

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

**RULES COMMITTEE WORKING DRAFT**

*2/21/2022 – Zoom meeting*

**BYLAWS AMENDMENTS 2022-04**

*Adopting Bylaws Amendments to clarify causes for disqualification for DPSC endorsement*

**Amendment to Article V**

Refining language regarding cause for and consequences of expulsion and notification requirements

**ARTICLE V - DISCIPLINARY PROCESS**

Section 1. Causes For Complaints & Punishments For Violations

**Strike Section 1(A)**

Any Member who endorses or materially supports a Republican running against a Democrat, or who endorses a non-Democrat running against a Democrat endorsed by the Central Committee, shall be expelled from the Central Committee and shall also be ineligible from being seated on the Central Committee during the next term of office of the Elected Members.

**and replace with:**

Any member who endorses or materially supports a non-Democrat running against a Democrat endorsed by the Central Committee shall be expelled from the Central Committee; in addition, any current Central Committee endorsement received by that member shall be revoked and, further, they shall be disqualified from any future Central Committee endorsement. Such a member shall receive a formal notification either by email or certified mail of their violation and shall be given seven days from the date the formal notification is sent to formally rescind their endorsement or material support before these sanctions are enacted.

**Amendment to Article XII**

Refining language regarding disqualification for endorsement and notification requirements

**ARTICLE XII – ENDORSEMENTS**

**Amend Article XII, Section 1 by adding a new endorsement prohibitions as follows:**

Section 1. Generally

- B. The DPSC may not do any of the following:
1. Endorse a non-Democrat;
  2. Endorse more candidates than there are seats to be filled; or
  3. Endorse for a partisan, voter-nominated, or statewide nonpartisan office contrary to an adopted position of the California Democratic Party; or
  4. Endorse a candidate expelled from the DPSC for a cause other than truancy.

**Strike Article XII, Section 3(A):**

**Section 3. Disqualification**

- ~~A. A candidate is not eligible to be considered for endorsement, and shall not be invited to participate in the endorsement process, if any of the following apply:~~
- ~~1. The candidate endorsed a non-Democrat competing against the endorsed candidate of the Democratic Party during the past five (5) years and maintained that endorsement after the candidate was asked by the DPSC to withdraw their endorsement.~~
  - ~~2. The candidate has been expelled from subject to disciplinary proceedings by the DPSC during the past five (5) years and was expelled from the membership for any cause other than truancy.~~
  - ~~3. Ineligibility under subsection A shall only apply to endorsements made after the enactment of this subsection in August of 2019, and this paragraph 3 shall be repealed four (4) years after its effective date.~~

**And replace with**

- A. Any Democratic candidate or incumbent who endorses or materially supports a non-Democrat running against a Democrat endorsed by the Central Committee shall be ineligible to receive the endorsement of the DPSC; such an endorsement or material support of a non-Democrat shall result in the revocation of any current Central Committee endorsement as well as disqualification from any future Central Committee endorsement. The Democratic candidate or incumbent shall receive a formal notification either by email or certified mail that their endorsement or material support makes them ineligible to receive the endorsement of the DPSC and shall be given seven days from the date the notification is sent to formally rescind their endorsement or material support before their disqualification takes effect.
- B. Any Democratic candidate or incumbent who has been expelled from the DPSC for any cause other than truancy shall be ineligible to receive the endorsement of the DPSC.

**Proviso to Amendments**

All previous bylaws shall still apply to endorsements that occurred before adoption of amendments

**Proviso to Article V, Section 1(A)**

The adoption of this section shall not act to nullify prior disqualifications or expulsions, which shall continue to be binding under the previous terms of this section.

**Proviso to Article XII, Section 3**

The adoption of this section shall not act to nullify prior disqualifications, which shall continue to be binding under the previous terms of this section.