

Beach Cities Young Democrats

Constitution

Preamble

The purpose of Beach Cities Young Democrats is to foster a space where youth can learn and pursue democratic ideologies regardless of race, gender, sexuality, religion, or income. We will explore these ideas through supporting the Democratic Party. With these thoughts in mind, we establish this constitution.

Article I

Name & Association

Section One: The name of this organization shall be “Beach Cities Young Democrats.”

Section Two: Beach Cities Young Democrats will be affiliated with the *California Young Democrats*, and *Young Democrats of America*.

Section Three: Beach Cities Young Democrats will be chartered with the *California Young Democrats* and work closely with them and the Democratic Party.

Article II

Membership

Section One: There are three levels of membership to Beach Cities Young Democrats; *Membership*, *General Body*, and *Executive Board*. All memberships

are open to any person between the ages of 13 and 21 living in the beach cities of LA regardless of race, color, origin, sexual orientation, gender, or disabilities.

Section Two: Anyone wishing to join the General Body and/or Executive Board must pay a small annual membership fee of \$1 to cover the charges from the California Young Democrats.

Article III **Membership Authority**

Section One: Anyone who wishes to attend meetings and most events may benefit from the free membership. This membership gives the person very basic membership benefits.

Section Two: The next level of membership is the General Body membership with a fee of \$1. Anyone in the General Body is an official member and on the official member roster. The General Body can participate in any meetings, events, and have voting privileges for any election in the group. The General Body also has access to the group's monthly newsletter.

Article IV **Officers**

Section One: The executive board shall consist of 5 officers; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Political Director, and Treasurer.

Section Two: Anyone who wants to run for an officer position must win the majority vote of the general body. Should the officer need to be impeached, the Executive Board must reach a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote for their position to be removed.

Section Three: Should the position be vacated, it is the responsibility of the President to fill that position via an election with the general body.

Article V **Officer Duties**

Section One: The President shall be the chief executive officer and hold the most power out of anyone in the group. They will preside over all meetings. Below is a list of the major responsibilities of the President:

- A. Establish administrative procedures not already established by the Constitution.
- B. Act on behalf of the Beach Cities Young Democrats.
- C. Create a monthly agenda for the chapter's meetings.
- D. Help plan, create, and host meetings and events for the group.
- E. Appoint Officers for certain responsibilities given their position.
- F. Serve as delegation chair to the California Young Democrats state convention.

Section Two: The Vice-President will share responsibilities with the President and have the following responsibilities:

- A. Act as President when the President is Absent. Should the President position be vacated, the Vice-President will assume all responsibilities and power associated with the position until a new election is held.
- B. Keep an accurate record of all the members of the group.

Section Three: The Secretary will have the following responsibilities:

- A. Appoint members specific responsibilities with the approval of the Executive Board.
- B. Keep accurate minutes of every meeting and post them on the website.
- C. Update the Groups social media accounts regularly
- D. Contact other groups for partnerships/shared events.
- E. Manage the groups email account

Section Four: The Political Director will have the following responsibilities:

- A. Act as ambassador for the club in the CYD, CCD, CDP, YDA, and DNC.
- B. Attend all CYD and CCD meetings.
- C. Investigate any local Democratic Candidates and provide an unbiased overview of each candidate.
- D. Come up with an agenda for each meeting.

E. Be involved in local politics / news.

Section Five: The Treasurer will have the following responsibilities:

- A. Develop ideas for fund-raising events.
- B. Maintain the clubs finance
- C. Collect any payment from donations or membership fees.
- D. Contact any companies who may be interested in sponsoring the group.

Section Six: The Sergeant at Arms is an unofficial executive officer position. The Sergeant at Arms maintains the peace and security at any meetings and acts as a mediator should things get heated.

Article VI **Executive Board**

Section One: The Executive Board will have all the power for the proper execution of all duties in the Beach Cities Young Democrats chapter.

Section Two: The Executive Board will meet no less than 3 times per year.

Section Three: The Executive Board may have more responsibilities then what was listed above.

Article VII

Elections

Section One: Election of the President, Secretary, Political Director, and Treasurer will occur every Spring. All terms last for one full year and a person may only serve each position for no more than two terms.

Section Two: Presidents and Vice-Presidents run together on the same campaign. Elected officers term starts immediately after the end of the election.

Section Three: No one person can hold more than one officer position at a time.

Article VIII **Constitutional Amendments**

Section One: Amendments to the constitution may be submitted to the President and Vice-President a week prior to the Review Meeting held every three months.

Section Two: The amendment will be considered if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Executive Board and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the General Body vote in favor of the amendment. The amendment will then be reviewed and approved.

Article IX **Advisor**

Section One: The advisor of the group will be appointed by the President. As this group is not school affiliated, the Advisor will have little to no control over the group and how it is run. In the event that the advisor may be absent, a new temporary advisor will be appointed by the Executive Board.

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