

LA JOLLA DEMOCRATIC CLUB BY-LAWS

1. **NAME** The name of this organization shall be La Jolla Democratic Club.
2. **BY-LAWS** These by-laws shall become effective when, after thirty days notice, they are adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Club Executive Board and ratified by a majority of the members present at the next succeeding general membership meeting.
3. **PURPOSE** The purpose of the Club shall be to inform and educate the membership and the public on political issues, including support of or opposition to ballot propositions, in order to encourage intelligent participation in the political process. It shall also provide a forum for Democratic candidates and candidates for nonpartisan public office and an option to endorse said candidates.
4. **MEMBERSHIP** Membership shall consist of any registered Democrat who pay the dues as set by the Club. Dues shall be payable in January for the calendar year. Dues received during the year will be credited to that year; dues will not be prorated. All members are entitled to attend and vote at all membership meetings.
5. **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** Membership meetings shall be held at least nine times a year. An annual meeting shall be held in November for the election of officers. Consideration shall be given at this meeting to issues, resolutions, and the recruitment of a tentative slate of delegates for the next annual convention of the California Democratic Council (hereinafter referred to as CDC) in any year when the Club is affiliated with CDC.
6. **OFFICERS** The officers of the Club shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting, shall assume their responsibilities at the following meeting, and shall serve for terms of one year. The duties of the officers shall be those customarily assigned to such offices, as determined by the President. Public statements in the name of the Club shall be made only by the President or a member authorized by the President with the concurrence of the Executive Board.
7. **EXECUTIVE BOARD** There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the five elected officers and up to four members at large appointed by the incoming President and such other members to which the elected officers agree. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held prior to each membership meeting, and special meetings may be held at the call of the President or at the call of three members of the Board. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board. The Board may fill vacancies in elected offices and in its membership.
8. **COMMITTEES** There shall be such committees as the Executive Board shall establish each year. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the President. A Nominating Committee of three or more persons shall be appointed by the Executive Board in September to make nominations for the following year. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall not be a member of the current Executive Board. The names of nominees for offices shall be sent to the Club members with notice of the November meeting, with the consent of the nominee.
9. **CDC ANNUAL CONVENTION** Any member in good standing in December of each year is eligible to be a delegate to the CDC Annual Convention. Seniority of membership and past participation in Club activities shall be given consideration in the selection of delegates. The Executive Board shall have the authority to select the delegates.

10. ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES AND BALLOT PROPOSITIONS The Club membership shall be given the opportunity to endorse candidates and ballot propositions. Notice of any meeting at which endorsements are to be considered shall be given to all members by mail. Members must be members for 30 days or longer to be eligible to vote. In order for any candidate to be endorsed or any ballot proposition to be supported or opposed by the Club, the candidate or proposition must receive at least 66% of the vote cast by the members present. The ballot shall provide a box to vote “abstention” and abstentions shall be counted in determining the number of votes cast. In case of multiple candidates, when no candidate receives the required percentage of votes on the first vote, a second vote shall be taken on candidates who receive 15% or more of the votes cast. If no candidate then receives 66% of the votes cast, there shall be no endorsement.
11. FINANCIAL SUPPORT The Executive Board, by majority vote, may authorize contributions to candidates or committees supporting or opposing ballot propositions in an amount not to exceed \$100. Any financial contributions in excess of \$100 must be voted on at a membership meeting and must be approved by majority vote of the members present.
12. FUNDS Funds of the Club shall be deposited by the Treasurer in an account in the name of the Club. At least three officers shall be authorized to sign checks on the bank account. All checks must be signed by the Treasurer and one other authorized person. The Executive Board shall establish by Standing Rule the maximum amount of money that may be expended at the discretion of the President and shall require a majority vote of the Executive Board for expenditure in excess of such amount. There shall be a financial statement to the membership by the Treasurer at least twice a year.
13. STANDING RULES The Executive Board shall, from time to time, establish Standing Rules in policy matters. Standing Rules, when proposed, shall be submitted for ratification by majority vote at a membership meeting. These standing rules shall be presented annually to the incoming Board for review.
14. AMENDMENTS The by-laws may be amended, after thirty days notice, by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board and must be ratified by majority vote of the members present at the next membership meeting.