

LA JOLLA DEMOCRATIC CLUB BY-LAWS –DECEMBER 2020

1. **NAME** The name of this organization shall be La Jolla Democratic Club
2. **BY-LAWS** These by-laws shall become effective when, after 30 days' notice, they are adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Club's Executive Committee 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 pays 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 in good standing 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 the Club affiliated with the 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 terms of one year. The duties of the officers shall be those customarily assigned to such offices, as determined by the President. Officers of the Club shall be Democrats and members of good standing of the Club. Public statements in the name of the Club shall be made only by the President of the Club or by a Club 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 or more 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 chairs shall be appointed by the President. A Nominating Committee of three or more persons shall be appointed by the Executive Committee in September to make nominations for the following year. The Chair 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 delegates.
10. **ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES AND BALLOT PROPOSITIONS** The Club shall only endorse registered Democrats. The Club membership shall be given the opportunity to endorse candidates and ballot propositions. Either by e-mail or US Postal Service, all club members in good standing will be notified two weeks in advance of any club meeting where endorsements will be considered. ALL REASONABLE ATTEMPTS SHALL BE MADE TO NOTIFY ALL DECLARED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES for their races at least five business days prior to AN ENDORSEMENT CONSIDERATION AT A CLUB meeting. Club members must be members for thirty (30) days or longer to be eligible to vote. In order for any candidate to be endorsed or any ballot proposition supported or

opposed by the Club, the candidate or proposition must receive at least 66% of the vote cast by members present. The ballot shall provide a box to vote “no endorsement” and “no endorsement” votes shall be counted in determining the number of votes cast. The ballot may also include a rating of “acceptable” or “unacceptable”. These votes shall be counted in determining the number of votes cast. Non registered Democrats may only be rated acceptable or unacceptable. Endorsement by the Club shall not be construed as the California Democratic Party or San Diego County Democratic Party endorsement. This statement shall be included in reference to any club endorsement. Published endorsements shall delineate between “endorsed” and “acceptable” ratings.

11. FINANCIAL SUPPORT The Executive Board, by majority vote, may authorize contributions to candidates or ballot propositions—either in support or opposition—in an amount not to exceed \$100. Any financial support in excess of \$100 must be voted on at a membership meeting and must be approved by a majority vote of those members present.

12. FUNDS Funds of the Club shall be deposited by the Treasurer in an account in the name of the Club. Current bank statements shall be reviewed and accepted by the Executive Board at their regularly scheduled meetings. At least two officers shall be authorized to sign checks on the bank account. 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 verified financial statement made to the membership by the Treasurer at each Club meeting.

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 a 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 by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee after thirty (30) days’ notice and must be ratified by majority vote of all members in good standing, present and voting at the next duly noticed membership meeting.

15. ASSOCIATE MEMBER The Club shall have an Associate Member of the San Diego County Democratic Central Committee who may speak but not vote at Central Committee meetings. Selection of any San Diego County Party Associate Member (other than the Club President) shall be made by the Club President and ratified by a majority of the Executive Committee of the Club.

16. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PRE-ENDORSING CONVENTION : The Club President, Secretary or Treasurer will ratify the roster of club members in good standing by July 1 of each odd-numbered year, identifying the legislative districts and representatives for each district. This shall be submitted to the CDP and SDCDP. Club representatives—and any other official representatives, delegates and alternates from the club to conferences, caucuses, councils, conventions and other meetings-- shall be equally apportioned between men and women to the extent possible and voted on by a majority of members in good standing, present and voting at a duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting or, if that cannot occur, at a regular or special meeting designated by the Club President.

Adopted December 17, 2020 by unanimous vote
La Jolla Democratic Club Executive Committee

Club Ratification on the agenda for February 2021