

**LACDP Members
Rights, Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Members are of five types: elected, appointed, ex-officio, alternate or associate (Article II, Section A).
2. All elected, appointed, and ex-officio members are considered "Regular Members" (Article II, Section A, 4, a).
3. All are voting members of their AD Delegation and all regular and alternate members are voting members of the Region in which the appointing member resides (Article II, Sections A 4c; 5e; and 6f) unless they are an alternate appointed by someone not registered to vote in LA County, in which case they are members of the AD Delegation and Region where the alternate resides (Article II, Section 5e, Article XII Section C, 2). An alternate may not vote on matters pertaining to endorsement in the AD unless their appointor is not present and or not qualified to vote. (Article X Section A, 12).
4. The AD Delegation may recommend registered Democrats to fill vacancies in their delegation (Article II, Section A,2).
5. Regular Members may appoint an alternate member, subject to the approval of This Committee, who shall serve at the member's pleasure, upon presentation of written authorization to the Chair of the Credentials Committee (Article II, Section A,5). Except at the Organizational Meeting, the appointment must be made 15 days prior to the meeting at which they are confirmed (Article II, Section A,5,a).
6. At meetings of This Committee, alternate members may only vote in the absence of their appointor, but do have voice and motion whether or not their appointor is present, may serve and vote on a standing or special committee with a regular member; may serve as a representative of This Committee to the State Committee or its Executive Board, provided all regular members who are candidates for representative are first given the opportunity to be elected; but may not be elected or appointed to serve as an officer of This Committee (Article II, Section 5,d).
7. Associate members are either designated by a Club Chartered by This Committee or are appointed by the Chair of This Committee [Article II, Section A,6,c, i) and ii)], subject to Policy Committee ratification [Article II, Section A, 6,c, iii)]. Associate members have the right of voice at meetings (but neither motion nor vote), the right to be appointed to a special or standing committee, except for any committee which authorizes the expenditure of campaign funds, which determines campaign strategy or execution or which recommends endorsements, and shall not serve as chairs or co-chairs of standing committees (Article II, Section A, 6,a).
8. A member may tender his or her resignation only in writing (Article II, Section C,1)
9. It is the duty of all members to attend all meetings of This Committee. The absence of an elected or appointed member from three regular meetings of This Committee within a term year (July to June) or from five meetings from the convening of one Organizational Meeting to the next such meeting shall automatically terminate the membership of that member. A member who attends a meeting of This Committee, or has his/her alternate attend in his/her place, shall be counted as present, not absent. (Article II, Section C,2, a-c).
10. All members owe \$36.00 dues per year, unless reduced, deferred, or waived (Article III).
11. Any regular member in good standing of This Committee is eligible to elect and to be an officer of This Committee (Article IV, Section A,2).
12. Shall elect and both Regular and Alternate members may serve as representatives to the Democratic State Central Committee or the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party (Article IV, Section D).
13. Any regular member in good standing of This Committee is eligible to elect and to be an officer of the Assembly District Delegation of This Committee (Article V, Section C).
14. May be appointed to serve on a Standing Committee (Article VI, Section A,3).
15. May call Special Meetings along with 29 other members (Article VIII, Section B,2).
16. Constitute a quorum, along with 49 other members from a majority of the Assembly Districts (Article VIII, Section D,2).
17. May not vote by Secret Ballot nor by proxy nor absentee ballot (Article VIII, Section D,3 & 4).
18. Must be present to participate (Article VIII, Section D,4).
19. Has the privilege of the floor at all meetings of This Committee.(Article VIII, Section D,5).
20. May cede privilege of the floor (Article VIII, Section D,6).
21. May participate in endorsement procedures (Article X) and select nominees in certain circumstances (Article IX).
22. May request endorsement procedures be instituted in a particular race (Article IX, Section B,1,a).
23. Regular members may introduce and vote on Resolutions, along with 24 other members, from at least five ADs (Article XI, Section A,5).
24. Is a member of their Region (Article XII, Section C).
25. May, along with a majority of their AD Delegation, recommend Charter of a Democratic Organization (Article XIV, Section B,3,a).
26. May propose amendments to the Bylaws (Article XIV).

LACDP Members Summary of Critical Rights, Duties and Responsibilities

1. Members are of five types:
 - A. elected,
 - B. appointed,
 - C. ex-officio,
 - D. alternate, or
 - E. associate (Article II, Section A).
2. All elected, appointed, and ex-officio members are considered “Regular Members” (Article II, Section A, 4, a).
3. Alternate members:
 - A. vote only in the absence of their appointor on matters before This Committee,
 - B. have voice and motion whether or not their appointor is present,
 - C. may serve on a standing or special committee with a regular member,
 - D. may serve as a representative of This Committee to the State Committee or its Executive Board, provided all regular members who are candidates for representative are first given the opportunity to be elected; but may not be elected or appointed to serve as an officer of This Committee (Article II, Section 5,d).
 - E. are members of their delegations and regions and may vote whether or not their appointor is present, but may not vote on endorsements in their AD unless their appointor is not present or their appointor is disqualified. (Article II, Sections A 4c; 5e; and 6f; Article II, Section 5e, Article XII Section C, 2; and Article X Section A, 12)
4. Associate members have the right of:
 - A. voice at meetings (but neither motion nor vote),
 - B. the right to be appointed to a special or standing committee, except for any committee which authorizes the expenditure of campaign funds, which determines campaign strategy or execution or which recommends endorsements, and
 - C. shall not serve as chairs or co-chairs of standing committees (Article II, Section A, 6,a).
5. A regular member shall automatically be removed if:
 - A. Not represented, either in person or by their alternate, for three regular meetings of This Committee within a term or five meetings within a two-year term without acceptable excuse,
 - B. for failure to pay dues, or
 - C. other specified grounds (Article II, Section C,2-4).
6. Voting members elect, and both Regular and Alternate members may serve as, representatives to the Democratic State Central Committee or the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party (Article IV, Section D).
7. It is the responsibility of each member to serve on a Standing Committee and to actively participate in the affairs of the committee (Article VI, Section A,3).
8. May not vote by
 - A. Secret Ballot nor by
 - B. Proxy nor
 - C. Absentee ballot (Article VIII, Section D,3 & 4).

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section A. STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The following Standing Committees shall be established:

Ballot Measures	Election Protection and Oversight	Organizational Chartering and Development
Budget	Events	Policy
Campaign Services	Finance	Program and Education
Candidate Interview	Judicial Interview	Resolutions
Community Outreach	Labor	Rules & Legal
Credentials	Legislative Action	Voter Registration and Development

2. The Chair of This Committee shall appoint two Co-Chairs of each standing committee with the consent of the Policy Committee, within sixty days after the organizational meeting of This Committee. One Co-Chair of each standing committee may be an alternate member. Additionally, the Chair of This Committee shall appoint at least one additional member to each committee, which, along with the Committee Co-Chairs shall constitute the initial membership of each standing committee. The Chair of This Committee shall consider geographic diversity when appointing Co-Chairs of standing committees. A separate process for appointments to the Budget, Finance and Audit Committees are described in Article VI Section A 5 and Article VI Section C.

3. Each Regional Vice-Chair shall appoint members of his/her Region to the following Standing Committees within sixty (60) days of the Organizational Meeting of This Committee in the following number per district:

Ballot Measures.....	1 per Region	Labor.....	1 per Region
Campaign Services.....	1 per Region	Legislative Action.....	1 per Region
Candidate Interview.....	1 per AD	Organizational Chartering and Development.....	1 per Region
Community Outreach.....	1 per Region	Program and Education.....	1 per Region
Credentials.....	1 per AD	Resolutions.....	1 per Region
Election Protection and Oversight.....	1 per Region	Rules & Legal.....	1 per Region
Events.....	1 per Region	Voter Registration and Development.....	1 per Region
Judicial Interview.....	1 per Region		

Any regular or alternate members who wish to serve on a standing committee who have not been so appointed may be appointed by the Chair of This Committee.

The Chair of This Committee may appoint additional members to Endorsement Recommendation Committees, except for Assembly District Delegations, to insure geographic or other diversity when considering a particular race(s).

4. The Policy Committee of This Committee shall be the officers of This Committee, the Co-Chairs of Standing Committees, the Newsletter Editor, the Internet Coordinator, the Fair Booth Coordinator, the Sergeants-at-Arms and the Regional Endorsement Coordinators; a quorum being ten (10) members consisting of at least four County-Wide Officers, three Regional Vice-Chairs, and three other members. For purposes of any Policy Committee meetings during the first 60 calendar days after the organizational meeting of This Committee, a quorum of the Policy Committee shall consist of a majority of the County-Wide Officers and Regional Vice-Chairs who, at the time of the meeting, are current members of This Committee.

5. The Budget and Finance committees of This Committee shall each be composed of five (5) members of This Committee appointed by the Policy committee.

6. The Chair of This Committee may, with the consent of the Policy Committee, appoint members of the Chair’s Advisory Committee to any standing committee as non-voting member.

Section B. NOTICE AND RULES

1. The Chair of This Committee may remove the Chair or any member of a Standing Committee. A Standing Committee member who misses three consecutive meetings is considered to have resigned.

2. Each Standing Committee shall meet at the call of its Chair upon seven days written notice unless such committee meets on a regular basis at a predetermined time and place.

3. Each Standing Committee shall have such powers and duties as are implicit in its title and as assigned by these Constitution and By-Laws, the Chair, This Committee or the Policy Committee.

4. Each Standing Committee shall adopt such rules as are necessary for its own operation not inconsistent with these Constitution and By-Laws; provided that no such rule may impair the voting rights of any person duly appointed to such Standing Committee beyond any restrictions specifically set forth in these Constitution and Bylaws.

5. Chairs of Standing Committees may, at their discretion, form subcommittees of their Standing Committees the recommendations of which may be reported directly to This Committee; provided, however, that any such subcommittees shall have not less than three members and appointments thereto shall be made with due consideration for the principles of fairness and inclusion to which the Democratic Party is committed.

6. A quorum for standing committees shall be a majority of the filled positions with a maximum quorum requirement of one Co-Chair and four members, except with regard to Endorsement Recommendation Committees, which shall be as specified in Article X, Section A, 11.

OTHER COMMITTEES: Audit and Chairperson’s Advisory