

Tulare County Stonewall Democrats Bylaws

ARTICLE I. NAME

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

ARTICLE 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.

Work within the Tulare County Party, providing a strong voice and representation within the party structure; securing full equal rights of LGBT Citizens through effective legislation and policies; and encouraging LGBT persons to participate fully as Democrats at all levels of policy making and public service.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

- 1) other legal impediment), but pledges to register as a Democrat when eligibility is attained; and
- 2) Supports the purpose of the Club as stated in Article II, above.

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- 38 B. **Active Membership:** A qualified individual shall be considered an active
39 member only if
40 1) The member has attended at least one meeting prior to being eligible to
41 vote and
42 2) The member has paid all club dues.
- 43 C. This organization does not require or use any test of membership or oath of
44 loyalty which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members to
45 acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination on the grounds of race, color,
46 creed, national origin, physical ability, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual
47 orientation, gender identity or economic status.
- 48 D. A member is removed from the club roster for non-payment of dues by the date
49 required in these Bylaws, or for publicly endorsing or financially supporting
50 other than a Democrat in any election.
- 51 E. **Student Membership:** Upon presentation of a current valid "Student Body
52 Card" a person shall be entitled to a 50% (fifty percent) reduction in their dues.
- 53 F. **Standing:** Upon meeting the above requirements a person is considered a
54 Member In Good Standing and is granted all the rights and privileges of
55 membership.

ARTICLE V. DUES

- 58 A. Dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and reviewed at the first
59 meeting of each calendar year and presented to the General Membership for
60 approval.
- 61 B. Dues shall be \$20.00 (twenty dollars) per calendar year. Dues can be reduced to
62 no less than \$12.00 (twelve dollars) through attendance and participation. \$1.00
63 (one dollar) will be subtracted from dues for attendance at 2 (two) or more
64 meetings per quarter year. Participation in major events (maximum of 4 (four))
65 per calendar year for a reduction of \$1.00 (one dollar) per event. Student dues
66 shall be exempt from reduction.
- 67 C. Dues are due on January 1 and payable by January 31 of each calendar year.
- 68 D. Annual dues for new active Club members shall be prorated on a monthly basis.
- 69 E. Membership is effective 30 (thirty) days after receipt of dues.
- 70 F. Payment of dues shall not be obligatory to anyone for whom it constitutes an
71 economic hardship, and after due consideration with approval of the Executive
72 Board.

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ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

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76 A. Regular Meetings

77 1) The Club shall hold regular monthly meetings on such day as the
78 membership may determine from time to time.

79 2) Regular meetings shall not be canceled more than 3 (three) times within
80 any calendar year and in no event shall more than 2 (two) regular
81 meetings be canceled in succession.

82 3) Meetings are open to all Democrats, or to anyone who expresses an
83 intention to register as such when an impediment due to age or
84 citizenship status disappears.

85 B. Special Meetings

86 1) Special meetings may be called by the chair at any time, on notice as
87 specified below.

88 2) In the absence of the chair, any two officers may call a special meeting, on
89 notice as specified below.

90 C. Notice of Meeting

91 1) Notice of regular or special meetings shall be given at least two weeks in
92 advance to all active members, in any manner as follows:

93 a. Notice in writing by US mail

94 b. Notice in writing by e-mail

95 c. Telephone message

96 2) Notice of the meeting shall be deemed sufficient by any manner specified
97 above if such notice includes the date, time and place of the meeting and
98 is calculated to be received at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

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ARTICLE VII. RULES FOR MEETINGS

101 A. The Club shall use the newly revised *Roberts Rules of Order* to govern
102 parliamentary procedure at all official meetings of the organization, except as
103 specifically noted in these bylaws.

104 B. A quorum for any official meeting of the Club shall be 25% (twenty-five percent)
105 of the total organizational membership, or ten members, whichever is smaller, as
106 of 24 hours before the meeting, as reported by the secretary.

107 C. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, the Club may adopt events and
108 conduct regular business with a vote of 50% (fifty percent) plus 1 (one) of the
109 members present at any meeting.

110 D. The Club may pass resolutions not related to endorsements with a vote of 2/3
111 (two-thirds) of those present and voting at any meeting.

112 E. A process to consider the endorsement of candidates must be approved prior to
113 any suggestion of endorsements. If the discussion of an endorsement process is

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114 noticed in the meeting agenda, such process must be approved by at least 2/3
115 (two-thirds) of those present and voting at any meeting. If the discussion of an
116 endorsement process is brought up from the floor as New Business, such process
117 must be approved by at least $\frac{3}{4}$ (three-fourths) of those present and voting at
118 any meeting. Under no circumstances may the Club consider the endorsement of
119 a candidate for public office who is not registered with the Democratic Party.
120 The minimum threshold for endorsement in a race with multiple Democratic
121 candidates is two-thirds of the members present and voting.

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ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

124 A. Club officers shall consist of: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and
125 Member At-Large. They shall be elected in January to serve one-year terms of
126 office.

127 B. If the Chair vacates office, the Vice-Chair shall ascend to the position of Chair,
128 until an election is held to fill the Chair's remaining term of office.

129 C. In the temporary absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair. If the
130 position of Vice-Chair is vacant, the Secretary or Treasurer shall serve as Vice-
131 Chair.

132 D. **The Secretary** shall be responsible to ensure that all members are notified of
133 Club meetings, maintain an updated club roster, and shall maintain all written
134 records of the Club.

135 E. **The Treasurer** shall maintain all financial records of the club, be responsible for
136 bank accounts, ensure FPPC/FEC financial reports are submitted on time, and
137 will provide a monthly financial report at club meetings.

138 F. **Member At-Large** shall be selected from the club membership at-large and shall
139 serve on the Executive Committee and perform such duties as are assigned by
140 the club .

141 G. **The Chair** shall officiate at all meetings of the Club.

142 H. **The Chair** may appoint members temporarily to fill un-expired terms of office,
143 subject to election by the membership at the next Club meeting 30 (thirty) days
144 after the office is vacated.

145 I. The Club shall be represented at meetings of the DPOC and any Assembly
146 District Committee meetings at which it may be entitled to membership, and at
147 meetings of the California Democratic Council. A person may serve as
148 representative to more than one outside body if the club membership approves.

149 J. The Club is encouraged to appoint a publicity officer, who shall have the
150 responsibility to develop and to implement a plan to increase the visibility of the
151 Club among Democrats within the County of Tulare.

152 K. The chair may appoint Club members to serve in other capacities as needed.

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- 153 L. The Club may elect such other officers as may be deemed necessary from time to
154 time to conduct Club business.
- 155 M. The Executive Board shall be composed of the club officers and chairs of
156 standing committees, and shall be responsible for implementing the club's goal
157 and maintaining financial viability.
- 158 N. An elected officer can be removed from office by resolution of a two-thirds vote
159 of the Regular members at a General Meeting for such causes as missing three
160 unexcused consecutive meetings or non-performance of duties, providing the
161 membership and the officer have been notified ten days in advance of the
162 meeting of the proposed action against the officer.

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164 **ARTICLE IX CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY BY-LAWS**

165 Any issues not specifically covered by these by-laws shall be governed by the by-
166 laws of the California Democratic Party. In case of conflict in the by-laws, the CDP
167 by-laws will be the governing document. The Club specifically recognizes its
168 obligations to adhere to the General Provisions of the CDP Bylaws.

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170 **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

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

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176 **ADOPTED: May 13, 2019**

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179 **Salvador Cazarez**

180 **Secretary**