

Los Angeles County Democratic Party
2015 Democratic Club and Organization Charter Application Packet

Dear Democratic Club/Organization:

Thank you for chartering with the Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP). This packet should answer all of your general questions about the chartering process and the necessary steps to successfully charter your organization. This application is also available online at www.lacdp.org/democratic-club.

Whether you are forming a new Democratic club/organization or have chartered with LACDP previously, we suggest that you read through this packet carefully before completing the paperwork.

Please submit your completed application, including:

- The charter application packet;
- Appropriate fee payable to LACDP;
- The club's/organization's current constitution and/or bylaws; and
- An electronic and hard copy of the membership roster, to:

Los Angeles County Democratic Party
c/o Democratic Club/Organization Charter Application
3550 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1203
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Fax: (213) 382-1278
Email: chartering@lacdp.org

Pursuant to the California Elections Code Section 20201, your Democratic club/organization must be chartered by LACDP in order to operate as a Democratic organization in Los Angeles County. Hence, chartering with LACDP is mandatory, not optional.

All applications must be reviewed by the LACDP Organization Committee prior to approval by the LACDP. The review process takes approximately three weeks to complete. Please allow enough time for the committee to process the application. Additionally, please complete each part of the application and attach the requisite documents as required. Please note that all charter renewals are due on January 1 of each year. Please refer to page 3 of this application for details.

We welcome you to the chartering process. We hope your organization adds great value to your area and empowers all Democrats to get involved with Democratic activities and campaigns.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the LACDP office at chartering@lacdp.org, (213) 382-1211 or (213) 382-0063.

Democratically yours,

Lois Jean Hill and Joe Cislowski
Co-Chairs, Organizational Chartering & Development Committee
Los Angeles County Democratic Party

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**Los Angeles County Democratic Party
Application for Democratic Organization Charter
2015 Calendar Year**

Please type or print legibly with black or blue ink.

Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Website URL: _____ Email: _____

Facebook: _____ Twitter: _____

Please check organization type:

- _____ Democratic Club
_____ Young Democrats Club
_____ Political Action Committee (PAC)
_____ Other Organizations
(i.e., United Democratic Headquarters)

Please check charter type:

- _____ New Charter
_____ Renewal Charter
_____ Prior Club – Lapsed
_____ Prior Club – Revoked/Denied

REQUIRED: In order to be chartered, you must provide at least one of the following identification numbers:
(Note: LACDP strongly recommends that you acquire professional campaign finance/treasurer services, which could also help you in obtaining these identification numbers. Please contact the LACDP office if you need assistance.)

Employer Identification Number (EIN): _____

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Number: _____

Federal Elections Commission (FEC) Number: _____

Your Employer Identification Number (EIN) is the number required to open a bank account. DO NOT use a personal Social Security number. If you do not have an EIN, you can request Internal Revenue Service Form SS-4 from (800) TAX-FORM or www.irs.ustreas.gov.

Your FPPC or FEC I.D. number is the number under which you report funds raised and expended. If your club does not have such a number, and you raise or spend money above a specified threshold, you may be violating the law. You can request an FPPC Form 410 from (916) 322-5660 or www.fppc.ca.gov and an FEC Form 1 from (800) 424-9530 or www.fec.gov.

Responsible Parties (Required):

President: _____ Address: _____

Home: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Work: _____ Email: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Treasurer: _____ Address: _____

Home: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Work: _____ Email: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Club/Organization Officers and Leaders

Name of Club/Organization: _____

Office	Name	Home Phone	Cell/Work Phone	Email Address
President				
Vice President 1				
Vice President 2 (If Applicable)				
Recording Secretary				
Corresponding Secretary				
Treasurer or Controller				
Parliamentarian				
Newsletter				
Voter Registration				
Precinct Operations				
Events/Fundraising				
Membership				
Webmaster				
Other				

Club/Organization Statistics/Charter Requirements

Name of Club/Organization: _____

Executive Board Term End/New Term Begins: _____

Regular Meeting Date/Time: _____

Regular Meeting Location (Including Address): _____

Please include both an electronic and hard copy version of your membership roster.

Please indicate the number of voting members _____ and non-voting members _____ in good standing.

Please also list the top five Assembly Districts in which your members live, from most members to least:

- a. District Number: _____ Number of Voting Members: _____ Number of Non-Voting Members: _____
- b. District Number: _____ Number of Voting Members: _____ Number of Non-Voting Members: _____
- c. District Number: _____ Number of Voting Members: _____ Number of Non-Voting Members: _____
- d. District Number: _____ Number of Voting Members: _____ Number of Non-Voting Members: _____
- e. District Number: _____ Number of Voting Members: _____ Number of Non-Voting Members: _____
- f. All Others Number of Voting Members: _____ Number of Non-Voting Members: _____

Please include the appropriate fee with your charter application:

Organization Type	New Charter	Renewal Charter
Democratic Club	\$50.00	\$100.00*
Young/College Democrats Club	\$15.00	\$30.00
Political Action Committee (PAC)	\$150.00	\$200.00
Other Organizations (i.e., UDH)	\$150.00	\$200.00

***Note:** Democratic Clubs that raised or spent less than \$1,000 last year may renew their charter for \$50. Charter renewal is due on January 1 of each year. A late fee equivalent to 25% of the chartering fee will be applied if a club/organization has not submitted application for renewal sixty (60) days following the renewal deadline. If no application has been submitted thirty (30) days following the late fee deadline, LACDP will order the club/organization to cease and desist using the club’s/organization’s previous name. The LACDP Chair may extend the deadline with good cause. Charter application for new club/organization or charter renewal application must be received by the LACDP office at least 15 days prior to the LACDP monthly meeting in order to receive charter approval consideration at the meeting.

Please be sure that your organization’s bylaws meet the following specific requirements.

1. **Membership.** Each member is a registered Democrat or is a person devoted to the principles of the Democratic Party but is ineligible to register as a voter at this time. Any such ineligible person has expressed the intent to register as a Democrat immediately upon becoming eligible.
2. **Nondiscrimination.** The organization does not require or use any test of membership or oath of loyalty which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, physical ability, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status.
3. **Fair Bylaws.** It has bylaws and a constitution that require:
 - a. Regularly held meetings, open to all Democrats, which requires at least 10-day prior written notice.
 - b. A regular election of officers for a reasonable tenure.
 - c. Payment or waiver of dues/fees due to economic hardship.
 - d. Dedication of its members to the principles of the Democratic Party.
 - e. Prohibiting the endorsement of non-Democrats in any race or the financial support of non-Democrats.
4. **Notification.** The organization will keep regular communications with Los Angeles County Democratic Party by sending notice of events and meetings to:
 - a. The Chair of the LACDP.
 - b. All members of the LACDP Assembly District delegation in which a majority of the organization’s members reside.
 - c. The Co-Chairs of the LACDP Organization Committee.
 - d. Mailing copies of the newsletter to the Los Angeles County Democratic Party office and/or info@lacd.org.

Signatures of Club/Organization Members

Name of Club/Organization: _____

Please request 20 members of your organization to fill out and sign below. Each member may only sign club/organization charter application roster for one organization per year for the purpose of chartering. (Note: This page is mandatory for Democratic club charters, but not required for PAC charters.)

Name (Print)	Address	City	Zip	Phone	AD	Signature
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Club/Organization Background Information

Name of Club/Organization: _____

To help us better understand your club and its operations, please briefly answer the following questions:

What were your grassroots election activities last year, including precinct operations, voter registration, fundraising events or other activities? What were the results of elections held in your area?

What were your non campaign-related activities last year?

What are your campaign activity plans and other grassroots, educational or outreach plans for this year? What types of elections will be held in your area?

What type of services would you like to see from the LACDP and the Organization Committee this year?

What kind of trainings would you like to see from the LACDP and the Organization Committee?

Charter Application Checklist

Name of Club/Organization: _____

Initial Action Item

- _____ We have fully read and completed the Charter Application Packet.
- _____ We have entered our web site and email address on page 1.
- _____ We have entered our political reporting ID number(s) on page 1.
- _____ We have completed all officer information on page 1 and 2.
- _____ We have entered our total voting/non-voting members by Assembly Districts on page 3.
- _____ We have attached the current constitution and/or bylaws, which comply with the specific requirements on page 3. (REQUIRED – even if the constitution and/or bylaws did not change since the last charter application was submitted)
- _____ We have attached a list of all the Assembly Districts, cities, ZIP codes and precincts (if available) we currently serve on page 4.
- _____ We have 20 valid members who have signed page 5. NOTE: This page is mandatory for all Democratic club chartering applications.
- _____ We have briefly answered the club background information questions on pages 6.
- _____ The club president and club treasurer have signed page 8.
- _____ We have attached the full club roster (all club members - with all contact information, including name, address, phone/cell, email) in both electronic version (by CD or email to chartering@lacd.org / clarklee@lacd.org) and printed hard copy in Microsoft Excel formats according to the template provided on page 7.
- _____ We have attached a check for the appropriate chartering fees (and late fees, if applicable).
- _____ We have turned in the completed form with attachments at least three weeks before the monthly LACDP meeting at which we wish to receive charter approval.

Note: All application packets must be received by the LACDP office at least 15 days prior to the LACDP monthly meeting in order to receive charter approval consideration at the meeting.

Unless otherwise noted, LACDP meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at United Teachers Los Angeles Auditorium, 3303 Wilshire Bl., 2nd Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90010.

All 2015 charter applications are due January 1, 2015.

Signature of Club/Organization President (Required)

Date

Signature of Club/Organization Treasurer (Required)

Date