all regularly elected Officers. In addition, such members shall not stand for election to their appointed office, but shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board.</p>	<p>Section 2. The Officers, at their discretion, may appoint an unlimited number of at-large members to the Executive Board to implement the purposes and goals of the Organization. To be eligible to serve, a prospective at-large member of the Executive Board must be a member in good standing of the Organization. Such members' terms shall be set by the Executive Board at the time of appointment and shall not exceed the yearly term of all regularly elected Officers. <del>In addition, such members shall not stand for election to their appointed office, but shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board.</del></p>	<p>Section 2. The Officers, at their discretion, may appoint an unlimited number of at-large members to the Executive Board to implement the purposes and goals of the Organization. To be eligible to serve, a prospective at-large member of the Executive Board must be a member in good standing of the Organization. Such members' terms shall be set by the Executive Board at the time of appointment and shall not exceed the yearly term of all regularly elected Officers.</p>

Amendment 2(d)

An amendment to edit headings, language, grammar, and punctuation to establish more concise bylaws in Art VI Sec 2.

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p>Section 2. Members shall be notified of the time, date, and location of membership meetings by email, mail, telephone, or posting to an approved (by the Executive Board) group communication page, such as Facebook, at least 7 days in advance of the date set for the meeting.</p>	<p>Section 2. Members shall be notified of the time, date, and location of membership meetings by email, mail, telephone, or posting to an approved (by the Executive Board) group communication page, such as Facebook the Organization's social media platforms, at least 7 days in advance of the date set for the meeting.</p>	<p>Section 2. Members shall be notified of the time, date, and location of membership meetings by email, mail, telephone, or posting to the Organization's social media platforms, at least 7 days in advance of the date set for the meeting.</p>

Amendment 3

An amendment to add language to clarify the types of non-dues paying members. (Art III Sec 2)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p><u>Section 2.</u> <u>Membership Dues</u> Annual membership dues shall be set by the SDD Executive Board. The Treasurer or a member of the membership committee shall notify members when their dues are payable on the anniversary of their last annual payment to the Organization. If dues are not paid within two months of the due date, the member is subject to the loss of their membership status in SDD.</p>	<p>Section 2. Membership Dues</p> <p>A. Annual membership dues shall be set by the SDD Executive Board. The Treasurer or a member of the membership committee shall notify members when their dues are payable on the anniversary of their last annual payment to the Organization. If dues are not paid within two months of the due date, the member is subject to the loss of their membership status in SDD.</p> <p>B. <u>Any member elected to the office of President of the Organization, upon completion of their term, may receive status as a Lifetime Member with a waiver of any and all future membership dues.</u></p> <p>C. <u>The President of the Organization may grant Honorary membership, Lifetime membership, or any other waiver of membership dues for a designated period of time to an individual as recognition of their service to the Organization or LGBTQ+ community, to honor an esteemed dignitary, or as part of a fundraising campaign.</u></p>	<p>Section 2. Membership Dues</p> <p>A. Annual membership dues shall be set by the SDD Executive Board. The Treasurer or a member of the membership committee shall notify members when their dues are payable on the anniversary of their last annual payment to the Organization. If dues are not paid within two months of the due date, the member is subject to the loss of their membership status in SDD.</p> <p>B. Any member elected to the office of President of the Organization, upon completion of their term, may receive status as a Lifetime Member with a waiver of any and all future membership dues.</p> <p>C. The President of the Organization may grant Honorary membership, Lifetime membership, or any other waiver of membership dues for a designated period of time to an individual as recognition of their service to the Organization or LGBTQ+ community, to honor an esteemed dignitary, or as part of a fundraising campaign.</p>

Amendment 4

An amendment to define the term “member in good standing.” (Sections affected: Art III Sec. 3)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p>Section 3. <u>Membership Voting Rights</u>                      Members shall have the right to vote on the endorsements of the Organization, run for office in the Organization, vote on election of the officers of the organization, and vote on amendments to the bylaws. Members’ dues must be current in order to vote on any business of the organization, or as otherwise defined in these bylaws.</p>	<p>Section 3. <u>Membership Voting Rights</u>                      A. <u>A member in good standing, as defined by Art. III Sec. 3(B), shall have the right to vote on endorsements of candidates and issues the endorsements made by of the Organization, run for office in the Organization, vote on</u> election of the officers of the <u>Organization, and vote on</u> amendments to <u>these B</u>ylaws.                      B. <u>To be in good standing, a member must</u>                          a. <u>A Member’s’ dues must B</u>be <u>current on their payment of membership dues; and</u>                          b. <u>Have been a member of the Organization for a minimum of twenty nine0 (29) days prior to the day a vote takes place. current in order to vote on any business of the organization, or as otherwise defined in these bylaws.</u></p>	<p>Section 3. <u>Membership Voting Rights</u>                      A Member in good standing, as defined by Art. III Sec. 3(B), shall have the right to vote on endorsements of candidates and issues made by the Organization, election of the officers of the Organization, and amendments to these Bylaws.                      B. To be in good standing, a member must                          1. Be current on their payment of membership dues; and                          2. Have been a member of the Organization for a minimum of twenty nine (29) days prior to the day a vote takes place.</p>

Amendment 5

An amendment to add a length of membership requirement to run for Officer of SDD. (Section affected: Art IV Sec 2)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p>Section 2. At the annual meeting of the membership held in November of each calendar year, nominations shall be accepted for the offices. To be eligible for election, each candidate for office must be a current member of the Organization. The election shall be held at the same meeting. The officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the membership present with a “show of hands” vote, to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin on January 1st of the subsequent calendar year.</p>	<p>Section 2. <u>Election of Officers.</u>            A. <u>Election of officers will be held during the Organization’s Annual Meeting after a call for nominations.</u>            B. <u>Only members in good standing who have been an SDD member for a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting are eligible to be elected as an officer.</u>            C. <del>At the annual meeting of the membership held in November of each calendar year, nominations shall be accepted for the offices. To be eligible for election, each candidate for office must be a current member of the Organization. The election shall be held at the same meeting. Each officer shall be elected by a simple majority of the members in good standing present at the Annual Meeting with a “show of hands vote.”</del>  <del>The officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the membership present with a “show of hands” vote, to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the subsequent calendar year.</del></p>	<p>Section 2. Election of Officers.            A. Election of officers will be held during the Organization’s Annual Meeting after a call for nominations.            B. Only members in good standing who have been an SDD member for a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting are eligible to be elected as an officer.            C. Each officer shall be elected by a simple majority of the members in good standing present at the Annual Meeting with a “show of hands vote.”</p>

Amendment 6

An amendment clarifying the roles of President and Secretary. (Section affected: Art IV Sec 3, Sec 5)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p>Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings or designate the Chair of the meeting; shall be Chair of the Executive Board; shall be a voting member of all committees; shall create special committees as deemed necessary; and shall be the official spokesperson for the group. The President of the organization shall have the discretion to disburse funds up to \$100.00 for business that arises between Executive Board meetings that must be paid prior to the next meeting. The Executive Board must be made aware of these funds at the following Board Meeting. Funds over \$100.00 must be approved by the Executive Board prior to disbursement.</p>	<p>Section 3. <u>President</u></p> <p>A. <u>The President shall be Chair of the Executive Board. The President shall preside as the Chair at all regular meetings, special meetings, the Annual meeting, and meetings of the Executive Board, or designate the Chair of the each meeting in which the President and Vice President will be absent or otherwise unavailable. The President shall be a voting member of all committees; shall create special committees as deemed necessary; and shall be the official spokesperson for the group.</u></p> <p>B. The President <del>of the organization</del> shall have the discretion to disburse funds up to \$100.00 for business that arises between Executive Board meetings that must be paid prior to the next meeting. <u>The President shall inform the Executive Board</u> <del>must be made aware</del> of these funds at the following Board Meeting. <u>Funds Expenses</u> over \$100.00 must be approved by the Executive Board prior to disbursement.</p>	<p>Section 3. President</p> <p>A. The President shall be Chair of the Executive Board. The President shall preside as the Chair at all regular meetings, special meetings, the Annual meeting, and meetings of the Executive Board, or designate the Chair of each meeting in which the President and Vice President will be absent or otherwise unavailable. The President shall be a voting member of all committees; shall create special committees as deemed necessary; and shall be the official spokesperson for the group.</p> <p>B. The President shall have the discretion to disburse funds up to \$100.00 for business that arises between Executive Board meetings that must be paid prior to the next meeting. The President shall inform the Executive Board of these funds at the following Board Meeting. Expenses over \$100.00 must be approved by the Executive Board prior to disbursement.</p>
<p>Section 5. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Organization, and shall perform all duties as assigned by the President.</p>	<p>Section 5. <u>Secretary</u></p> <p>The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all <del>meetings of the Organization</del> <u>regular meetings, special meetings, the Annual meeting, and meetings of the Executive Board,</u> and shall perform all duties as assigned by the President.</p>	<p>Section 5. Secretary</p> <p>The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all regular meetings, special meetings, the Annual meeting, and meetings of the Executive Board, and shall perform all duties as assigned by the President.</p>

Amendment 7

An amendment establishing minimum meeting requirements for the Executive Board. (Section affected: Art V Sec 5)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p>Section 5. The Executive Board shall meet at the discretion of the President or a simple majority of the Executive Board. Notice of all meetings of the Executive Board shall be given to each member of the Executive Board by instant messenger, email, mail or by telephone at least seven days prior to the meeting date, except in cases of emergency.</p>	<p>Section 5. The Executive Board shall meet at <del>the discretion of</del> <u>least six times in the calendar year at a place and time designated by the President</u> <del>or a simple majority of the Executive Board</del>. Notice of all meetings of the Executive Board shall be given to each member of the Executive Board by instant messenger, email, mail or by telephone at least seven days prior to the meeting date, <del>except in cases of emergency</del>.</p>	<p>Section 5. The Executive Board shall meet at least six times in the calendar, at a place and time designated by the President. Notice of all meetings of the Executive Board shall be given to each member of the Executive Board by instant messenger, email, mail or by telephone at least seven days prior to the meeting date.</p>

Amendment 8

An amendment establishing proxy voting members of the Executive Board, at Executive Board meetings, only. (Section affected: Art V Sec 6)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p>Section 6. Each member of the Executive Board shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote. A member must be present to vote. An Executive Board member may be present via telephone conference. No proxy voting is permitted.</p>	<p>Section 6. Each member of the Executive Board shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote. <del>A member must be present to vote.</del> An Executive Board member may <del>be present via telephone conference</del> <u>vote in person, by phone, by live video feed, by digital poll, or by proxy vote.</u> <del>No proxy voting is permitted.</del></p> <p><u>6.1. Members of the Executive Board may vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Board by limited proxy vote. Only other Executive Board members may be designated as a proxy. Each member may be designated to no more than two proxy votes per meeting. A proxy shall be made in writing, signed by the designator and shall identify the member being designated as proxy, the matter on which the proxy is to vote, and what vote the proxy will cast. The proxy must be submitted to the Chair or Secretary prior to the vote being called. All proxies are limited proxies and expire at the adjournment of the meeting in which the vote is called.</u></p>	<p>Section 6. Each member of the Executive Board shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote. An Executive Board member may vote in person, by phone, by live video feed, by digital poll, or by proxy vote.</p> <p>6.1. Members of the Executive Board may vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Board by limited proxy vote. Only other Executive Board members may be designated as a proxy. Each member may be designated to no more than two proxy votes per meeting. A proxy shall be made in writing, signed by the designator and shall identify the member being designated as proxy, the matter on which the proxy is to vote, and what vote the proxy will cast. The proxy must be submitted to the Chair or Secretary prior to the vote being called. All proxies are limited proxies and expire at the adjournment of the meeting in which the vote is called.</p>

Amendment 9

An amendment to specify how vacancies on the executive board shall be filled. (Section affected: Art V Sec 7)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
Section 7. Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Board shall be filled by a nominee of the President and approved by the Executive Board.	Section 7. Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Board shall be filled by a nominee of the President and approved by <u>a simple majority of</u> the Executive Board.	Section 7. Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Board shall be filled by a nominee of the President and approved by a simple majority of the Executive Board.

Amendment 10

An amendment establishing a requirement of written request for general membership to call a special meeting. (Section Affected: Art VI Sec 4)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority of the Executive Board, or at the request of 10% of the general membership of the Organization. 10% of the membership will be based on the number of members in good standing from the previous month as stated by the Treasurer. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least seven days' notice shall be given.	Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the President, <del>or</del> by a majority of the Executive Board, or at the <u>written</u> request of 10% of the general membership <u>in good standing during the previous month.</u> <del>10% of the membership will be based on the number of members in good standing from the previous month as stated by the Treasurer.</del> The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least seven days' notice shall be given <u>to the membership.</u>	Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the President, by a majority of the Executive Board, or at the written request of 10% of the general membership in good standing during the previous month. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least seven days' notice shall be given to the membership.

Amendment 11

An amendment establishing the President's authority to establish standing committees. (Section Affected: Art VII)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p>Standing committees of the Organization are listed here. Other committees may be formed and put in place at the discretion of the President. All committees should consist of a Chair from the Executive Board and volunteers from the membership.</p>	<p>Standing committees of the Organization are listed here. Other committees may be formed and put in place at the discretion of the President. All committees <del>should</del> shall consist of a Chair <u>to be appointed by the President or selected from the existing Executive Board</u> <del>and volunteers from the membership.</del></p>	<p>Standing committees of the Organization are listed here. Other committees may be formed and put in place at the discretion of the President. All committees shall consist of a Chair to be appointed by the President or selected from the existing Executive Board.</p>

Amendment 12

An amendment defining the composition of the Membership Committee. (Section Affected: Art VII A Sec 1)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p>A. Membership Committee                      Section 1. The Membership Committee shall be a standing committee of this Organization and consist of three members ideally: two members appointed by the Executive Board and the Chair appointed by the President. The Membership Committee shall meet as needed to review prospective memberships, and may deny an applicant's membership for just cause subject to review of the Executive Board. Members of the Organization endorsing or supporting Republican candidates may have their membership privileges suspended or revoked by the Membership Committee upon the complaint of any other member also subject to the review of the Executive Board.</p>	<p>A. Membership Committee                      Section 1. The Membership Committee shall be a standing committee of this Organization and consist of <del>three members ideally: two members appointed by the Executive Board</del> and the Chair appointed by the President, <u>and volunteers from the membership.</u> <u>The Chair may appoint a co-chair from the membership to assist in committee projects and duties.</u> The Membership Committee shall meet as needed to review prospective memberships, and may deny an applicant's membership for just cause subject to review of the Executive Board. <del>Members of the Organization endorsing or supporting Republican candidates may have their membership privileges suspended or revoked by the Membership Committee upon the complaint of any other member also subject to the review of the Executive Board.</del></p>	<p>Section 1. The Membership Committee shall be a standing committee of this Organization and consist of the Chair appointed by the President, and volunteers from the membership. The Chair may appoint a co-chair from the membership to assist in committee projects and duties. The Membership Committee shall meet as needed to review prospective memberships, and may deny an applicant's membership for just cause subject to review of the Executive Board.</p>

Amendment 13

An amendment clarifying the operation of the Endorsement Committee. (Section Affected: Art VII B Sec 1, 4, 5)

CURRENTLY READS	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF PASSED SHALL READ
<p><b>B. <u>Endorsement Committee</u></b>  <u>Section 1.</u> An Endorsement Committee shall be a standing committee of this Organization. The Chair of this committee will be the Political Affairs Chair, who is appointed by the President of the Organization. The Political Affairs Chair will preside at all committee meetings and endorsement screenings. The President and Political Affairs Chair may appoint members of the Endorsement Committee to assist with and/or conduct the endorsement screenings.</p>	<p>B. Endorsement Committee            Section 1. The Endorsement Committee shall be a standing committee of this Organization <u>and consist of the Chair appointed by the President, and volunteers from the membership.</u> <del>The Chair of this committee will be the Political Affairs Chair, who is appointed by the President of the Organization.</del> <u>The Chair may appoint a co-chair from the membership to assist in committee projects and duties.</u> The Political Affairs Chair <del>will</del> <u>shall</u> preside at all committee meetings and endorsement screenings. The President and <del>Political Affairs</del> the Chair may appoint members of the Endorsement Committee to assist with and/or conduct the endorsement screenings.</p>	<p>B. Endorsement Committee            Section 1. The Endorsement Committee shall be a standing committee of this Organization and consist of the Chair appointed by the President, and volunteers from the membership. The Chair may appoint a co-chair from the membership to assist in committee projects and duties. The Chair shall preside at all committee meetings and endorsement screenings.</p>
<p><u>Section 4.</u> The Endorsement Committee shall be in charge of creating the procedures and implementing the process by which candidates and/or issues shall be selected and/or identified for possible endorsement by the Organization within the guidelines of these bylaws. Upon the request and direction of the President and Political Affairs Chair or a majority vote of the Executive Board, the Endorsement Committee will prepare the list of candidates and/or issues to be considered for endorsement. The screening of candidates will be completed by members of this Organization attending the endorsement screenings for</p>	<p>Section 4. The Endorsement Committee shall <del>be in charge of</del> oversee creating the procedures and implementing the process by which candidates and/or issues shall be selected and/or identified for possible endorsement by the Organization within the guidelines of these bylaws. <del>Upon the request and direction of the President and Political Affairs Chair or a majority vote of the Executive Board,</del> The Endorsement Committee <del>will</del> <u>shall</u> prepare the list of candidates and/or issues to be considered for endorsement. The screening of candidates will be completed by members of this Organization attending the endorsement screenings for endorsement consideration in</p>	<p>Section 4. The Endorsement Committee shall oversee creating the procedures and implementing the process by which candidates and/or issues shall be selected and/or identified for possible endorsement by the Organization within the guidelines of these bylaws. The Endorsement Committee shall prepare the list of candidates and/or issues to be considered for endorsement. The screening of candidates will be completed by members of this Organization attending the endorsement screenings for endorsement consideration in the</p>

<p>endorsement consideration in primary, general, or nonpartisan elections.</p>	<p><u>the Democratic</u> primary, general, or nonpartisan elections.</p>	<p>Democratic primary, general, or nonpartisan elections.</p>
<p><u>Section 5.</u> The Endorsement Committee may, at its discretion, require candidates for endorsement to complete a questionnaire or to produce any such documents as a prerequisite for endorsement. The contents of all questionnaires must be approved by majority vote of the Executive Board, prior to dissemination.</p>	<p>Section 5. The Endorsement Committee <del>may, at its discretion, require candidates for endorsement to complete a questionnaire or to produce any such documents as a prerequisite for endorsement</del> <u>shall create a candidate questionnaire for completion by candidates seeking the Organization's endorsement.</u> The contents of all questionnaires must be approved by majority vote of the Executive Board, prior to dissemination <u>to candidates applying for the endorsement.</u></p>	<p>Section 5. The Endorsement Committee shall create a candidate questionnaire for completion by candidates seeking the Organization's endorsement. The contents of any questionnaire must be approved by majority vote of the Executive Board, prior to dissemination to candidates applying for the endorsement.</p>

Amendment 14

An amendment creating ARTICLE IIX – ENDORSEMENTS. [Currently Article VII Sec. 6-9. If passed, Article IIX Parliamentary Authority and IX BYLAWS AMENDMENTS would be renumbered accordingly.]

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<p>ARTICLE VII</p> <p>Section 6. Endorsement recommendations for a primary, general, or nonpartisan election shall be made by the members attending properly called endorsement screenings or meetings, as needed. Candidate(s) or issue(s) for endorsement consideration must receive a majority vote of the members present at the conclusion of the final endorsement meeting to receive an endorsement recommendation. In the event no candidate(s) or issue(s) for endorsement consideration receives more than 50% of the vote, a runoff election must occur. A situation of no endorsement is permitted. Recommendations to vote against a candidate(s) or ballot issue(s) are also permitted.</p> <p>Section 7. Prior to submission to the membership, the list of issues and/or candidates recommended for endorsement shall be approved and ratified by a majority vote of the Executive Board. When considering this list, the Executive Board, by a two-thirds majority vote, may in its discretion either (a) remove from the recommendation list a candidate or candidates who are deemed nonviable</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE IIX ENDORSEMENTS</u></p> <p><u>Section 1. The Organization may endorse a candidate(s) or issue(s) in any election submitted to the electorate for a vote if the issue or candidate appears on a ballot within Dallas County.</u></p> <p><u>Section 2. No member of the Republican Party, candidate in a Republican Primary, or Republican candidate in a general election is eligible for endorsement by this Organization. Endorsements may be made in Dallas County nonpartisan elections if the candidate has a Democratic Party primary election voting history or affirms allegiance to the Dallas County or Texas Democratic Party.</u></p> <p><del>Section 3 - Endorsement Screening. Endorsement recommendations for a primary, general, or nonpartisan election shall be made by the members attending properly called endorsement screenings or meetings, as needed. Candidate(s) or issue(s) for endorsement consideration must receive a majority vote of the members present at the conclusion of the final endorsement meeting to receive an endorsement recommendation. In the event no candidate(s) or issue(s) for endorsement consideration receives more than 50% of the vote, a runoff election must occur. A situation of no endorsement is permitted. Recommendations to vote against a candidate(s) or ballot issue(s) are also permitted.</del></p> <p><u>The Endorsement Committee shall implement an Endorsement screening process as approved by the Executive Board. During endorsement screenings, members shall have the right to question any candidate or candidate’s representative seeking endorsement. Members shall further</u></p>	<p>ARTICLE IIX ENDORSEMENTS</p> <p>Section 1. The Organization may endorse a candidate(s) or issue(s) in any election submitted to the electorate for a vote, if the issue or candidate appears on a ballot within Dallas County.</p> <p>Section 2. No member of the Republican Party, candidate in a Republican Primary, or Republican candidate in a general election is eligible for endorsement by this Organization. Endorsements may be made in Dallas County nonpartisan elections if the candidate has a Democratic Party primary election voting history, or affirms allegiance to the Dallas County or Texas Democratic Party.</p> <p>Section 3 - Endorsement Screening. Endorsement recommendations for a primary, general, or nonpartisan election shall be made by the members attending properly called endorsement screenings or meetings. The Endorsement Committee shall implement an Endorsement screening process as approved by the Executive Board. During endorsement screenings, members shall have the right to</p>

<p>or otherwise inappropriate for endorsement consideration by the general membership, or (b) place onto the recommendation list a candidate or candidates who are deemed viable or otherwise appropriate for endorsement consideration by the general membership. Upon approval of a final list of endorsement recommendations by the Executive Board, the endorsement recommendations will be submitted for acceptance or rejection, individually or as a group, to the general membership of the Organization at a regularly scheduled membership meeting. The recommendations must be approved by a majority vote of the members present prior to dissemination to the general public.</p> <p>Section 8. Members shall have the right to question any candidate or candidate's representative seeking endorsement during the endorsement screening. Members shall further have the right to disseminate information in favor of or against any particular candidate(s) or ballot issue(s), whether produced by the candidate or a member, to the members present at the endorsement meeting. No member shall be restricted in communicating their opinion or views either verbally or in writing at any meeting of the Organization. No member, including members of the Executive Board, shall be barred from endorsing candidates</p>	<p>have the right to disseminate information in favor of or against any particular candidate(s) or ballot issue(s), whether produced by the candidate or a member, to the members present at the endorsement screening meeting. No member shall be restricted in communicating their opinion or views either verbally or in writing at any meeting of the Organization, except that a time limit for discussion and guidance for decorum may be set by the presiding chair. <del>No member, including members of the Executive Board, shall be barred from endorsing candidates prior to or contrary to the Organization's endorsement provided that the member so doing does not use the Organization's name in their endorsement.</del></p> <p>Section 4 - Endorsement Ratification. Upon completion of the endorsement screening, the Endorsement Committee shall present to the Executive Board and general membership the Endorsement Recommendations for ratification.</p> <p><del>Prior to submission to the membership, the list of issues and/or candidates recommended for endorsement shall be approved and ratified by a majority vote of the Executive Board. When considering this list, the Executive Board, by a two-thirds majority vote, may in its discretion either (a) remove from the recommendation list a candidate or candidates who are deemed nonviable or otherwise inappropriate for endorsement consideration by the general membership, or (b) place onto the recommendation list a candidate or candidates who are deemed viable or otherwise appropriate for endorsement consideration by the general membership. Upon approval of a final list of endorsement recommendations by the Executive Board, the endorsement recommendations will be submitted for acceptance or rejection, individually or as a group, to the general membership of the Organization at a regularly scheduled membership meeting. The recommendations</del></p>	<p>question any candidate or candidate's representative seeking endorsement. Members shall further have the right to disseminate information in favor of or against any particular candidate or ballot issue, whether produced by the candidate or a member, to the members present at the endorsement screening meeting. No member shall be restricted in communicating their opinion or views either verbally or in writing at any meeting of the Organization, except that a time limit for discussion and guidance for decorum may be set by the presiding chair.</p> <p>Section 4 - Endorsement Ratification. Upon completion of the endorsement screening, the Endorsement Committee shall present to the Executive Board and general membership the Endorsement Recommendations for ratification. Candidate(s) or issue(s) for endorsement consideration must receive a majority vote of the members in good standing present at the Endorsement Ratification meeting. In the event no candidate(s) or issue(s) for endorsement consideration receives more than 50% of the vote, a runoff election must occur. A situation of no endorsement is permitted. Recommendations to vote against a candidate(s) or ballot issue(s) (also known as "ballot warning") are also permitted.</p>
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<p>prior to or contrary to the Organization’s endorsement provided that the member so doing does not use the Organization’s name in their endorsement.</p> <p>Section 9. In order to participate in the screening process, or vote on the Endorsement Committee’s recommendations, a member must be a dues-paying member in good standing at least 30 days prior to the endorsement screening. A membership list will be used to determine eligibility to participate in screening or approving the list of candidates recommended by the Endorsement Committee. This will eliminate “special interest” drop-ins and drop-outs.</p>	<p><del>must be approved by a majority vote of the members present prior to dissemination to the general public.</del></p> <p>Candidate(s) or issue(s) for endorsement consideration must receive a majority vote of the members in good standing present at the Endorsement Ratification meeting. In the event no candidate(s) or issue(s) for endorsement consideration receives more than 50% of the vote, a runoff election must occur. A situation of no endorsement is permitted. Recommendations to vote against a candidate(s) or ballot issue(s) (<u>also known as “ballot warning”</u>) are also permitted.</p> <p><u>Section 5. No member of the Executive Board or general membership shall use the Organization’s name, logo, or their title within the Organization to publicly endorse a candidate or ballot measure prior to completion of the Organization’s endorsement process or contrary to the Organization’s endorsement decision. This section shall not be read to limit any individual’s free speech when not used in association with the Organization.</u></p>	<p>Section 5. No member of the Executive Board or general membership shall use the Organization’s name, logo, or their title within the Organization to publicly endorse a candidate or ballot measure prior to completion of the Organization’s endorsement process or contrary to the Organization’s endorsement decision. This section shall not be read to limit any individual’s free speech when not used in association with the Organization</p>
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Amendment 17

An amendment adding a 30-day notice requirement to amending bylaws. (Art IX)

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<p>Article IX. Amendment of Bylaws Amendments to these bylaws may be offered at any regular meeting of the Organization. Once amendments to the bylaws have been offered, the Executive Board shall vote whether or not to forward the amendments to the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee, after approval of the Executive Board, shall consist of</p>	<p>Article IX. <u>At the President’s discretion, a Bylaws Committee may be formed to review and propose amendments to these bylaws, and consist of the Chair appointed by the President, and volunteers from the membership.</u> Amendments to these bylaws may be offered at any regular meeting of the Organization. Once amendments to the bylaws have been offered, the Executive Board shall vote whether or not to forward</p>	<p>Article IX. At the President’s discretion, a Bylaws Committee may be formed to review and propose amendments to these bylaws, and consist of the Chair appointed by the President, and volunteers from the membership. Amendments to these bylaws may be offered at any regular meeting of the Organization. Once amendments to the</p>

<p>an Executive Board member as committee chair, and other members of the organization. The Bylaws Committee will make amendments and present them to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will then vote by a two-thirds majority to present changes to the membership. A two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a properly called membership meeting shall be required for adoption of any amendment to these bylaws.</p>	<p><del>the amendments to the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee, after approval of the Executive Board, shall consist of an Executive Board member as committee chair, and other members of the organization.</del> The Bylaws Committee will make draft amendments and present them to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will then vote by a two-thirds majority to present changes <del>amendments</del> to the membership. A two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present and voting at a properly called membership meeting shall be required for adoption of any amendment to these bylaws. <u>Members shall be given at least 30-day notice of any meeting in which amendments to these bylaws will be voted on. Such notice shall provide the proposed amendments.</u></p>	<p>bylaws have been offered, the Executive Board shall vote whether or not to forward the amendments to the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee will draft amendments and present them to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will then vote by a two-thirds majority to present changes to the membership. A two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present and voting at a properly called membership meeting shall be required for adoption of any amendment to these bylaws. Members shall be given at least 30-day notice of any meeting in which amendments to these bylaws will be voted on. Such notice shall provide the proposed amendments.</p>
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