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BY-LAWS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I - TITLE

SECTION 1: This committee shall be properly identified as the:

SAN DIEGO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION 1: This committee shall serve as the official voice of the Democratic Party of San Diego County, carrying out such duties as are in conformity with the Election Code of the State of California.

SECTION 2: This committee shall accept the responsibility of providing leadership for: A) coordinating County-wide precinct efforts; B) candidate development, C) voter education, D) voter registration of Democrats, E) club development and party liaison, F) financial stability for the party's programs.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Regular members of this committee shall serve as qualified by the Election Code of the State of California.

SECTION 2: Ex-officio members of this committee shall serve as qualified by the Election Code of the State of California.

SECTION 3: Any member of the committee is authorized to appoint an alternate if a member so desires.

SECTION 4: An alternate member must meet the same qualifications as the member and may vote only in the absence of the member who appointed him; and he is subject to the rules and regulations of this committee.

SECTION 5: Written notice of appointment and acceptance of an alternate must be filed with the secretary of this committee.

SECTION 6: Associate members: A) When any regular member of this committee is removed, and the alternate member of such regular member is not appointed to replace said regular member, the alternate member becomes an associate member of this committee with all rights of a regular member except to vote.

B) Any person who has served as a former member of this committee as either a regular or ex-officio member, may serve as an associate member of this committee.

C) Any person elected in the June Primary who is not a former member may serve as an associate member.

D) Written notice of acceptance of associate membership must be filed with the secretary of this committee.

E) An associate member must be registered to vote as a member of the Democratic Party and must reside in San Diego County.

ARTICLE IV - VACANCIES

SECTION 1: Any member, ex-officio or alternate of this committee shall be disqualified to serve for change in residence from the District where elected or appointed.

SECTION 2: Misses more than three (3) consecutive regular meetings unless ill or absent from the County.

SECTION 3: Affiliates with, or registers as a member of another political party.

SECTION 4: Publicly advocates that the voter should not vote or support the nominee of the party.

SECTION 5: Supports or avows preference for the candidate of another party.

SECTION 6: If a member is present the alternate's presence is not required.

SECTION 7: Vacancy that occurs for elected County Central Committee members must first be declared open at one regular meeting, followed by an election held at the next regular meeting, except when vacancy exists at the organization meeting in January, in which case vacancy shall be filled following adoption of By-Laws.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The elective officers of this committee shall be Chairman, five Vice-Chairpersons, secretary and treasurer.

SECTION 2: The elective officers shall be selected if unchallenged, viva-voce if more than one person is nominated for the office by secret ballot, with a second balloting for a simple majority between the two nominees who received the largest number of votes on the first ballot.

SECTION 3: Election of officers shall be held at the meeting called by the County Clerk in January, directly following the June primary election.

SECTION 4: Vacancies that occur in any elective office must first be declared "open" at one regular meeting, followed by an election held at the next regular meeting. A simple majority of the votes cast by those members present, if a quorum has been established, can elect.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES

SECTION 1: The chairman of this committee shall serve as the official spokesman of this committee, and as a major spokesman of the Democratic Party, serve in an ex-officio capacity on all standing and special committees, except the nominating committee; call and conduct all regular and executive board meetings, and such special meetings as are called; be authorized to co-sign all vouchers and bank checks as one of three (3) persons so authorized; be authorized to create such special committees as are needed, and to appoint the chairman of those special committees with such appointments subject to approval by the committee at large.

SECTION 2: The vice chairpersons of this committee shall rotate and shall conduct all regular and executive board meetings in the absence of the chairman; act, upon request, and if able to comply, as a stand-in for the chairman at the public functions requiring official party representation.

SECTION 3: The treasurer of this committee shall have charge of the collection and custody of all money belonging to the committee; shall keep books and accounts; shall, at any time when required to do so by the committee, make an exhibit of the condition of the treasury; submit his books and vouchers for inspection and examination.

SECTION 4: All reports and permanent records of the treasurer shall be kept at the office or headquarters of the committee and required to report at each regular committee meeting.

SECTION 5: NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION SHALL be incurred unless sufficient money to cover same is ON DEPOSIT IN THE ACCOUNT OF THE COMMITTEE without the prior approval of the committee.

SECTION 6: All checks shall be signed by the treasurer and anyone of the following officers: Chairman, a vice chairperson, or secretary.

SECTION 7: The treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.

SECTION 8: The Parliamentarian of this committee shall serve in an advisory capacity, at all meetings of the regular committee and the executive board, on matters of parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

SECTION 1: Regular meetings of this committee shall be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month.

SECTION 2: Special meetings may be called by the chairman on petition signed by no less than sixteen (16) members of this committee and be limited to the agenda indicated in the call.

SECTION 3: Executive board meetings shall be called by the chairman of this committee.

SECTION 4: The meeting of all sub-committees shall be called by the chairman of the respective committee.

SECTION 5: Regular and executive board meetings shall be by written call, posted no less than five (5) days prior to the meeting date. Special meetings may be called viva-voce, or written.

SECTION 6: Quorum status shall be sixteen (16) members for regular meetings. Business conducted in the absence of a quorum shall be subject to approval of the committee at its next regular meeting and executive board meetings shall require a six (6) member quorum.

ARTICLE VIII - SUB-COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: The executive board shall consist of Chairman, five vice chairpersons, secretary, treasurer and chairmen of the standing committees. (Each incumbent is an ex-officio member.)

SECTION 2: The executive committee shall be responsible for the implementation of policy as established by the committee. It shall be responsible for the day to day decision-making function of this committee when the committee is not in session.

SECTION 3: The duties of the executive committee shall include, but not be limited to having within its purview, all matters pertaining to administration and policy which are not the province of this committee as a whole, reviewing and approving all committee reports and resolutions, including budget, prior to submission to this committee.

SECTION 4: Each assembly caucus shall be responsible for maintaining good public relations with party members residing within that assembly district; maintaining a workable, cooperative liaison between this committee and the Democratic Clubs chartered by this committee that operates within each respective assembly district.

SECTION 5: The following committees shall be recognized as standing committees of this committee: Club chartering; finance; voter regis- resolutions & publicity; By-Laws & Constitution, and candidate recruitment.

SECTION 6: The chairman shall appoint the chairman of each standing committee with such appointment subject to ratification by this committee.

SECTION 7: Each standing committee chairman shall appoint no less than five (5) persons to serve on the committee making every effort to select at least one (1) person from each assembly district.

SECTION 8: Ad Hoc committee shall be created to serve a special purpose and exist only long enough to complete their special assignment.

ARTICLE IX - RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 1: Resolutions to be acted on at the next regular meeting shall normally be submitted in writing ten (10) days prior to the meeting date, in order to allow mail distribution of copies to all committee members.

SECTION 2: Resolutions not submitted in advance as specified in Section 1 shall require majority approval of the executive board before presentation on the floor.

ARTICLE X - RULES

SECTION 1: Robert's Rules of Order shall serve as a parliamentary procedure guide.

SECTION 2: These By-Laws may be amended, if such changes are not in conflict with the Election Code of the State of California by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present at any regular meeting with an established quorum if the intent to amend as first announced at the previous regular meeting, and the intent was then restated in the following meetings call.

SECTION 3: Proxies may not be used by either elected or ex-officio members of this committee.

ARTICLE XI - DUES

SECTION 1: The annual dues of this committee shall be $24.00 for regular, ex-officio, alternate and associate members.

SECTION 2: Any member appointed or elected during the year shall be charged $2.00 for each month remaining.

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ACCEPTANCE OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

I hereby accept an appointment as an Associate Member of the San Diego County Democratic Central Committee. I am a Registered Democrat; meet the qualifications necessary for Associate Membership, and will abide by the By-Laws of this Committee. Attached are my membership dues of Twenty-Four ($24.00) Dollars.

DATE_____ _____
Associate Member (Signature)

_____ _____
Assembly District Print Name

_____ _____
Senatorial District Address

_____ _____
Congressional District City Zip

_____
Telephone Number

This form is to be signed and filed with the Secretary of this Committee.

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ARLENE CARSTEN
TREASURER

March 23, 1973

Dear Leon:

The Committee has recently amended its By-laws to provide for all former members of the Committee to become Associate members.

As a former member we need your experience and expertise.

We urge you to actively participate in the functions of the Committee by becoming an Associate Member. Except for voting privileges you will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a regular member. This includes your right to attend meetings, propose and discuss matters coming before the Committee, and the right to receive all informational and educational material distributed by the Committee.

All of us in the Committee are looking forward to 1974 as the year in which Democratic principles and Democratic elected representatives will be returned to Sacramento.

Please use the enclosed pre-paid self addressed envelope for your membership dues in the amount of $20.00 (pro-rated). Your check should be made payable to: SAN DIEGO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Also enclosed for your information and guidance is a copy of the newly ratified By-laws of the County Central Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen S. Gillis

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Chairman

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Enclosures