



Bylaws of the 30th District Democrats

As Amended February 1, 2023

Our Mission

The purpose of this organization is to promote the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party in the 30th Legislative District. It shall function as an official and legal arm of the Democratic Party and shall offer residents in the 30th LD an opportunity to participate in the Democratic Party. We will strive to accomplish our mission by these core objectives:

- 1. To recruit and support the successful election of Democratic candidates in the 30th District, and in all federal, state, and local elections in primary and general elections in an election year.*
- 2. To promote the successful attainment of 30th District Democrats' legislative agenda.*
- 3. To support the passage of state and local legislative ballot measures for general or special election years in accordance with our legislative agenda and opposing those ballot measures that do not.*
- 4. To foster accountability measures for elected officials supported by the 30th District Democrats during their term(s) in office.*
- 5. To pursue social and economic change in accordance with our legislative priorities.*

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the **30th District Democrats**.

Article II: Policy

- Sec. 1) This organization shall function continuously.
- Sec. 2) It shall be the policy of this organization to continue the growth, development and influence of the Democratic Party, and to increase Party membership and participation.
- Sec. 3) This organization shall support the goals and principles of the Democratic Party and those candidates who, by their records and reputations, are in general agreement with adopted Party platforms and who have been endorsed by this organization.

Sec. 4) If there exists a conflict, then the reference shall be made to the bylaws and rules of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee and the State Charter.

Article III: Membership

Sec. 1) All elected and appointed 30th District Precinct Committee Officers are members of the 30th District Democrats.

Sec. 2) Any person age 18 and over residing within the 30th Legislative District who declare themselves Democrats and support the mission and core objectives may become members upon payment or waiver of Annual Dues.

Sec. 3) Any person between the age of thirteen and eighteen years old, residing within the 30th Legislative District, may apply for a youth membership in this organization. Those who support the mission and core objectives of the Democratic Party and declare themselves Democrats may become members in good standing with a voice but no vote.

Sec. 4) Non-resident Democrats, upon payment of annual dues, may become associate members entitled to a voice but no vote in the 30th District Democrats' meetings.

Sec. 5) Voting rights may only be retained in one legislative district. A member in good standing who is redistricted shall retain full voting membership in this organization until the end of the calendar year or until they have officially joined their new district. Those democratic members of another LD who have been redistricted into the 30 LD become members immediately upon resigning from their former LD.

Sec. 6) Membership Dues:

a) General members shall be eligible to vote twenty (20) days after payment or waiver of dues, or for those who were members during the previous year, immediately upon payment of dues. General members shall be eligible to run for office twenty (20) days after payment or waiver of dues and having attended at least one meeting in the last six months or for those who were members during the previous year, immediately upon payment of dues.

b) The Executive Board may exercise the option of waiving dues and extending annual membership status to any person for whom the payment of dues would constitute a hardship or where it is determined that it is not legal for that person to pay dues. Approval of a due's waiver must be approved by the Executive Board.

c) All Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) shall be encouraged to pay dues.

Sec. 7) In accordance with state law all records of the 30th District Democrats except for personal information shall be open to visual inspection at a reasonable time and location upon request of any 30th District Democrats member and as directed by the Executive board.

Sec. 8) No officers or members may use their office or identify themselves as representing the 30th District Democrats or any of its subordinate bodies unless authorized by the Executive Board or the membership.

Article IV: Precinct Committee Officers

- Sec. 1) The election and appointment of the Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) shall be governed by the rules of the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC), the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC aka "the State Committee") and state law, where applicable. The 30th District Democrats will recognize the following positions and offer all privileges accordingly: Elected PCO, Appointed PCO, and Precinct Coordinator.
- a) An Elected PCO is one who is elected in an election by the voters residing in the same residential precinct.
 - b) An Appointed PCO is a resident of a vacant precinct and upon approval of the District PCOs and is appointed by the KCDCC County Chair. Appointed PCOs shall have all the rights and obligations of elected PCOs in accordance with state law. Their voting privilege commences upon approval of the County Chair.
 - c) Precinct Coordinators may be appointed by the District Chair, with approval of the District PCOs, as Precinct Coordinators to perform the function of a PCO in a precinct in which they do not reside, if that precinct has no PCO. A Precinct Coordinator shall be superseded by appointment or election of a resident PCO.
- Sec. 2) Request for appointment to PCO or precinct coordinator position submitted prior to the 30th District meeting shall be acted upon by the chair at that meeting. If there is an objection to the appointment, the request for appointments must be approved by a majority vote of the qualified elected and appointed PCOs present and voting at the meeting. The vote must be by ballot whether in person or virtual. This vote or request may not be tabled or postponed.
- Sec. 3) The District Chair shall submit an approved request to the County Chair within 15 days of approval for appointment PCOs.
- Sec. 4) Vacant PCO positions may be filled by appointment between the primary election and the January Reorganization meeting, but shall expire on December 1st of each even-numbered year.
- Sec. 5) An elected or appointed PCO shall be considered to have resigned from their office upon notice to the Chair, or upon termination of residence in that precinct. Vacancies due to resignation may be filled by appointment at the meeting following their announcement, in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1-4.

Article V: Meetings

- Sec. 1) Regular general meetings shall be held at a time and place as designated by the monthly notice. Meetings may be held in person and/or electronically.
- Sec. 2) It shall require twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership or PCOs, or a majority of the statutory officers to call a special meeting or to cancel a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Sec. 3) In January following the election of PCOs, a reorganization meeting shall be called in accordance with state law and WSDCC rules. At the reorganization meeting, all members whose dues are paid for the current year are eligible to vote with no waiting period unless otherwise specified in Article III, Section 6a.

- Sec. 4) A quorum to conduct business shall never consist of less than five members, one of whom is an elected officer. After a meeting is called to order, a quorum shall not be less than forty percent of the members present at the time called to order.
- Sec. 5) Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the 30th District Democrats or any subordinate bodies may be conducted through use of internet meeting services that support use of voting tools and support visible displays identifying those participating, identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions, and showing the results of votes. These electronic meetings shall be subject to all bylaws and/or rules adopted by the 30th District Democrats. Any electronic voting tool, approved by the Executive Board, conducted through the designated Internet meeting service shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be conducted by ballot.

Article VI: Voting

- Sec. 1) All PCOs, and any General members as detailed in Article III shall be entitled to vote at General membership meetings, unless otherwise prohibited by these bylaws.
- Sec. 2) In accordance with state law and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington, only elected and appointed PCOs may vote for the Officers listed in Article VII, Sec. 1 of these Bylaws, or to fill legislative vacancies or adopt or amend District Bylaws.
- Sec. 3) Proxies shall not be recognized in any voting on any 30th District Democrats business.
- Sec. 4) To be elected to office, a candidate must accept the nomination in person or in writing. Acceptance Email should be sent to the presiding Chair in advance of the meeting where the election is expected to take place. Each person will be allowed a three minute block of time to present and/or to have other members present on their behalf.
- Sec. 5) For the election of Officers, if no person receives a majority on the first ballot cast, the person receiving the least votes, and any other person who wishes to resign his or her nomination, shall be eliminated. On each succeeding ballot, the same rule shall apply until one person receives a majority of votes cast for that position.

Article VII: Officers

- Sec. 1) Officers of the 30th District Democrats elected in accordance with Article VI, Sec. 2 shall be: Chair, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair, two WSDCC State Committee Members of different gender identities whenever possible, KCDCC Executive Board Representatives and their corresponding alternates of different gender identities whenever possible, Endorsements Chair, and Young Democrats Representative(s).
- Sec. 2) Officers of the 30th District Democrats elected by all PCOs and General members shall be Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, and Secretary.
- Sec. 3) Only voting members of this organization shall be Elected Officers or made Executive Board members. No member shall hold more than one (1) Executive Board position except as presented herein. During the selection of any or all of the Executive Board positions, a member may only be elected or appointed to serve in one position. If no one is nominated and qualified to be elected or appointed for a specific Executive Board position, the election

or appointment will bypass that position until all open positions have been presented to the body for selection. If, after all positions have been presented, there are unfilled Executive Board positions, the positions will be re-presented for a second round of voting or appointment whereby an Executive Board member may be selected to fill additional positions in an "Acting" capacity. All "Acting" Executive Board members will serve for a term of up to six months to be reconsidered in January and July upon which time a new election or appointment shall be held at the next appropriate meeting. Acting Executive Board members may continue to serve in the "Acting" capacity until such time as the position is filled for the remainder of the term. Any Executive Board position filled in an "Acting" capacity will be bypassed in the order of succession as set forth herein.

- Sec. 4) The Treasurer and the Chair may not reside at the same address or be members of the same family.
- Sec. 5) Elected Officers shall serve until the next biennial reorganization meeting unless they become ineligible for the office, vacate the office, or are removed from office.

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

- Sec. 1) The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the organization, shall preside over the meetings and represent the 30th District Democrats on the Executive Board of the County Democratic Central Committee for their county of residence and on the Organization of County and District Chairs at WSDCC meetings. The Chair shall appoint Committee Chairs, who are not otherwise elected, subject to approval by the Executive Board, a Sergeant-at-Arms, and a Parliamentarian as needed. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the organization. The Chair shall be the sole authorized spokesperson for the 30th District Democrats. The Chair or their designee is responsible for publishing or authorizing any written communication including emails, website and social media content. All requests for interviews representing the views of the 30th District Democrats will be referred to the Chair or their designee. The Chair shall appoint chairs for any ad-hoc committee. The Chair shall be the primary liaison for the following officers and chairpersons: Secretary, Treasurer, Endorsement Coordinator, Technology Chair, Fundraising and Events Chair, KCDCC Representatives, Washington State committee members (2), and the Young Democrats Representative(s).
- Sec. 2) The First Vice-Chairs shall in the absence of the Chair, preside over meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; in the absence of the Chair, represent the Chair at county and/or state meetings; and perform such duties as assigned by the chair. When the chair is absent, the order of succession is listed in Article VII, Section 1. The First Vice-Chair shall be the primary liaison for the following Chairpersons: Membership, Outreach, Precinct Committee Officer Coordinator, Government Relations, and Diversity. In addition, the First Vice-Chair will act as a candidate liaison in coordination with Technology, Events, and Outreach Chairs by forwarding campaign activity information to the membership from endorsed candidates who reside in the 30th District.
- Sec. 3) The 2nd Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair and 1st Vice-Chair and perform such other duties as assigned by the Chair.
- Sec. 4) The Secretary shall keep minutes of general and executive board meetings, and all records of the organization except those assigned to other officers; prepare letters and resolutions

and send them internally to the correct board members for execution; and shall certify the existence of a quorum at all General Membership, Executive Board, and Special Meetings. The Secretary shall record and publish the attendance of Chairs and Officers at the Executive Board and Special Meetings.

- Sec. 5) The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the organization, shall be responsible for budget development, make a financial report at each General Meeting and keep a record of all revenues and expenditures according to established accounting procedures. The treasurer will also make all appropriate reports to the Public Disclosure Commission. The 30th District shall maintain a bank account or accounts, and all checks drawn on such accounts must be signed by the Treasurer or Chair. The Treasurer shall be the Chair of the budget committee and will convene meetings of this committee as needed.
- Sec. 6) The Deputy Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing and maintaining budget records and other duties as assigned by the chair or the treasurer. The Deputy Treasurer and two other executive board members recommended by the chair and approved by the executive board, will conduct an annual audit at the end of the fiscal year. (February 1-January 31)
- Sec. 7) The WSDCC committee members (aka State Committee Members) shall represent the 30th District Democrats at the Washington State Central Committee meetings. They shall be responsible for presenting resolutions and representing the endorsements from the 30th District Democrats to the State and for reporting activities, policies, and actions of the WSDCC to the 30th District Democrats. These representatives shall represent the interests of the 30th District Democrats in voice and vote at meetings and events of this organization and report back to the membership. If a Committee member is unable to attend a WSDCC meeting, they with prior notice to the Chair, if possible, shall designate a Proxy be issued for their vote.
- Sec. 8) The County Democratic Central Committee Executive Board representatives shall represent the 30th District Democrats at County Democratic Central Committee Executive Board meetings and events. They shall be responsible for presenting resolutions and representing the endorsements from the 30th District Democrats to the KCDCC and reporting activities, policies, and actions to the 30th District Democrats. These representatives shall represent the interests of the 30th District Democrats in voice and vote at meetings and events of this organization and report back to the membership. It shall be the responsibility of the representative to notify the Alternate if they cannot attend a meeting at least one business day in advance. If neither the delegate or the alternate can attend, a different alternate, who must be an officer, can be selected with prior notice to the Chair, if possible.
- Sec. 9) The membership of the 30th District Democrats may select one Young Democrats representative for each of the recognized Young Democrats organizations. The Young Democrats Representative shall represent the 30th District at The Young Democrats meetings and events. The recognized Democrats Organizations are: Washington Young Democrats and King County Young Democrats. They shall be responsible for presenting resolutions and representing the endorsements from the 30th District Democrats to these respective organizations and reporting activities, policies, and actions to the 30th District Democrats. These representatives shall represent the interests of the 30th District Democrats in voice and vote at meetings and events of the recognized organizations and report back to the membership.

Sec. 10) It is the expectation of the 30th Legislative District Democrats when electing representatives that such representatives will, when acting in an official capacity at state and county meetings, faithfully represent and follow the official actions taken by the 30th District Democrats. A representative who is unable to represent a particular position of the 30th Legislative District Democrats in good conscience should permit an alternate or proxy who can and will do so to act in their place, provided such substitution is permitted under the rules of the body in question. A representative who is unable to allow an alternate or proxy to act in their place due to the body's rules should abstain from consideration of the matter before that body.

Article IX: Voting Members of the Executive Board

- Sec. 1) The Executive Board shall consist of all elected officers of the organization and the Chairs from no more than eight (8) standing committees as indicated in Article XI. It shall also include any State or National Elected Democratic Officials, and the Democratic Legislative members of the 30th as ex officio members. At no time shall there be fewer elected officers than appointed chairs serving on the Executive Board.
- Sec. 2) The chair will recommend the chairs of the standing committees. The Executive Board will vote to confirm the chairs of standing committees by majority vote.
- Sec. 3) The Executive Board may vote to remove committee chairs by majority vote.
- Sec. 4) The Executive Board shall meet as needed and be subject to the call of the Chair or three (3) Elected Members. All meetings are subject to our Bylaws. Members are welcome to attend any Executive Board meeting; participation is subject to the Chair's rule.
- Sec. 5) A quorum of the Executive Board shall be a simple majority of the seated voting members. At no time shall any member have a weighted or multiple votes.

Article X: Removal of Officers

At any regular meeting, by two-thirds vote of the members present, eligible to vote for the office, the organization may remove any elected officer who has failed to carry out the duties or responsibilities of their office. Such officer shall receive seven days written notice of intent of proposed removal. Notice of removal must be included in the notice of the meeting.

Article XI: Standing Committees

- Sec. 1) The Chair shall appoint the chairs of eight (8) standing committees that consists of Technology, Precinct, Membership, Fundraising and Events Chair, Communications, Outreach, Government Relations, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- Sec. 2) Standing Committee chairs shall serve until the next biennial reorganization meeting unless they become ineligible for the office, vacate the office, or are removed from office.
- Sec. 3) Technology Chair may create a committee that is responsible for the duties of Webmaster and Technology support, and to recommend technologies useful to the 30th District Democrats' operations. No documentation (including all forms of social media) shall be published or provided outside of the organization without approval of the Chair or their designee.

- Sec. 4) Precinct Chair may create a committee of PCOs that will manage the recruitment and training of all PCOs and Precinct Coordinators.
- Sec. 5) Membership Chair may create a committee that will manage the 30th District Democrats' membership list and will be responsible for credentialing and vote tallying at all meetings.
- Sec. 6) Fundraising and Events Chair may create a committee that will be responsible for planning and executing all fundraising events for the 30th Legislative District.
- Sec. 7) Communications Chair may create a committee that is responsible for updating the Website and other social media presence. No documentation shall be published or provided outside of the organization without approval of the Chair or their designee. All request for interviews representing views of the 30th District Democrats will be referred to the Chair or their designee.
- Sec. 8) Outreach Chair may create a committee that will plan and execute outreach events and shall participate in community events and meetings. The Chair will coordinate with the Fundraising and Events Chair and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair to ensure maximum diversity and inclusiveness in all 30th District Democrats' events.
- Sec. 9) Government Relations Chair may create a committee to provide the general membership with information and possible citizen action and lobbying efforts pertaining to all areas of government, including but not limited to cities, counties, utility districts, school districts, and the state and federal government.
- Sec. 10) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair may create a committee to ensure that the work done by the 30th District Democrats is done with consideration of equity, diversity and inclusion. Committee Chair would be a liaison between and among community organizations with whom the 30th District Democrats partner. The Chair would also coordinate with the Outreach Chair and the Fundraising and Events Chair to ensure full participation in all 30th District Democrats events.

Article XII: Terms of Office, Vacancies

- Sec. 1) All officers should serve until their successors are elected at the District reorganization.
- Sec. 2) In the event of a vacancy in any office cited in Article VII, with at least seven (7) days advance notice, an election shall be held at a regular membership meeting.

Article XIII: Resolutions

- Sec. 1) Resolutions for consideration at any regular meeting must be presented to the membership at least seven days prior to the meeting and included in the meeting notice. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing and signed by the sponsor. Last minute resolutions may be considered pending three-fourths approval of eligible members present and voting to allow consideration. Failure to accomplish the three-fourths margin, the resolution will be included in the meeting notice and be considered at the following meeting. Resolutions brought forward at the reorganization meeting can be brought forward after re-adoption of the bylaws.
- Sec. 2) The Executive Board may research and recommend action on a resolution or may refer a resolution to a committee for comment or clarification. At no time shall a resolution

brought forward by a member be stalled more than two succeeding meetings without action.

Article XIV: Endorsements

- Sec. 1) A Vote to endorse following a positive recommendation from the endorsements committee shall require a sixty percent (60%) approval of eligible members present and voting. A vote to endorse following a motion from the floor shall require a seventy-five percent (75%) approval of eligible voters present and voting.
- Sec. 2) Any endorsement can be revoked by eligible members present and voting. Any revocation must include notice to involved parties and subject to all terms for endorsement.
- Sec. 3) It shall not be permitted to endorse any candidate who is known to be a member of any other political party; this shall include known members of the Republican, Libertarian, Reform, American Taxpayer, and any other party recognized with party status by the Secretary of State's office.
- Sec. 4) Only incumbent candidates filing for re-election and previously endorsed by the 30th District Democrats qualify for early endorsement (prior to the close of filing) by the general membership through a motion from the floor. All other early endorsements must come as a recommendation from the endorsements committee.
- Sec. 5) Resolutions indicating support are not to be used to supplant the endorsement process.
- Sec. 6) The 30th District Democrats will only endorse candidates and initiatives that will appear on a ballot of a resident within the 30th Legislative District.

Article XV: Expenditures

- Sec. 1) No money shall be paid from the funds of the 30th District Democrats except by check signed by the Treasurer or the Chair (in the absence of the Treasurer). All expenditures shall be in the furtherance of activities duly authorized by the Executive Board or the membership.
- Sec. 2) Expenditures in the course of regular budgeted operations of business may be authorized by the Executive Board.
- Sec. 3) Non-Budgeted expenditures of Three hundred dollars or less may be authorized by Three Members (the Chair, Treasurer, and one other member of the Executive Board). Non-budgeted items in excess of three hundred dollars must be approved by the membership. In the interim of general membership meetings, non-budgeted items in excess of three hundred dollars, may be approved by the executive board.
- Sec. 4) Last minute Candidate Contributions may be authorized inside of one month from election by the Executive Board.

Article XVI: Miscellaneous Provisions

- Sec. 1) These Bylaws, subject to approval by the WSDCC, shall become effective upon adoption by a majority of those eligible members present and voting at any regular membership meeting.
- Sec. 2) These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the 30th District Democrats so long as notice of any revisions is included in the meeting notification. A two-thirds vote of eligible members present and voting is required.
- Sec. 3) This organization shall operate under the laws of the State of Washington, under the National and State Charters of the Democratic Party, and under the Bylaws of the WSDCC. Should any conflicts arise, WSDCC shall take precedence over this document. If any part of this document is ruled invalid it shall not affect other parts.
- Sec. 4) A copy of the Bylaws and all current amendments shall be made available to any member upon request.
- Sec. 5) In any situation not expressly covered by these bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order, revised, most recent edition shall govern.
- Sec. 6) The 30th District Democrats shall fully indemnify, hold harmless and defend its officers and chairs against all claims, actions, suits, damages, liabilities, losses, settlements, and judgments brought by outside parties except for all liabilities arising from any breach of such person's duty of loyalty, any acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or any transactions from which the officers or chairs derive an improper personal benefit.
- Sec. 7) General liability insurance and Directors and Officers insurance shall be purchased annually by the 30th District treasurer no later than February 1st.

Amended at the February 1, 2023 general membership meeting.

The Above Bylaws are true and correct as adopted by the 30th District Democrats.

In Witness Thereof, I subscribe my name this 1st day of February, 2023.



Sam Rise

Chair – 30th District Democrats