

BYLAWS
Glendale Democratic Club
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ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the Glendale Democratic Club.

ARTICLE II

General Policies

Sec. 1. All public meetings of the Club shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of economic status, race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, or persons with disabilities as defined by the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

Sec. 2. The time, place and agendas of all meetings of the Club shall be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Ten days prior notice must be given. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons.

ARTICLE III

Purpose

Sec. 1. To serve as the official governing body of the Democratic Party in the City of Glendale in cooperation with the State and National Committees.

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Sec.2. To conduct the Democratic Party campaign(s) in the City of Glendale under the general direction of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee.

Sec.3. To encourage the fullest possible participation of all Democratic voters. To register and turn out Democratic voters.

Sec.4. To interview, develop, endorse and support Democratic candidates for public office.

Sec.5. To perform such other duties and services as will benefit the Democratic Party.

Sec.6. To practice and uphold the social and economic policies consistent with the philosophy of the Democratic Party.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Sec. 1. Regular membership shall be open to persons who are at least eighteen (18) years of age, who are registered Democrats or who are devoted to the principles of the Democratic Party but are ineligible to register as a voter. Any such ineligible person must express their intent to register as a Democrat immediately upon becoming eligible.

Sec.2. Student membership shall be open to persons.

Sec.3. Associate membership shall be open to any person regardless of political affiliation who may attend regularly called meetings, but shall not have Club privileges to vote, become a Club officer, commence proceedings to endorse candidates or issues, or become a member of the steering committee.

Sec.4. Membership privileges are conditioned upon payment of dues in full.

Sec.5. Members are allowed one vote on any issue provided they have paid dues in full sixty (60) days prior to voting.

Sec.6. Members contending for an elected office must have paid dues in full for thirty (30) days and attended at least three (3) meetings prior to the election.

Sec.7. Members must be present at the meeting to cast a vote(s). Voting by proxy is prohibited.

Sec.8. Voting by mail is permitted in accordance with the rules set by the Steering Committee.

Sec.9. Members in good standing may commence proceedings to endorse candidates or issues.

Sec.10. Members in good standing may review financial records upon thirty (30) days notice to the Treasurer.

ARTICLE V

Dues

Annual dues shall be \$24.00 for all regular and associate members, and \$12.00 for students and limited income individuals. Dues shall be paid on March 1st of each year and prorated for new members.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Sec.1. Names and Terms of office: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- a) They shall be elected once a year (no later than April of the year they serve) or when vacancies occur.
- b) If the President's position is vacated, the Vice President shall serve until an election is held.
- c) Vacancies in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting.
- d) Resignation by any officer shall be given in writing.

Sec.2. Duties

- a) All Club officers shall be responsible for developing and implementing a plan for political action and guide the Club to recruit new members and involve all members in Democratic Party participation.
- b) The President shall ensure: 1) The Club develops relationships with California Democratic State and County Committees. 2) The Club holds regular business meetings (no fewer than six (6) per year) over which he/she presides.
- c) The Vice President shall carry out specific duties as needed and shall preside in the absence of the President.
- d) The Secretary shall maintain Club records; keep minutes of meetings, collect attendance records and discharge other duties at the direction of the President.
- e) The Treasurer shall keep membership and financial records, present financial statements at Club meetings, handle all disbursements, receipts, banking arrangements, FPFC statements and all other bookkeeping responsibilities.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

Sec. 1. General

Committees to plan and carry out Club events and programs will be organized as needed and shall be created by a simple majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII

Sec.2. Steering Committee

A steering Committee of six (6) members of which four (4) shall be officers and two (2) will be selected annually by a simple majority of the membership. The committee shall make plans, procedures and decisions as needed to further Club activities. They may expend whatever money is prudent.

ARTICLE IX

General Provisions

Sec.1. Quorum

Provided that a meeting has been properly noticed, a quorum shall be twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership or ten (10) members, whichever is less. For all endorsements, a quorum shall be twenty (20) members.

Sec.2. Expenditures

Expenditures shall be subject to prior approval of the President and all checks issued will be signed by the Treasurer'

Sec.3. Endorsements

The club will not endorse any non-Democratic candidates for any public office. All other endorsements will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of eligible members voting at the endorsement meeting.

Sec.4. Representatives

Officers shall appoint representatives to specific State and County Committees as needed.

Sec.5. Discipline

If any Officers, Committee Chairs or Club Members substantially fail to fulfill their duties and/or interfere with Club purposes and procedures, they may be subject to removal following a review by the Steering Committee exercising due process

Sec.6. Dissolution

If for any reason the Club ceases operations, any funds or records shall be transferred to the Los Angeles County Democratic Party. In the event this Club merges with an affiliated club, any funds or records shall be combined with the affiliated club and the newly formed club will amend its bylaws accordingly.

Sec.7. Parliamentary Authority

Proceedings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Sec.8. Amendments and Severability

Amendments to these Bylaws can be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership. Any of these Bylaws declared unconstitutional or unenforceable shall not affect the remaining provisions.

Sec.9 Notification

The club will keep regular contact with the Los Angeles Democratic Central Committee by:

- a. Notifying the Chair of the Los Angeles Democratic Central Committee;
- b. Notifying members of the Assembly District delegation of the Los Angeles Democratic Central Committee;
- c. Mailing copies of the newsletter to the Los Angeles County Democratic Party office.