

Arizona Legislative District 8 Bylaws

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PREAMBLE

These bylaws cover the operation and organization of the Arizona Legislative District 8 (hereafter “LD8”), a district party committee established pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Title 16, Sections 821-828.

The term Committeeperson(s) used throughout these bylaws will equate to the term Committeeman as used in A.R.S. Section 16-821 et. seq.

Article I. ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Legislative District Committee

There shall be a Legislative District Committee (hereafter “LD8 District Committee”), with membership as provided by law and in Article II of these bylaws, which shall have duties and responsibilities as provided by law and these bylaws. The LD8 Precinct Committeepersons (PCs) shall be the governing body of Arizona Legislative District 8 and shall have authority over all actions of the LD8 Executive Committee and other committees of LD8.

Section 2. Executive Committee

There shall be an LD8 Executive Committee, with membership as provided by and in Article VII, which shall have duties and responsibilities as provided by law, and these bylaws shall be subject to the direction of the LD8 District Committee.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Participation

Unless otherwise prescribed by law, the LD8 District Committee shall consist of all Democratic PCs residing within the boundaries of LD8 who have been elected or appointed pursuant to the laws of the state of Arizona. All members shall have the right to fully participate in the meetings, discussions, and other activities of LD8 as provided by law and these bylaws.

Section 2. Precinct Committeepersons

A. A PC candidate shall be a registered Democratic Party voter living within the precinct.

B. The term of office for PCs shall be as follows:

1. The term of office of an elected PC is two (2) years, commencing on October 1 in even-numbered years after the primary election in which the PC was a candidate and elected and continues until September 30 after the following primary election at which PCs are elected.
2. The term of office of an appointed PC begins upon approval by the Board of Supervisors of the county of residence and continues until September 30 after the following primary election at which PCs are elected. Appointed PCs shall have all the rights and obligations of elected PCs except that they shall not vote in any political party committee biennial organizational meeting.

C. A vacancy in the office of PC is defined in ARS 38-291 and in the bylaws of the Arizona Democratic Party (ADP). If the PC changes party registration or moves from the precinct in which the person was elected or appointed, the PC shall be deemed to have resigned from office. The chair of the Maricopa

County Democratic Party (MCDP) is charged with the responsibility of filling the vacancy. The MCDP chair shall accept applications from qualified Democratic electors and forward them to the elections department of the applicable county for approval by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Vacancies for PCs existing after the biennial election of PCs shall not be filled prior to the biennial organizational meeting of LD8 and the applicable County Committee.

D. The duties of PCs shall include, but not be limited to; (a) voting at LD8 elections; (b) assisting the Democratic Party in voter registration; (c) assisting and encouraging voters to vote on election days; (d) attending LD8 meetings; (e) working within the precinct from which elected or appointed; (f) creating enthusiasm and support for the Democratic Party; (g) helping elect Democratic candidates; (h) assist in recruiting and training leaders of the Democratic Party; (i) encouraging financial support of LD8 and the ADP; and, (j) serving on various committees as applicable.

Article III. MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings

A. LD8 District Committee shall meet at least 8 times in a calendar year.

B. The LD8 Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the Chair or in accordance with any resolution adopted by it.

C. Any special meeting of the LD8 District Committee may be called by the Chair, by a simple majority of the LD8 Executive Committee, or by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members of the LD8 District Committee by filing a formal petition with the Secretary and must be convened within twenty (20) days of the date designated by any such petition. The petition must contain the reason for the meeting, which must be provided to members in the meeting notice.

D. Meetings of LD8 District Committee, the LD8 Executive Committee, and any subcommittees may be held in person or virtually (telephonic or electronic) or both.

Section 2. Notification

Proper notice shall be given as to the date, time, and place to each member of the body that is meeting, at least ten (10) days prior to a meeting. Notices of meetings may be delivered by email unless prohibited by statute.

Section 3. Quorum

A. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, a quorum of members of the body that is meeting shall consist of at least ten (10) percent of LD8 PCs, if notice has been given in accordance with Section 2 of this article. A quorum shall be present for all voting.

Section 4. Debate

No members shall speak longer than three (3) minutes at one time, except as provided in the order of the day or by a vote of the majority of members present.

Section 5. Voting

Voting within LD8 District Committee, the LD8 Executive Committee, or any of their subcommittees shall be on an individual basis and may be by actual roll call vote, by division of the body in commonly accepted manner, or by voice vote, as may be appropriate. No slate or title identification shall be made on any ballot or in balloting. Only members of the particular committee shall have the right to make motions, vote, or exercise any other parliamentary rights at meetings of the committee.

Section 6. Proxy Attendance

Proxies are not allowed under these bylaws. To participate, PCs are required to be in attendance in person, or via electronic media.

Section 7. Open Meetings

All meetings of LD8 District Committee and its subcommittees shall be open to all registered Democrats and invited guests.

Section 8. Parliamentary Procedure

A. All meetings of LD8 District Committee and its subcommittees shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, most current edition.

B. The Chair may appoint a Parliamentarian who shall serve without a vote by reason of such office. Should the Parliamentarian be absent at any meeting at which their services are required, the Chair may appoint another to act as Parliamentarian for any such meeting.

Section 9. Biennial Organizational Meeting

A. Pursuant to ARS 16-823, LD8 District Committee shall meet no later than the second Saturday after the general election to organize, by electing from its membership its officers and State Committee members as prescribed in ARS 16-825. Only the PCs residing in the district and elected pursuant to ARS 16-821 will be eligible to vote during the biennial organizational meeting.

B. Pursuant to ARS 16-823, the Chair of LD8 shall give notice of the time and place of the organizational meeting by United States mail to each precinct committeeman at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting. If the PC has provided a valid e-mail address and has authorized the Chair to give notice to the PC by e-mail instead of by United States mail, the Chair shall provide notice of the meeting by e-mail at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.

Article IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

A. Pursuant to ARS 16-823, the statutory officers of LD8 District Committee are the Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by the same person. The statutory officers are to be elected from LD8 District Committee membership at the Organizational Meeting. Any officers appointed by the Chair shall serve as non-voting members of the LD8 Executive Committee.

B. At the LD8 Organizational Meeting, LD8 may also elect from its membership other officers deemed necessary to conduct the business and operations of LD8 under procedures set forth in Section 2 of this Article.

Section 2. Election of Officers

A. All nominations for LD8 officers to be elected pursuant to this Article shall be made from the floor of the LD8 Organizational Meeting and no slate identification shall be allowed on any ballots or balloting at these elections.

B. Any duly elected or appointed PCs may be eligible for any elective office, but no person shall be nominated as a candidate without the consent of such person having first been obtained.

C. In all cases where there is more than one (1) candidate for office, voting shall be conducted by individual ballot. A person must receive votes on a majority of ballots cast. If a second or subsequent ballot is necessary, the name of the candidate with the lowest vote total from the preceding ballot shall be excluded from the subsequent ballot. The same procedure shall be followed until a nominee shall have received votes on a majority of ballots cast.

D. An automatic recount shall be performed if (1) the number of votes cast is greater than the number of committee persons present in person, or virtually, or (2) the ballot shall result in the election of an officer, rather than only the elimination of a candidate, and there is a margin of less than six (6) votes between the elected officer and the next candidate.

E. Officers shall be elected in the following order: Chair; First Vice Chair; Second Vice Chair; Secretary; and Treasurer. If additional officer positions were created per Section 1(B) of this Article, officers will be elected in the order in which the positions were created.

Section 3. Duties of Officers

In addition to their duties as members of LD8 District Committee and the LD8 Executive Committee, the duties of the officers shall include but are not limited to the following:

A. The Chair shall (1) direct the affairs of LD8 and serve as its official spokesperson; (2) coordinate the district-wide activities of the Democratic Party; (3) preside over all meetings of the LD8 District Committee and the LD8 Executive Committee, and other meetings that may be held; (4) in consultation with the Treasurer, submit a proposal for approval for an annual budget to the LD8 Executive Committee on or before February 2nd of each year; (5) assign duties to officers not specified in these bylaws; (6) appoint all committees except as specifically provided for in these bylaws and to appoint chairs and members to those committees; (7) direct any office LD8 may establish; and (8) perform other duties as set forth in these bylaws. Pursuant to ARS 16-823, the chair is ex officio a member of the county committee of the county in which a plurality of the district's registered voters resides. If the LD8 Executive Committee chooses to be represented on the executive committees of any county in which representation by Legislative Districts Committees is requested, the Chair or their designee will serve as that representative.

B. The First Vice-Chair shall (1) perform the duties of the Chair during the absence or disability of the Chair until the Chair returns or, in the event of a vacancy, until a successor is elected; (2) serve as the chair of committees as assigned by the Chair. and (3) perform duties assigned by the Chair or by these bylaws.

C. The Second Vice-Chair shall (1) perform the duties of the Chair during the absence or disability of the Chair and the First Vice-Chair or, in the event of a vacancy, until a successor is elected; (2) serve as the chair of Committees as assigned by the Chair, and (3) perform duties assigned by the Chair or by these bylaws.

D. The Secretary is the custodian of records and shall; (1) keep records of all meetings of LD8 District Committee, and the LD8 Executive Committee; (2) provide electronic copies of minutes to the members of the respective committee in a timely manner; (3) maintain a roll of PCs in LD8 and current contact information; (4) maintain a copy of formal reports of LD8 officers, committees, and sub-committees; (5) maintain a copy of all resolutions adopted by LD8; and (6) perform such other duties as are assigned by the Chair.

E. The Treasurer shall (1) serve as the custodian of all funds and securities of LD8; (2) maintain adequate records pertaining to the finances of the LD8 and file all required financial reports at requisite intervals as required by appropriate governmental agencies; (3) at least once a month, to the extent that funds are available and expenditures are authorized by law, pay outstanding bills which are those

bills that have been duly incurred within the current budget as permitted by these bylaws; (4) disburse funds in accordance with the direction of the LD8 Executive Committee; (5) ensure that all campaign finance reporting laws and regulations that apply to LD8 are honored when receiving contributions and making disbursements; (6) deliver within ten days, after a request in writing, or by email, statements and financial records requested by officers or members of the LD8 Executive Committee and (7) perform other duties as set forth in these bylaws.

F. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall (1) maintain order at all meetings of LD8 and of the LD8 Executive Committee (2) at regular meetings of the Maricopa County Committee, support efforts to confirm the credentials of PCs, and (3) perform other duties as may be assigned by the Chair. This position is a non-voting LD8 Executive Committee position appointed by the Chair.

G. The Parliamentarian shall (1) advise the Chair and other officers, committees, and PCs on matters of parliamentary procedure; (2) be knowledgeable in and able to interpret parliamentary procedures, these bylaws, and Robert's Rules of Order; and (3) perform other duties as may be assigned by the Chair. This position is a non-voting position on the LD8 Executive Committee appointed by the Chair.

H. The Compliance Officer shall advise the LD8 Executive Committee on the legalities of campaign activities, contributions and expenditures. If deemed necessary by the Treasurer, the Compliance Officer may prepare official state reports on behalf of LD8. This position is a non-voting position on the LD8 Executive Committee appointed by the Chair.

Section 4. Term of Office

A. The term of office is two (2) years, commencing immediately following election at the biennial organizational meeting and ending at the next biennial organizational meeting.

B. A vacancy in an office occurs if an officer resigns, ceases to hold valid status as an LD8 PC, dies, or is removed from office. The office will be filled by a majority vote of LD8 District Committee at the next regular meeting unless that meeting is less than twenty-eight (28) days from the date the seat was vacated. In such a case the vacancy will be announced at the next meeting and the election to fill the vacancy will occur at the following regular meeting. If the First Vice-Chair is elected Chair, then on that day the First Vice-Chair seat will be considered vacant and may be filled by a majority vote of LD8 District Committee on the same date as the election of the Chair. The Chair may appoint an interim officer to fill a vacancy for any officer for a period of no more than sixty (60) days.

C. If an officer is absent for three (3) consecutive LD8 District Committee regular meetings, or three (3) consecutive LD8 Executive Committee meetings without cause, such absence shall be deemed a resignation.

D. Appointed officers shall serve subject to the pleasure of the Chair.

Section 5. Conflicts of Interest

A. No elected LD8 officer shall concurrently be employed as a campaign manager or paid consultant to any campaign, if holding both positions creates an actual or potential conflict of interest. A conflict of interest exists if any area of responsibility and/or duties required by the role of campaign manager or paid consultant overlaps with any area of responsibility and/or duties required by their role as an elected officer of LD8.

B. No elected LD8 officer shall concurrently run for any office in any public election that is administered by a governmental entity.

C. No elected LD8 officer shall concurrently serve as an officer of any political action committee (PAC) if holding both positions creates an actual or potential conflict of interest. A conflict of interest exists if

any area of responsibility and/or duties required by their role as an officer of a PAC overlaps with any area of responsibility and/or duties required by their role as an elected officer of LD8.

D. No elected LD8 officer shall serve concurrently as a member of any Board or Committee of any organization if doing so creates an actual or potential conflict of interest as described in subsections A and C of this Section.

E. In the event an officer of the LD8 Executive Committee is contemplating serving in concurrent positions as described in A through D above, they shall immediately notify the Chair for a determination from the LD8 Executive Committee of whether such concurrent service is permissible under these bylaws. If the Chair is contemplating serving in concurrent positions, the Chair must notify the First Vice-Chair. The determination of whether a conflict of interest exists shall be by majority vote of the LD8 Executive Committee, with the officer in question recusing themselves. If the LD8 Executive Committee determines that an actual or potential conflict of interest exists, and the officer refuses to resign from their concurrent position, the officer may be removed pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of these bylaws. Failure to report an actual or potential conflict of interest as described above may be cause for removal from office pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of these bylaws. The LD8 Executive Committee may re-visit an initial determination concerning the existence of a conflict of interest if further evidence or facts suggesting a conflict of interest become available at a later date.

Article V. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1. LD8 Office

A. Any elected LD8 officer other than the Chair may be removed for cause by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the current membership of the LD8 Executive Committee.

B. The Chair may be removed from office if a special meeting is called per Article III, Section 1.C and two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members in attendance vote in favor of the motion to remove the Chair. The office shall be deemed vacant, and the vacancy shall be filled per Section 4 of this Article.

C. Causes for which any officer of LD8 may be subject to removal from office shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Public support of an opposition party candidate in a partisan election.
2. Malfeasance in office.
3. Failure to carry out the duties of the office.
4. Violation of the ADP Code of Conduct.
5. Violation of local, state, or federal law that causes unfavorable publicity to LD8 and the Arizona Democratic Party or impairs the ability of the officer to perform their duties.
6. Acts of discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion.
7. Conduct towards others that could endanger anyone's safety; that could be considered bullying, abusive, threatening, or coercive; or that could be considered sexual harassment, assault, or violence.
8. Conviction of a felony.
9. Failure to report or remedy a conflict of interest as described in Section 5 of these Bylaws.

10. Any other offense of equal magnitude to the above.

Section 2. Precinct Committeeperson

A. A PC may be removed from office for cause. Cause for removal includes the following:

1. Failure to fulfill the duties of the office under Arizona law or the bylaws of the county of residence.
2. Malfeasance in office.
3. Willful or corrupt misconduct in office.
4. Harassment, bullying, or other behavior inconsistent with the expectations outlined in the Arizona Democratic Party's Code of Conduct.
5. Public support of an opposition party candidate in a partisan election; or
6. Conviction of a felony.

B. The procedures for removing a PC shall be as follows:

1. Vote to Recommend Removal by a District Executive Committee. A majority of the LD8 Executive committee may vote to recommend the removal of a PC whose precinct falls within the District. No fewer than thirty (30) days before the meeting when the recommendation for removal will be discussed and voted on, the LD8 Secretary must send written notice to the PC whose removal from office is being sought. The written notice must include: (1) a specific reference to this Article (V) and subsection(s) that are relied upon as authority for removal; (2) a summary of the essential facts constituting the basis for removal, including any supporting documentation; (3) the date, time, and location of the meeting where the matter will be discussed and voted on; (4) a statement that the PC whose removal is being sought may respond in writing only and/or by appearance, will have an opportunity to respond at the meeting, and has the right to present documents or call witnesses to testify on their behalf at the meeting; (5) a statement that the PC has the right to be represented by a designated representative; (6) a statement that any request for an extension of time of the meeting to discuss the removal must be submitted to the LD8 Secretary no less than ten (10) days in advance of the date designated for the meeting. If the LD8 Executive Committee determines that a request for an extension of time is made in good faith and is timely, it may extend the meeting date to discuss removal for an additional 30 days unless good cause is given by the PC for a longer extension of time.

2. Meeting of the District Executive Committee. The LD8 Chair may preside over the meeting where the recommendation for removal is discussed and voted on. If the LD8 Chair is a potential witness to the behavior alleged as the basis of removal, or otherwise has a conflict of interest, the meeting should be presided over by LD8 Officers in the following order: First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair. If neither the Chair nor Vice-Chairs are able to preside, the meeting should be conducted by a District Chair of another District. Any request by the PC for an extension of time of the removal meeting must be submitted to the LD8 Secretary no less than ten (10) days in advance of the date scheduled for the meeting. If the LD8 Executive Committee determines that the request for the extension of time is made in good faith and is timely, they may extend the meeting date for an additional thirty (30) days, unless good cause is given by the PC for a longer extension of time. The meeting should be recorded or transcribed verbatim. A representative of the LD8 Executive Committee must present the reasons for potential removal and give the PC whose removal is sought a chance to respond. The PC may respond orally and/or in writing and must be given the opportunity to present documents or call witnesses to testify on their behalf before any vote on a recommendation for removal. The LD8 Executive Committee may then vote to recommend the removal of the PC by majority vote.

3. Removal Vote by MCDP Executive Committee. If the LD8 Executive Committee recommends the removal of a PC, the LD8 Chair shall send all materials related to the removal recommendation to the Chair of MCDP, who shall promptly schedule a meeting of the MCDP Executive Committee to vote on whether to remove the PC from office. If the county does not have an Executive Committee, the Chair of MCDP shall convene a special committee to meet and vote in the same manner as a county Executive Committee for purposes of PC removal. No fewer than fourteen (14) days before the meeting of the MCDP Executive Committee at which that vote will be held, the MCDP Secretary must send written notice to the LD8 Chair and the PC whose removal from office is being sought. The written notice must include: (a) all documentation related to the recommended removal, including the recording or transcript of the LD8 Executive Committee meeting during which removal was recommended, (b) the date, time, and location of the meeting where the matter will be discussed and voted on, (c) a statement that the PC whose removal is being sought may provide an additional written statement in advance of the meeting and will have an opportunity to speak at the meeting, and (d) a statement that the LD8 Chair (or their designee) may provide an additional written statement in advance of the meeting and will have an opportunity to speak at the meeting. The MCDP Executive Committee removal proceeding must be recorded or transcribed verbatim. After the PC and LD8 Chair (or their designee) are provided a reasonable opportunity to speak, the PC may be removed by a majority vote of the MCDP Executive Committee.

C. If the MCDP Executive Committee removes a PC, the MCDP Chair must promptly send a written notice and recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-821(B).

D. Suspension pending removal. A PC may be suspended from all official duties and activities of LD8 and any committee of MCDP pending the completion of removal proceedings under Subsection B of this Section by a majority vote of the LD8 Executive Committee if it determines that a suspension is immediately necessary to prevent a risk of ongoing harm to MCDP, LD8, or any third person and:

- (1) The reason for the suspension was specified by written notice to the PC describing with specificity the conduct under this Section that presents a risk of ongoing harm to MCDP, LD8, or any third person;
- (2) The PC was provided with no less than forty-eight (48) hours of written notice (via email or mail when email is not available) of the LD8 Executive Committee's intent to hold a suspension vote, including notice of the date of the suspension meeting;
- (3) The PC was provided an opportunity to address the LD8 Executive Committee in writing prior to the vote to suspend the PC. The PC's written response may be submitted by their designated representative;
- (4) The LD8 Executive Committee must hold a removal meeting as set forth in Section 2(B) of this Article no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of the suspension unless the PC presents the LD8 Executive Committee with good cause for an extension of time. If good cause is presented by the PC for an extension of time, the meeting to determine removal should be rescheduled within thirty (30) days, unless the PC presents good cause for a longer extension of time.
- (5) Any meeting at which a vote to suspend a PC is discussed or taken must be recorded or transcribed verbatim.
- (6) A suspension under this Subsection will terminate upon the earlier of the following:
 - (a) The LD8 Executive Committee voting not to recommend the PC's removal under Subsection B(2) of this Section;

(b) The MCDP Executive Committee voting not to remove the PC under Subsection B(3) of this Section;

(c) The LD8 Executive Board's failure to hold a removal proceeding under Subsection 2(B) of this Article within 30 days, excluding any extension of time granted upon request of the PC;

(d) The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors determining that the PC's office is vacant under A.R.S. § 16-821(A).

Article VI. RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE

A PC may resign at any time by providing written notice of their resignation to the Chair of their county of residence. In addition, a PC will be deemed to have automatically resigned their office if they (1) move out of the precinct from which they were elected or appointed or (2) change political parties under A.R.S. § 16-822(D). If a PC resigns under this Article, the Chair of MCDP must promptly send a written notice and recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors under A.R.S. § 16-821(B).

Article VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The membership of the LD8 Executive Committee shall consist of the LD8 elected officers listed in Article IV of these bylaws and any appointed, non-voting committee members.

B. The duties of the LD8 Executive Committee shall be to (1) act on behalf of LD8 between LD8 District Committee meetings; (2) approve the LD8 budget and any amendments to it; (3) approve specific contracts extending beyond the Chair's term; (4) adopt and maintain policies and procedures for LD8; (5) provide advice on appointments made by the Chair; and (6) perform other such duties as may be assigned by the Chair.

C. The full LD8 District Committee may ratify, or contravene, any action of the LD8 Executive Committee that would normally require action by the full committee. Such a vote would occur at the next regular LD8 District Committee meeting.

D. Expenditures of funds for LD8 operational activities shall be according to the approved budget, or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, except as provided in subsection E of this Article.

E. All donations of LD8 funds to political candidates or other organizations must be approved by a majority vote of the LD8 District Committee.

Article VIII. OTHER COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees

The Chair, in cooperation with the LD8 Executive Committee, may create committees as necessary and appoint chairs and members to such committees.

Section 2. Special Committees

Special committees may be appointed by the Chair or may be directed by LD8 for activities that are time limited.

Section 3. Committee Statement

No committee shall be authorized to issue any statement on behalf of either the LD8 District Committee, the LD8 Executive Committee, or as coming from LD8, and any statement or report issued by any committee on its own behalf shall be confined within the scope of its duties.

Section 4. Expenditure of Funds

All funds for committees are under the internal control of the LD8 Executive Committee.

Article IX. STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. Pursuant to ARS 16-823, State Committee members will be elected at the organizational meeting. LD8 shall elect the number of State Committee members allotted by the laws of Arizona and the bylaws of the Arizona Democratic Party.
- B. A vacancy in the LD8 State Committee membership shall occur and be filled as delineated in Article II, Section 5 of the bylaws of the Arizona Democratic Party.
- C. A deemed resignation by an LD8 State Committee member shall occur and be filled as delineated in Article II, Section 4 of the bylaws of the Arizona Democratic Party.

Article X. COUNTY COMMITTEES

- A. Per Arizona laws, codes, and designations, legislative district committees are individual political party committees and are not subgroups of county committees.
- B. Should any committee of MCDP request representation from LD8 on the MCDP Executive Committee or other subcommittees of MCDP, the LD8 District Committee will decide by majority vote whether to send such representation. If LD8 is to be represented, the representative will be the Chair or their designee. Should additional representation be requested, the LD8 Executive Committee will determine who shall represent LD8.
- C. With the exception of Article IV, Section 5, these bylaws do not restrict any member of LD8 from running for or holding at-large or other positions on MCDP committees for which they qualify.

Article XI. ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1. Contested Primaries

- A. Neither the LD8 District Committee, nor the LD8 Executive Committee, shall endorse any candidate in a contested primary election. Individual LD8 officers and others appointed or elected to LD8 leadership positions shall remain publicly neutral in contests between Democrats in any contested primary election.
- B. No member of the LD8 District Committee shall publicly endorse any candidate of any opposing political party for any office in a contested primary, general, or special election. A candidate of an opposing political party is defined as a candidate who is not registered as a Democrat.
- C. Nothing in this article restricts a PC from working on behalf of any Democratic candidate.

Section 2. Vote of No Candidate Support

In the event serious concerns are raised about a candidate's legitimacy or intent, the LD8 Executive Committee may call for a vote of No Candidate Support by LD8. Approval shall require the agreement of at least eighty percent (80%) of LD8 District Committee members voting. Such meeting shall be convened per Article III, Section 1.C of these bylaws.

Article XII. BYLAWS

Section 1. Effective Date

These bylaws shall go into effect immediately upon their adoption and shall continue in force for present and future membership subject to amendment or termination in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

Section 2. Amendments

- A. These bylaws may be amended by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of LD8 District Committee present at a regular or specially called meeting of LD8.
- B. The LD8 Rules Committee shall oversee revisions to these bylaws, as described in this Section.
- C. Only LD8 District Committee members in good standing may propose a change to the bylaws. Any proposed change to the bylaws must be presented in writing accompanied by a statement explaining the purpose to be achieved and reasons supporting the change. All proposed changes shall be prepared and submitted according to current procedures established by the LD8 Rules Committee.
- D. Proposed amendments in writing must be received by the LD8 Secretary at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to potential consideration at a meeting. The contents of the proposed amendments to be considered shall be transmitted to all LD8 District Committee members at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
- E. Proposed bylaw amendments may be modified or refined by LD8 District Committee members during discussion prior to holding a vote on the proposed change. LD8 District Committee members present will be provided the opportunity to review final proposed amendments prior to voting.
- F. No proposal to amend or terminate these bylaws shall be considered by the LD8 Rules Committee, or the LD8 District Committee, unless it has been submitted in compliance with the provisions of this section.
- G. The bylaws of LD8 cannot be contrary to the bylaws of the Arizona Democratic Party or law.