

Party Rules of the Democratic Committee of Orange County, New York



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The Democratic County Committee of the County of Orange does hereby adopt the following Rules and Regulations for the organization and government of the Democratic Party of the County of Orange in place and stead of the party rules heretofore in force.

ARTICLE I **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1: COUNTY PARTY. - The Democratic Party of Orange County shall consist of the voters of each Election District within the County who have duly enrolled as required by law in the Democratic Party.

SECTION 2: COMMITTEES. - There shall be a County Committee and there may be representative bodies as follows:

- 1) A City Committee for each City.
- 2) A Town Committee for each Town.
- 3) A Ward Committee for each Ward in a City or Town.
- 4) A Village Committee for each Village.

SECTION 3: HIERARCHY OF COMMITTEES - The County Committee shall be the official organization of the Democratic Party of the County of Orange. It shall be charged with the administration of the affairs of the party in the County and with the promotion of measures for the harmony, efficiency and success of the party.

All City, Town, Ward and Village Committees, and all Democratic Clubs, or Democratic political associations of any kind, within the County shall be under the jurisdiction of the County Committee and subject to such provisions and regulations as it may prescribe. In addition to any specific powers granted to the County Committee in these Rules and Regulations, it shall have full power to act in all matters of political policy or Party management not inconsistent with these

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Rules, the Election Law of the State of New York or the Rules and Regulations of the State Democratic Committee.

SECTION 4: HIERARCHY OF RULES - These Rules are subject to the Election Law of the State of New York and the Rules of the State Democratic Committee. In the event a matter is not addressed by the Election Law of the State of New York, the Rules of the State Democratic Committee, or these Rules, Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.

SECTION 5: NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS - All meeting notifications shall specify the time and place of the meeting. All meetings for which the purpose is to endorse or nominate candidates or elect officers shall be on written notice specifying all such offices for which the endorsement or nomination shall take place and/or the Party officers to be elected at said meeting. The meeting shall be on five (5) days' and not more than ten (10) days' written notice sent by first class mail.

All other meetings referred to herein shall be on five (5) days' and not more than ten (10) days' written notice first class mail, or, if the recipient has previously agreed in writing to accept notices in this matter, by electronic mail (e-mail).

If a County Committee member agrees, in writing, the Orange County Democratic Committee Bulletins, notice of meetings and other information regarding the County Party may be sent electronically (via email). This does not pertain to any Full County meetings under Article IV, where notification will still be by regular mail.

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SECTION 6: SIGNATURE LISTS - Each Town or City committee shall create and maintain a list of signatures of its members, such list to be submitted to the Secretary of the Orange County Democratic Committee promptly upon reorganization or change of membership. The signature list shall contain the following information:

- a. District the Member Represents
- b. Printed Name
- c. Signature
- d. Initials indicating acceptance of alternate means of notification (i.e. e-mail)
- e. E-Mail Address (Optional unless agreeing to alternate means of notification)
- f. Phone (Optional)

While optional, provision of e-mail addresses and phone numbers by all County Committee members is recommended to facilitate prompt and effective communication by the Orange County Democratic Committee to its members.

SECTION 7: PROXIES - Proxy voting is permitted in all meetings except the Executive Committee Meeting. Any member shall be entitled to vote in person or by written proxy, provided the proxy holder is a member of the Orange County Democratic Committee representing a district in the same town or city containing the district that the person voting by proxy represents. No individual may vote more than three (3) proxies. Proxies shall be filed with the Secretary prior to the meeting at which they are voted and shall only be valid for the meeting designated therein or any adjournment thereof. A proxy shall be valid if:

1. All fields of the proxy are completed at time of signing, and
2. The signature on the proxy form reasonably compares to that on the Town/City signature list or the proxy is notarized.

All objections to proxies shall be filed with the Secretary prior to close of the proxy table. The Chair, or presiding Officer, shall review and rule on any objections.

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SECTION 8: QUORUM - A quorum of a County Committee, or any Committee of a political subdivision, for a meeting at which a nomination for, or an election to, a party position, or a nomination or endorsement for public office, is to be made shall be a majority of the duly elected members, in person or by proxy, but for all other purposes a quorum shall be thirty percent (30%) of such members. Less than a quorum may adjourn to another time or place.

SECTION 9: FORM OF MEETINGS - The organization meeting of the County Committee shall be open to the public. Other meetings of the Committee shall be open unless closed by a vote of Committee members then in attendance.

The Chair of the Committee, when present, shall preside at meetings thereof, or in his/her absence the First Vice Chair, then any vice-chair chosen by the vice-chairs in attendance, shall preside in that order, and, in the event that all such officers are absent, a temporary Chair shall be elected by members to preside at such meeting.

SECTION 10: MINUTES OF MEETINGS - The Secretary of the County Committee shall keep minutes of the meetings, including those of the Executive Committee, in a regular book, or other such means as may be approved by the Executive Committee, and the same shall contain the record of those present and the business transacted at every meeting.

SECTION 11: SEVERABILITY - If any provision in these By-Laws is declared to be illegal or in conflict with any law or regulation, that provision will be considered modified to the minimum extent necessary to make such provision legal and no longer in conflict with such law or regulation, without affecting the validity of any other provisions.

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ARTICLE II
COUNTY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP - The County Committee shall consist of those members duly elected at the biennial Primary Election and those members duly appointed between the biennial Primary Elections as provided for herein. Each election district within the County is eligible to have two members of the Orange County Democratic Committee. Each member shall have voting power as defined in Election Law of the State of New York¹.

SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS - Each member of the County Committee, when elected or appointed and throughout his or her term of office, shall be a registered Orange County voter who is enrolled in the Democratic Party and who resides in the Assembly District containing the election district in which the member is elected or appointed.

SECTION 3: TIME OF ELECTION - The members of the County Committee shall be elected biennially in each even-numbered year at the official primary election as provided by the Election Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 4: TERMS OF MEMBERS - Each member elected at the Primary Election shall have a term of two (2) years commencing on the date of Primary Election at which the member was elected and ending at the Primary Election two (2) years hence. Terms of office of Committeepersons elected in an uncontested primary shall likewise commence on the date of such primary, as if regularly elected thereat. The term of a member appointed shall expire at the time of the next Primary Election at which members are elected.

¹ Section 2-104 of New York State Election Law, as of March 2012.

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SECTION 5: VACANCIES - In case of death, declination, disqualification, resignation, removal from the assembly district or removal from office of a member of the County Committee, or a failure to elect a member by reason of a tie vote or otherwise, or an increase in the number of election districts or in the apportionment of members to any existing election district, the vacancy in the County Committee caused thereby shall be filled by the action of the remaining members of the County Committee, or of the Executive Committee, with due regard for the recommendation of a majority of the remaining members of the County Committee from the City or Town wherein the vacancy occurs, provided such Town or City is constituted as defined in Article VIII, Section 2 of these Rules, and provided that the person being recommended by said Town or City committee shall have attended at least three (3) meetings of said Town or City committee within six (6) months of the current term preceding such appointment. No person may be appointed to two (2) consecutive terms, or parts thereof.

In cases where a Town or City does not have a constituted committee, vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the County Officers.

SECTION 6: OFFICERS

- a. The officers of the County Committee shall be: a Chair, First Vice-Chair (who shall be of the opposite sex of the Chair), six (6) Vice-Chairs consisting of three (3) each male and female, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Sergeant-at-Arms. Such officers shall be enrolled voters in the Democratic Party residing in Orange County, but need not be members of the County Committee. They shall hold office until their successors have been elected.
- b. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair of the County Committee at any time between the biennial organization meetings, the First Vice-Chair shall automatically become the Acting Chair of the County Committee. In the absence of the First Vice-Chair, the Secretary automatically shall become Acting Chair. In the event of such a vacancy, it shall be the duty of the

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Acting Chair to call a meeting of the members of the County Committee within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, for the purpose of electing a new, permanent Chair for the balance of the unexpired term.

- c. If a vacancy occurs in any office of the County Committee other than that of the Chair, the County Committee or the Executive Committee shall forthwith elect a new officer to fill such vacancy and to hold office for the balance of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: ORGANIZATION MEETING - Within twenty (20) days after the primary election at which the members of the County Committee shall have been elected, the County Committee shall meet and organize by the election of the officers provided for in ARTICLE II, SECTION 6 of these Rules. Within three (3) days thereafter, there shall be filed in the Office of the Orange County Board of Elections and at the New York State Board of Elections, unless subsequently amended by State Law, a Certificate stating the names and post office addresses of such officers.

SECTION 2: PLACE AND CALL - The Chair of the outgoing committee shall designate the time, date and place of said organizational meeting. If the said Chair shall fail to designate the time and place of such meeting within fifteen (15) days after said primary election, then any other officer of the outgoing committee may designate the time, date and place of such meeting.

SECTION 3: PRESIDING OFFICER - The Chair of the outgoing committee shall call said organizational meeting to order and preside over said meeting until the election of a new County Chair, except that, if the holdover Chair is a candidate for re-election, he/she shall name a temporary chair who is not a candidate to

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preside during the election of a new Chair. In the absence of the Chair, the Secretary of the outgoing committee shall call the said meeting to order and preside over it in the place and stead of the Chair. In the absence of all such officers, the meeting may be called to order and presided over by any member of the County Committee elected as Chair by those members then present.

SECTION 4: ORDER OF BUSINESS - The following shall be the order of business at the organization meeting, and, insofar as applicable, at all other meetings of the County Committee:

1. Call of Roll
2. Determination of Quorum
3. Appointment of Temporary Chair (if necessary)
4. Election of County Chair
5. Election of Other Officers
6. Report from Elected Officers
7. Adjournment

SECTION 5. VIDEO RECORD - Arrangements shall be made for a video record of the meeting. However, malfunction of the video equipment shall not be grounds for adjournment of the meeting.

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ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS OF THE FULL COUNTY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: PURPOSE - Meetings of the full county committee shall be called for the following purposes.

- a. Amendment of these By-Laws in accordance with Section 2-114(2) of the Election Law of the State of New York;
- b. Reorganization meeting in accordance with Article III;
- c. Election to fill a vacancy of the position of County Chair as provided for in Article III;
- d. Endorsement for county wide public officers and county legislature;
- e. Endorsement or nomination of public officers as provided in Article VII;
- f. Endorsement of Party positions as provided in Article VII.

Meetings of the full county committee may be called for other such purposes as may be deemed necessary by the Chair.

SECTION 2: PLACE AND CALL - Except as otherwise provided in ARTICLE III hereof or by statute, the time and places of meetings of the County Committee shall be subject to the call of the Chair. Whenever there is filed with the Secretary of the County Committee a request in writing signed by at least one-fourth (1/4) of the duly elected members of the Committee that a meeting of the Committee shall be called at a time and place and for a purpose or purposes therein specified, the Secretary or Chair of such Committee shall thereupon and within seven (7) days after filing of the request, mail to each member of such committee, directed to him or her at his or her post office address, a written notice to the time, place and purpose of such meetings.

SECTION 3: VOTING - Voting shall be by weighted voting pursuant to Section 2-104 of the Election Law of the State of New York. The normal method of voting shall be 'viva voce' (word of mouth), but a roll call may at any time be ordered by the chair or had on demand of one-tenth (1/10th) of the members present.

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Representatives of each candidate who is running for a position to be voted upon may view the collection of proxies and recording and tallying of votes.

SECTION 4: RESOLUTIONS - All resolutions or other motions made by members shall be reduced to writing by the member offering the same, on the request of the Chair or any member, and may be referred, at the discretion of the Chair, without debate to a committee for action or report.

ARTICLE V **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1: COMPOSITION - There shall be an Executive Committee to be constituted of the officers of the County Committee, as provided for in ARTICLE II hereof, who shall be the respective officers of the Executive Committee, the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman duly elected in each Assembly District of the County, the Chair of each Constituted City and Town Committee and certain additional members as follows: one from each city or town in which the last official Democratic Enrollment exceeds seven hundred fifty (750) and additional one for each additional five hundred (500) enrolled Democrats therein, such members of the Executive Committee to be selected by the Town or City Chair. Any changes in the number of additional members because of changes in enrollment shall become effective on the first day of April in each year. By April 15, the Secretary of the County Committee shall inform each Town or City Chair of their new allotment.

All executive Committee members shall be a member of the County Committee representing a district in that Town or City. The Officers of the County Committee shall be and also serve as the officers of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: - Any Democratic member of the Orange County Legislature or the Democratic Mayor of any Orange County City, or any

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Democratic Town Supervisor shall receive notice and may attend and participate in meetings of the Executive Committee, but shall not have the right to vote thereat unless duly appointed as a member of the Executive Committee from a Town or City.

SECTION 3: ATTENDANCE - The Democratic Party in Orange County can only operate effectively if all the committeepersons in all the committees are kept in touch with the County organization; therefore, any member of the Executive Committee, other than a County Committee officer, State Committee member, Town or City Chair who shall be absent from three consecutive regular meetings may be removed by the officers of the Executive Committee and the position declared vacant. The respective Town or City Committee Chair whom the removed member represented may then fill the vacancy.

SECTION 4: FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS - The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the County Chair upon such times and form of notice, and at such time and place, as he shall designate. In the event that there has been no Executive Committee meeting for more than 60 days, the Chair must call a meeting of the Executive Committee on the written request of a percentage of members which would constitute a quorum for conducting regular business thereof, at such time and place and for such purpose as specified in the request.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT OF MEETINGS - The provisions of ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4, shall apply to meetings of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 6: POWERS - Where not inconsistent with the Election Law of the State of New York and the Rules of the State Democratic Committee, the Executive Committee shall at all times when the full County Committee is not actually in session have such powers and possess and exercise all the rights, privileges, powers and duties which the County Committee may have, possess and exercise, not inconsistent with these rules.

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ARTICLE VI

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1: STANDING COMMITTEES - The Chair of the County Committee shall appoint the following standing committees and designate the respective Chair thereof:

- a. Fund Raising Committee - A committee which shall have the responsibility for raising funds for the County Committee.
- b. Law Committee - A committee to help recruit lawyers to become involved in Democratic political affairs.
- c. Campaign Committee - A committee which shall have responsibility on a year-round basis for the planning, organization and conduct of County election campaigns and shall assist local committees in their election campaigns. Upon request, the committee shall evaluate candidacy, and based upon the results of said evaluation, make recommendations for financial support to the Executive Committee.
- d. Committee on Legislation - A Committee which shall prepare and issue written reports and statements concerning proposed or pending legislation with respect to county government.
- e. Committee on Platforms - A Committee which, in years where there is a county-wide election, shall prepare, consider and report on all platform proposals.
- f. Resolutions - When a proposed resolution requires study, the Chair shall appoint a special committee for this purpose.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL COMMITTEES - The Chair shall have power to appoint from time to time such Special Committees as may be necessary or appropriate. Each Special Committee shall have such powers and duties as shall be specified by the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE VII

ENDORSEMENTS, NOMINATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION OF CANDIDATES

SECTION 1: AUTHORITY - Endorsements and nominations by the County Committee shall be made at a full County Committee meeting.

At a full County Committee meeting, the County Committee may endorse for County-wide offices, County Legislature, Assembly, State Senate and Congress.

The County Committee may also endorse for State Committee and Delegates and Alternates for Judicial Conventions which are currently elected from Assembly Districts. Only those members of the Committee representing an election district within an Assembly District may vote to endorse candidates within that particular Assembly District.

SECTION 2: PLACE AND CALL - In lieu of a full County Committee meeting, the County Chair may call a meeting of those committee members in an Assembly, State Senate, Congressional or County Legislative District for purposes of endorsing or nominating a candidate in a particular district.

Ward District Meetings shall normally be a part of the meeting of entire Committee of the City or Town in which the ward is located and a proper call to any such City or Town meeting shall be deemed to include a call to a meeting of the Ward Committee.

In the event that less than a majority of the possible Committee members in a Ward is filled, then the endorsement and nomination of candidates who run only in that Ward shall be made by the entire Committee of the City or Town in which the Ward is located.

Village District Meetings shall normally be called separately to endorse or nominate. Said meeting shall be called by the Town Chair in which the Village is located or by the County Chair if there is no Town Chair or if the Town Chair fails to act.

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SECTION 3: VOTING - The entire County Committee is eligible to vote to endorse or nominate candidates for County-wide offices. Only those members of the Committee representing an election district within an Assembly, State Senate, Congressional or County Legislative District may vote to endorse candidates within the particular District.

SECTION 4: NON-PARTY CANDIDATES - An authorization of a non-Party candidate pursuant to Section 6-120 of the New York State Election Law may be made by a vote of the entire committee or Executive Committee for County-wide candidates, or by a vote of the committee members in a Town, City or Village if a candidate in a Town, City or Village is affected, or by a vote of the committee members in an Assembly, State Senate, Congressional or County Legislative District if such a District candidate is affected.

In cases where a Town, City or Village Committee is not constituted as herein defined, an authorization pursuant to Section 6-120 may be made by a vote of the County Chair, First Vice-Chair and Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII

CITY, TOWN, AND VILLAGE COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: COMPOSITION - There may be a City, Town or Village Committee in each of the Cities, Towns and Villages of the County. The members of the County Committee who represent districts in each City, Town, or Village shall comprise the respective City, Town or Village Committees thereof. The respective City, Town or Village Committees may designate any enrolled member of the Democratic Party residing in the respective City, Town or Village as an Associate Committee member with such powers as their own rules shall provide, provided that no Associate Member shall be entitled to a vote at a County Committee meeting or City, Town or Village Committee meeting.

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SECTION 2: CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE - In order to encourage participation and viable local committees, a City or Town Committee shall be deemed Constituted only when more than one-quarter (1/4, or 25%) of the possible Committee member positions are filled. Upon reaching the threshold of being constituted, that Town and City Committee, shall organize and shall have the right to appoint members to the Executive Committee and participate in the Executive Committee meetings. Should a City or Town Committee not be Constituted, the Chair of the County Committee may appoint members to that City or Town Committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Any duly elected committee member of such non-Constituted committee may address the Executive Committee with respect to proposed appointments.

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - (a) Each City and Town Committee, which is constituted, shall meet not later than the twentieth (20th) day after such Primary Election at which Committee members are elected, and organize by the election of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms, who shall hold office until the election of their successor. Such officers need not be members of the County Committee.

The City or Town committee may decide to combine one or more of the enumerated officers or elect additional officers as that committee shall determine.

The Chair of the outgoing committee shall designate the time, date and place of said organizational meeting. If the said Chair shall fail to designate the time and place of such meeting within fifteen (15) days after said primary election, then any other officer of the outgoing committee may designate the time, date and place of such meeting. If no officer of the outgoing committee shall call and give notice of the meeting, then the County Chair shall do so.

(b) The retiring Chair, or, in his absence or failure to attend, any Officer of the County Committee, shall call such meeting to order and the members shall, by a majority vote, select a temporary Chair and a temporary Secretary to conduct such meeting until the election of the new officers. A majority of said members shall constitute a quorum.

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(c) Elections in Town, City or Village committees shall be as follows: Weighted voting, as specified in Article IV, Section 3, pursuant to New York State Election law shall be utilized for any endorsement, nomination, or election. All other issues shall be decided by open voting by the members present, without regard to weight.

(d) The presiding Officer and Secretary of such meeting shall, within five (5) days thereafter, execute a Certificate of Election of such Officers upon forms to be provided by and filed with the Secretary of the County Committee.

SECTION 4: TERM OF OFFICE - The officers of the Town or City Committee shall hold office for two (2) years, and are eligible for reelection. In the event of a vacancy being created by the death, disability, resignation, or removal of a Town or City Committee officer, the remaining members shall within thirty (30) days elect a successor by majority vote, as specified in Section 3(c) above,. and certify the election by the same procedure as provided in Section 3(d) of this Article.

SECTION 5: REGULAR MEETINGS - In addition to the meeting called for in Section 3 of this ARTICLE VIII, each City, Town, or Village Committee shall meet at least once every month.

If a meeting of a town or city committee has not occurred in 60 days or more, any officer of said town or city, or one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$, or 25%) of the elected members of said committee may call a meeting, using the notification method specified in these rules.

Town or City Committee meetings shall be open to the public unless closed by a vote of Committee members then in attendance.

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SECTION 6: LOCAL RULES - City and Town Committees may adopt rules and regulations, provided however, that such rules and regulations shall only be valid to the extent that they do not conflict with the Rules and Regulations of the Orange County Democratic Committee or with the statutory provisions applicable thereto, and shall not become effective until one month after a certified copy of the said Town or City rules shall have been filed with the Secretary of the County Committee without having been disapproved by vote of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 7: ENDORSEMENT AND NOMINATIONS - Candidates for City, Town and Village offices shall continue to be designated or nominated in the same manner as the County Committee.

SECTION 8: PLACE AND CALL - Notification of time and place of meetings for which the purpose is to endorse or nominate candidates or elect officers shall be in a manner consistent with that used for County endorsement meetings as provided in Article IV, Section 2 of these Rules.

SECTION 9: VOTING - For election of City and Town officers and nomination and endorsement of candidates, voting shall be by weighted voting pursuant to Section 2-104 of the Election Law of the State of New York. The normal method of voting shall be 'viva voce' (word of mouth), but a roll call may at any time be ordered by the chair or had on demand of one-tenth (1/10) of the members present.

Representatives of each candidate who is running for a position to be voted upon may view the collection of proxies and recording and tallying of votes.

For all other purposes, each committee member shall have one vote. This shall apply only to meetings of City, Town and Village Committee meetings.

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ARTICLE IX
FUNDS AND BORROWING

SECTION 1: FUNDS - The funds of the County Committee shall be deposited from time to time in such financial institutions authorized to do business in the State of New York as may be determined by resolution of the County Committee or the Executive Committee, or by the certification of the Chair and Treasurer of the County Committee, and all withdrawals from any such bank accounts shall be by check or draft signed by two of the following officers, the Chair, the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 2: APPROPRIATIONS - Other than day-to-day expenditures necessary to run the County Committee, any resolution seeking expenditure of funds shall be of no force and effect without having been reviewed and recommended by the appropriate Committee.

Any expenditure in support of a campaign upon the recommendation of the Campaign Committee shall either be in the form of direct payments to suppliers or vendors, or upon presentation of previous incurred and approved expenses, reimbursement thereof, unless otherwise specifically approved by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3: BORROWING - The Chair and the Treasurer, jointly, are authorized and empowered to borrow from any financial institution authorized to do business in the State of New York, or from any partnership or individual from time to time, as in their judgment may be deemed appropriate or necessary to the business and affairs of the County Committee up to two thousand dollars (\$2000) in aggregate. All borrowing exceeding \$2000 shall require prior approval of the Executive Committee. Any such borrowing shall be evidenced by the promissory note or notes or other written evidence of indebtedness and obligation of the County Committee, signed by the Chair and Treasurer. Monies so borrowed by

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the Chair and Treasurer, jointly, shall be deposited in the name of the County Committee.

ARTICLE X

REMOVAL OF A DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEMBER OR OFFICER

Removal of a committee member or officer shall be governed by New York State Election Law Section 2-116 or such other applicable law.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS – ADDITIONAL RULES – MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1 - Any and all party rules governing the County Committee heretofore adopted or existing and any and all party rules governing any City or Town Committee heretofore adopted or existing and in conflict with these rules are hereby repealed and annulled.

SECTION 2 - These rules may be amended as provided by Section 2-114(2) of the Election Law of New York State or such other applicable law.

SECTION 3 - The Executive Committee shall have authority to make additional rules, not in conflict with the law or with these rules, for all party committees, including rules for the designation and/or nomination of candidates for City, Town or Village Office.

SECTION 4 - These rules shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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