

Malibu Democratic Club

Bylaw Amendment Proposals

General Membership Meeting

November 15, 2025

Clarifying membership qualifications, privileges, and procedures for appointment of club delegates to county and state organizations & conferences:

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership

All registered Democrats, and US citizens or permanent residents who pledge to register as Democrats when allowed by age or citizenship requirements or the elimination of any other legal impediment, shall be eligible for Club membership. If under the age of 18, they shall declare their intention to register as a Democrat when eligible.

Section 2. Requirements for Membership in Good Standing An eligible person becomes a member in good standing by completing the Club membership form, paying the annual dues unless waived by the Board, and subscribing to the policies and goals of the Club.

Section 3. Membership Privileges

Upon completion of membership requirements, Members in Good Standing shall have membership voting rights in accordance with Article 4 and other provisions of these bylaws, and shall be eligible to serve on the Board, as a Club delegate, and hold other Club Offices.

ARTICLE 8 THE BOARD

Section 6. Board Responsibilities and Powers

a. **General Duties.** The Board, with the President, is responsible for governing the Club. Among other things, the Board sets Club policy, and aids the President in planning the direction of the Club, organizing Club meetings and activities, and carries out the duties set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws.

b. **Financial Oversight.** The Board oversees the finances of the Club. The Board may, as needed, order a review of the books by the Finance and Audit Committee, or order an audit by an independent accounting firm or CPA.

c. **Affiliations.** The Board may affiliate the Club with such other Democratic Party organizations as seem appropriate and desirable.

d. **Appointing Delegates.** The Board shall select the delegates and alternative delegates, to which the Club is entitled, to the organizations with which the Club is affiliated, such as CADEM and LACDP. Delegates and alternate delegates selected must be registered Democrats and Club Members in Good Standing. The President can fill delegate vacancies from the alternates and appoint new alternates for approval at the next Board meeting.

e. **Appointment of Representatives to CDP Pre-Endorsing Conferences.** The Board shall select Club delegates and representatives to CDP pre-endorsing conferences. In accordance with CDP rules, the Club must submit to the CDP Regional Secretary or CADEM Secretary a roster of the Club's Members in Good Standing who are registered Democrats by the date announced by the CDP. The status of these members shall be certified by the Club President, Secretary or Treasurer. Club representatives to any pre-endorsing conference must be from the roster submitted to CADEM. The overall list of the representatives to all conferences shall adhere to the CDP's Equal Division Rule to the extent possible.

Allowing remote meetings and voting:

ARTICLE 5

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 2. General Membership Meetings

A General Membership Meeting is a meeting where the members are convened to conduct the Club business, such as elections of Board members and other matters where the Bylaws require reporting to, or a vote of, the membership. General Membership meetings, and votes taken at such meetings, may be held in-person, or via electronic means that provide video conferencing (a "virtual meeting"), or a combination of both (a "hybrid" meeting). General Membership Meetings can be called at any time by the Board. A General Membership Meeting shall be held, at a minimum, every 2 years to elect the Board and Officers.

Section 5. Quorum

A quorum for a Club membership meeting shall consist of twenty (20%) percent of the total voting members, who ~~shall~~ are be members in good standing, and who attend the meeting in-person, or via video conferencing when a virtual or hybrid meeting is held.

Creating a run-off procedure for candidate endorsement votes:

ARTICLE 13 ENDORSEMENTS

Section 2. Endorsements of Candidates Running for Elected Government Office

B. When Democrats Are Running Against Other Democrats. Except as provided in Article 13:C below, the Club can endorse a candidate election when Democrats are running against other Democrats, at a duly convened membership meeting, with a quorum present, where a candidate receives by ballot voting, the support of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members are present. If a 2/3 majority is not reached on the first round of voting, up to 2 more rounds of voting will be taken. On each round of voting after the first round, candidates who receive less than ten percent (10%) of the prior vote become ineligible for endorsement consideration. No more than three(3) rounds of voting may be taken on an office under consideration for Club endorsement. Whether a candidate is endorsed or not, the Club can provide the voters information on the candidates and candidate events, and provide opportunities for the voters to meet the candidates.