

Tulare County Stonewall Democrats Bylaws

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I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Tulare County Stonewall Democrats.

II. PURPOSE

Tulare County Stonewall Democrats (hereinafter called the Club) shall focus its efforts within the County of Tulare; to advance the goals of the Democratic Party (hereinafter called the Party), through public policy and political issue analysis, education, fund-raising, recruitment, coordination with other Democratic groups, and other activities to benefit the Party.

The club shall seek to publicize activities, and to build its membership from registered Democrats within the county. The Club shall develop a work plan, which shall be evaluated by the membership at least once every six months. This work plan shall include a report on the number of registered Democrats within the County of Tulare, a report on Democratic voter turnout in, and a comparison Tulare County and surrounding area of local Democratic statistics to other political affiliations.

III. AFFILIATION

- A. The Club is officially chartered with the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee (hereinafter called the Central Committee) and was duly chartered by the Central Committee on February 23, 2015.
- B. As a chartered and affiliated club of the Central Committee, the Club shall comply with bylaws of the Central Committee and the California Democratic Party, as they apply to fully chartered local affiliates.

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IV. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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2 A. Qualifications: Any individual qualifies for Club membership if: The individual
3 is a registered Democrat; or

4 1) other legal impediment), but pledges to register as a Democrat when
5 eligibility is attained; and

6 2) Supports the purpose of the Club as stated in Article II, above.

7 B. **Active Membership:** A qualified individual shall be considered an active
8 member only if

9 1) The member has attended at least one meeting prior to being eligible to
10 vote and

11 2) The member has paid all club dues.

12 C. This organization does not require or use any test of membership or oath of
13 loyalty which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members to
14 acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination on the grounds of race, color,
15 creed, national origin, physical ability, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual
16 orientation, gender identity or economic status.

17 D. A member is removed from the club roster for non-payment of dues by the date
18 required in these Bylaws, or for publicly endorsing or financially supporting
19 other than a Democrat in any election.

20 E. **Student Membership:** Upon presentation of a current valid "Student Body
21 Card" a person shall be entitled to a 50% (fifty percent) reduction in their dues.

22 F. **Standing:** Upon meeting the above requirements a person is considered a
23 Member In Good Standing and is granted all the rights and privileges of
24 membership.

V. DUES

26 A. Dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and reviewed at the first
27 meeting of each calendar year and presented to the General Membership for
28 approval.

29 B. Dues shall be \$20.00 (twenty dollars) per calendar year.

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- 1 C. Dues are due on January 1 and payable by January 31 of each calendar year.
- 2 D. Annual dues for new active Club members shall be prorated on a monthly basis.
- 3 E. Membership is effective 30 (thirty) days after receipt of dues.
- 4 F. Payment of dues shall not be obligatory to anyone for whom it constitutes an
- 5 economic hardship, and after due consideration with approval of the Executive
- 6 Board.

VI. MEETINGS

- 9 A. Regular Meetings
 - 10 1) The Club shall hold regular monthly meetings on such day as the
 - 11 membership may determine from time to time.
 - 12 2) Regular meetings shall not be canceled more than 3 (three) times within
 - 13 any calendar year and in no event shall more than 2 (two) regular
 - 14 meetings be canceled in succession.
- 15 B. Special Meetings
 - 16 1) Special meetings may be called by the chair at any time, on notice as
 - 17 specified below.
 - 18 2) In the absence of the chair, any two officers may call a special meeting, on
 - 19 notice as specified below.
- 20 C. Notice of Meeting
 - 21 1) Notice of regular or special meetings shall be given at least two weeks in
 - 22 advance to all active members, in any manner as follows:
 - 23 a. Notice in writing by US mail
 - 24 b. Notice in writing by e-mail
 - 25 c. Telephone message
 - 26 2) Notice of the meeting shall be deemed sufficient by any manner specified
 - 27 above if such notice includes the date, time and place of the meeting and
 - 28 is calculated to be received at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

VII. RULES FOR MEETINGS

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- 1 A. The Club shall use the newly revised *Roberts Rules of Order* to govern
2 parliamentary procedure at all official meetings of the organization, except as
3 specifically noted in these bylaws.
- 4 B. A quorum for any official meeting of the Club shall be 25% (twenty-five percent)
5 of the total organizational membership, or ten members, whichever is smaller, as
6 of 24 hours before the meeting, as reported by the secretary.
- 7 C. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, the Club may adopt events and
8 conduct regular business with a vote of 50% (fifty percent) plus 1 (one) of the
9 members present at any meeting.
- 10 D. The Club may pass resolutions not related to endorsements with a vote of 2/3
11 (two-thirds) of those present and voting at any meeting.
- 12 E. A process to consider the endorsement of candidates must be approved prior to
13 any suggestion of endorsements. If the discussion of an endorsement process is
14 noticed in the meeting agenda, such process must be approved by at least 2/3
15 (two-thirds) of those present and voting at any meeting. If the discussion of an
16 endorsement process is brought up from the floor as New Business, such process
17 must be approved by at least $\frac{3}{4}$ (three-fourths) of those present and voting at
18 any meeting. Under no circumstances may the Club consider the endorsement of
19 a candidate for public office who is not registered with the Democratic Party.
20 The minimum threshold for endorsement in a race with multiple Democratic
21 candidates is two-thirds of the members present and voting.
- 22 F. must be noticed to the membership at least one meeting before the vote in
23 question, and must be approved by a vote of 2/3 (two-thirds) of those present
24 and voting.

VIII. OFFICERS

- 26 A. Club officers shall consist of: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and
27 Member At-Large. They shall be elected in January to serve one-year terms of
28 office.
- 29 B. If the Chair vacates office, the Vice-Chair shall ascend to the position of Chair,
30 until an election is held to fill the Chair's remaining term of office.

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- 1 C. In the temporary absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair. If the
2 position of Vice-Chair is vacant, the Secretary or Treasurer shall serve as Vice-
3 Chair.
- 4 D. **The Secretary** shall be responsible to ensure that all members are notified of
5 Club meetings, maintain an updated club roster, and shall maintain all written
6 records of the Club.
- 7 E. **The Treasurer** shall maintain all financial records of the club, be responsible for
8 bank accounts, ensure FPPC/FEC financial reports are submitted on time, and
9 will provide a monthly financial report at club meetings.
- 10 F. **Member At-Large** shall be selected from the club membership at-large and shall
11 serve on the Executive Committee and perform such duties as are assigned by
12 the club .
- 13 G. **The Chair** shall officiate at all meetings of the Club.
- 14 H. **The Chair** may appoint members temporarily to fill un-expired terms of office,
15 subject to election by the membership at the next Club meeting 30 (thirty) days
16 after the office is vacated.
- 17 I. The Club shall be represented at meetings of the DPOC and any Assembly
18 District Committee meetings at which it may be entitled to membership, and at
19 meetings of the California Democratic Council. A person may serve as
20 representative to more than one outside body if the club membership approves.
- 21 J. The Club is encouraged to appoint a publicity officer, who shall have the
22 responsibility to develop and to implement a plan to increase the visibility of the
23 Club among Democrats within the County of Tulare.
- 24 K. The chair may appoint Club members to serve in other capacities as needed.
- 25 L. The Club may elect such other officers as may be deemed necessary from time to
26 time to conduct Club business.
- 27 M. The Executive Board shall be composed of the club officers and chairs of
28 standing committees, and shall be responsible for implementing the club's goal
29 and maintaining financial viability.

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1 N. An elected officer can be removed from office by resolution of a two-thirds vote
2 of the Regular members at a General Meeting for such causes as missing three
3 unexcused consecutive meetings or non-performance of duties, providing the
4 membership and the officer have been notified ten days in advance of the
5 meeting of the proposed action against the officer.

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IX AMENDMENTS

8 These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote at a general membership
9 meeting after the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at a
10 preceding meeting. Two week's notice must be provided of each meeting.

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13 **ADOPTED:** August 14, 2017

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Salvador Cazarez

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Secretary