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Bylaws of the Point Loma Democratic Club
 San Diego County Democratic Party Chartered Club

ARTICLE I THE CLUB

The name of this organization shall be The Point Loma Democratic Club. The Club is an organization chartered by the San Diego County Democratic Party and is closely affiliated with the California State Democratic Party.

As such, membership and full participation is open without regard to race, ethnic background, religion, gender, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, or disability.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

Section I. The objective of this organization shall be to assist the Democratic Party by:

- Being informed on issues of interest to Democrats
- Helping to elect Democrats to public office and
- Providing a forum for Democratic speakers and the discussion of issues of interest to Democrats.

Section II. This organization, through its programs, shall encourage its members to be more active in the Democratic Party and to provide leadership for our Party.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section I. While the primary focus of the Club is promoting the Democratic Party in the Point Loma/Ocean Beach area, membership shall be open to all registered Democrats in San Diego County, to members of the Club who move out of San Diego County and retain a public affiliation with the Democratic Party, and to residents of San Diego County who intend to register as Democrats when legally qualified to vote.

Section II: Membership Process. A person is considered a member upon a the receipt by the treasurer of dues outlined in Article IX and the executive board’s receipt of complete electronic or physical applications for each individual. A member has all the rights and responsibilities of a member in

good standing as outlined in Robert’s Rules of Order with the exception of the right to vote. Individuals shall become eligible to vote at the second meeting attended as a member.

Section III. Applications shall be provided by the executive board upon request. They may take the form of physical paper copies or a form provided electronically.

Section IV. Renewals. Members shall renew by January 1st annually. They shall update any information they provided on the application, and if renewing a voting membership, shall not experience a lapse in voting eligibility.

Section V. Delinquency. A member shall be considered delinquent if they have not paid dues and updated contact information by January 31st of a calendar year. A member of the executive board shall attempt to communicate via phone, e-mail, or mail that delinquent status is impending. Upon delinquent status, members shall lose voting rights, but shall retain other rights as members. If a member is delinquent beyond March 31 of the same calendar year, then PLDC shall infer they have resigned and strike them from the membership rolls.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section I. The elected officers of this organization shall be:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Section II. The election of officers shall be held at the February meeting each year, with installation on the day of the meeting.

Section III. The Membership and the Executive Committee may elect or appoint additional officers as needed. Vacancies among elected officers shall be filled at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section IV. Annual elections shall include a proposed slate of officers prepared by the Executive Committee. Additional nominations may be made to the Executive Committee before the election, or from the floor at the election meeting. Each officer elected must receive a majority vote of those members present, and more than one ballot may be taken if needed.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I. The President shall:

Call and conduct all General and Executive Committee meetings

Have the authority to create special committees as needed and be an ex-officio member of all committees

Authorize the expenditure of operating funds

Serve as the representative of the Club in meetings and contacts with Democratic Party and community organizations.

Section II. The Vice President shall:

Conduct all General and Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the President

Assist the President in planning programs and scheduling speakers.

Section III. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking the minutes at General and Executive Committee meetings, and handling all correspondence related to Club business.

Section IV. The Treasurer shall:

Be authorized to sign all bank checks and make other payments as necessary to meet Club expenses

Report to the Membership and Executive Committee regarding the finances of the Club

Keep records of all income and expenditures, and make necessary reports to government agencies regarding Club business

Keep a record of the names and current addresses of Club members.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section I. General meetings shall be held every one to three months as determined by the President and the Executive Committee.

Section II. Executive Committee meetings will be called by the President.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and other active members who wish to attend on a

regular basis.

Section III. Meeting notices shall be either written and mailed, or emailed to members, who provide an email address.

Section IV. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order shall govern Club business meetings unless they are inconsistent with other provisions of these bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. ENDORSEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Section I. All endorsements of candidates or resolutions concerning ballot measures or public issues must be in accord with the standards established by the California State Democratic Party and the San Diego County Democratic Party. It is also the tradition and stated goal of the Club not to make endorsements or to pass resolutions which will adversely effect the unity of the Democratic Party.

Section II. Only candidates who are registered Democrats are eligible for Club endorsement.

Section III. A motion to endorse a candidate or take a position on a Proposition or public issue must receive the vote of a majority of the Club members present. The quorum necessary to adopt a motion shall be 12 members or one fourth of the total paid up membership, whichever is less.

ARTICLE VIII. CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Section I. California Democratic Party Club representatives to the California Democratic Party's Pre-Endorsement Conferences shall be allocated as follows:

One representative, resident in the Assembly District, for each full (not fraction thereof) 20 registered Democratic members in good standing in the Assembly District who are listed on a roster submitted, by July 1 of each odd-numbered year, to both the San Diego County Democratic Party and the appropriate CDP Regional Director(s). The roster shall be certified by the Club's President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Representatives should be equally apportioned between men and women to the extent possible.

Section II. San Diego County Democratic Party

Under the club's charter with the San Diego County Democratic Party, its President is a representative to the SDCDP Central Committee as an Associate Member. If the President is already a Central

Committee member or chooses not to serve, a different representative may be selected to serve his or her term according to the provisions of Sections III and IV of this Article. An Associate Member application, for the President or any other representative, must be submitted to the SDCDP within 30 days of his or her selection by the club.

Section III. Selection

Club representatives to the CDP and SDCDP – and any other official representatives, delegates, and alternates from the club to conferences, caucuses, councils, conventions, and other meetings – shall be selected by a vote of members in good standing at a duly noticed club meeting or, if that cannot occur at a regular or special meeting, by designation of the President.

Section IV. Adherence to Club Positions

Club representatives described in this Article, when participating in voting and discussion in that capacity, shall adhere to and represent the club's official positions on endorsements and other matters wherever applicable, and shall agree to do so prior to their selection.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCES

Section I. Dues. For the calendar year 2016, dues levels shall be set at:

- \$5 for Students in full time education
- \$20 for Individuals
- \$30 for two or more Democrats in the same Household. Each individual must submit a separate application form.
- \$50 for Sustaining
- \$100 for Patrons

Sustaining and Patrons include household membership - all individuals must submit separate application forms and share the same residence.

Dues levels shall be set for calendar year 2017 and beyond by the executive board, who shall issue notice to the members by September 31 of the following year's dues at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Section II. New memberships and renewals between January 1st and October 31st are valid for the same calendar year. Renewals and new memberships paid after November 1st are valid through December 31st the following calendar year.

Section III. With the majority of the Executive Board's approval, PLDC may offer special pricing for

membership at events such as the annual barbecue. Individuals may also petition the President for a hardship dues waiver.

Section IV. The only dues accepted for memberships are on the individual or household levels. Mass membership registration payments shall not be accepted.

Section V. Funds shall be deposited in a checking account and checks may be drawn for operating expenses over the signature of the Treasurer when authorized by the President.

Section VI. All expenditures exceeding \$500 must be approved by the Membership.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

Amendments or revisions to these bylaws must be approved by a majority of Club members at a General Meeting where a quorum is present.

Approved by the Point Loma Democratic Club, *Marcus Weersching, President, March 30, 1978*

Revisions approved by the Point Loma Democratic Club, *Nancy Witt, President, December 5, 1999.*

Amended Article VI Meeting, Section III Notice to include email notice. *Ruth Rollins, President, April 22, 2012*

Amended Article III Membership, added Section II to define member in good standing. Added Article VIII Club Representatives to comply with State requirements for attending early endorsement conferences. Amended Article IX Finances to reflect dues structure for 2015. *Susan Peinado, President, May 17, 2015*

Amended Article III Membership Section II and added Sections III, IV and V. Amended Article IX Section I and inserted Sections II, III and IV renumbering V and VI. *Jonathan Wubbolding, Chair Bylaws Committee, October 25, 2015*