

RULES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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The Democratic Committee of the County of Westchester, under the authority of the Law of the State of New York, adopts the following Rules for organization and government of the Democratic Party of the County of Westchester.

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Membership of the Democratic Party within the County of Westchester shall be all persons residing in the County of Westchester and duly registered and enrolled in the Democratic Party.

Section 2. There shall be representative bodies as follows:

- a. A committee to be known as the Democratic Committee of the County of Westchester (the "County Committee", also known as "Westchester County Democratic Committee" and "WCDC").
- b. A municipal committee for each political unit of Westchester County, i.e., city, town or village.
- c. Each municipal committee may provide for committees of its political units such as wards.

Section 3. The County Committee shall have general authority over the Democratic organization of the County of Westchester, subject to the provisions of the Election Law, New York State Democratic Committee Rules and these Rules and shall have power to decide all questions relating to party administration in the County of Westchester or in any political unit of the County of Westchester.

Section 4 The municipal committee in each of the political units of the county of Westchester shall have organizational responsibility for the Democratic Party within its political unit, subject to the authority of the County Committee.

Section 5. These Rules shall be interpreted consistent with the Election Law.

Section 6. The County Committee meetings shall be open to all Westchester residents duly enrolled in the Democratic Party.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The County Committee shall consist of those persons duly elected from the Election Districts of the County of Westchester.

Section 2. Vacancies in the membership of the County Committee shall be filled by the selection of an enrolled voter of the Democratic Party qualified for election to the County Committee under the Election Law. The vacancy is to be filled by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a special or regular meeting of the committee for the political unit where the vacancy exists.

Section 3. A vacancy within a municipal Democratic committee shall be filled in accordance with the rules of such committee and these Rules.

Section 4. If no committee exists in a particular town or city, the Executive Committee of the County Committee (the "Executive Committee") may fill up to 50% of the vacancies by the selection of enrolled voters from such particular town or City of the Democratic Party qualified for election to the County Committee under the Election Law.

Section 5. A member of the County Committee may be removed by the County Committee as permitted under and in the manner provided by the Election Law and in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the County Committee.

Section 6. No person who is selected to fill a vacancy in the membership of the County Committee shall be entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any regular or special meeting of the County Committee or any mini convention or other County Committee panel unless notice of the existence of such vacancy and of the selection of a person to fill such vacancy is filed with the Secretary or Assistant Secretary or provided by electronic means at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting or mini convention. The Chair may promulgate standard forms of notice to be utilized for this purpose, but any other form of written notice will suffice. Notice may be transmitted by mail but shall not be deemed filed unless and until received at the County Committee Headquarters. This provision

shall not apply to vacancies filled between the time of the primary election and the County Organization Meeting.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the County Committee shall be elected at the Organization Meeting. The officers shall hold office until a new committee is elected and organized and their successors are chosen. The officers of the County Committee shall be: Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, twelve (12) Vice Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary. No more than sixty percent of the Vice Chairs shall identify as the same gender. Officers of the County Committee need not be members of the County Committee, but each officer must be an enrolled voter of the Democratic Party qualified for election to the County Committee under the Election Law.

Section 2. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all special and standing committees, unless otherwise provided by these Rules. Subject to other provisions in these Rules, the Chair shall determine the date and time of, and establish the agenda for, all meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee; shall appoint the chairs of standing committees and such ad hoc committees as the Chair shall establish; speak on behalf of the County Committee and/or the Executive Committee on matters of public concern; authorize the payment of ordinary and necessary expenses; execute legally binding agreements authorized by the Executive Committee; such powers that are necessary to direct the programs, policies, and activities of the County Committee and perform any other duties as may be prescribed by the County Committee or by the Executive Committee, or by these Rules.

Section 3. The First Vice Chair, or, in the absence of the First Vice Chair, the Second Vice Chair, shall preside at meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee and shall perform all the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair, except as herein provided, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the County Committee or the Executive Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the First Vice Chair shall call a meeting of the County Committee in accordance with Section 8 of this Article and shall serve as Chair until a new chair is elected. In the event of a vacancy in the office of First Vice Chair, the Second Vice Chair shall fill the office of First Vice Chair. In the event of vacancies in the offices of both First and Second Vice Chair, the remaining Vice Chairs shall fill the office of First Vice Chair based on the alphabetic order of the Vice Chairs' last names.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep full and accurate minutes of all proceedings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee and shall prepare a roll of the members, including e-mails, phone numbers and weighted vote thereof. The Secretary shall notify all members of the time and place of all meetings, and shall prepare and distribute all notices, statements and resolutions that are required by these Rules which, except with respect to Organization Meeting, may be transmitted by e-mail to the extent that the Secretary has e-mail addresses for such members that the Secretary believes to be current. The Chairs of all Town and City Committees shall make their best efforts to provide to the Secretary telephone, e-mail and other electronic

contact information, as well as up-to-date mailing addresses, for all members of the County Committee within their respective jurisdictions. In addition, the Secretary shall perform such other duties ordinarily performed by the secretary of a political committee and such other duties pertaining to his/her office as may be assigned by the Chair. The Secretary shall provide at least 7 days' notice of all meetings of the Executive Committee (other than an emergency meeting) and of the agenda thereof.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall keep detailed accounts of all monies or other property received and of all expenditures made or property disposed of by the County Committee and shall perform the duties ordinarily performed by the treasurer of a political committee and such other duties pertaining to his/her office as may be assigned by the Chair by the County Committee or the Executive Committee, or by these Rules. The Treasurer shall file all campaign finance reports for the County Committee as required by law. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report to the Executive Committee quarterly or as required by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall serve as the chief financial officer and shall be responsible for issuing payments on behalf of the County Committee.

Section 6. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in the performance of the duties of the Secretary and, in the event of a vacancy, serve in the place of the Secretary until the vacancy is filled.

Section 7. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in the performance of the duties of the Treasurer and, in the event of a vacancy, serve in the place of the Treasurer until the vacancy is filled.

Section 8. Chair Vacancy.

A. A vacancy in the office of Chair shall be filled by a majority weighted vote of the County Committee.

B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, if no regular meeting of the County Committee is scheduled to take place within ninety (90) days after the occurrence of the vacancy, a meeting of the County Committee shall be called to fill the vacancy. If a vacancy exists at the time that a regular or special meeting of the County Committee is conducted, then such vacancy shall be filled at such meeting, and the purpose of such meeting shall be deemed to include the filling of such vacancy, provided that the vacancy existed at least thirty days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 9. Officer Vacancy. In the case of a vacancy in any office of the County Committee, except Chair, such vacancy may be filled by the Executive Committee. The vacant office shall be filled by a majority weighted vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee. The filling of the vacancy must be included in the meeting notice.

Section 10. Executive Director.

A. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the

Executive Committee

B. The Executive Director shall assist the Chair in the performance of the Chair's duties and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair, Executive Committee or County Committee. The Executive Director shall supervise the administration and activities of all standing committees and other committees appointed by the Chair, except the Law Committee, and shall be a member ex-officio of all such committees, except the Law Committee.

Section 11. The County Chair may appoint a Director of Operations who shall direct the day-to-day operations of the County Committee and its office, and other employees, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee, any of whom may be salaried employees of the County Committee. Any salary must be approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee which shall be composed of the elected officers of the County Committee, Executive Director, the State Committee Members from each Assembly District within the County, the Chair of each city and town committee, a designated representative who is eligible to be an officer of the County Committee from each of the following: Westchester Young Democrats, Hispanic Democrats of Westchester, Black Democrats of Westchester, Women Democrats of Westchester, Westchester Asian American Democrats and Hudson Valley Stonewall Democrats, residents of Westchester County presently serving on the Executive Committee of the New York State Democratic Party, and all former County Chairs residing within the County. For the purpose of this Article, "former County Chairs" shall be defined as any individual who has been Chair of the Westchester County Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall possess and exercise at all times when the County Committee is not in session, all the rights, privileges, powers and duties of the County Committee, except as otherwise provided in these Rules.

Section 3. Executive Committee Voting.

A. For all votes to endorse or nominate candidates for public office and to fill party positions, voting shall be weighted. To determine the weighted vote of each member of the Executive Committee, following system shall be employed

B. For all votes to designate candidates for public office and to fill party positions, voting shall be weighted. To determine the weighted vote of each member of the Executive Committee, the following system shall be employed.

(i) The weighted vote for each city and town (a "municipality") shall be equal to that municipality's percentage of the overall Westchester County vote, cast on

the Democratic line in the last preceding election of Governor of New York State.

(ii) The weighted vote shall be recalculated after each gubernatorial election and shall be effective for any vote taken after the date on which the gubernatorial term commences.

(iii) For purposes of these by-laws, an Executive Committee member "resides" at his/ her address as reflected in the records of the Board of Elections.

(iv) If only one Executive Committee member resides in a municipality, that member shall be allocated the municipality's entire weighted vote.

(v) If more than one member of the Executive Committee resides in a municipality, the members of the Executive Committee who reside in each municipality shall participate in the weighted vote allocated to that municipality, and each member's portion shall be determined as set forth below.

(vi) Each municipal committee chair may assign equal or unequal percentages of the weighted votes to the members of the Executive Committee who reside within the municipality, but a municipal chair may not allocate more than 50% of the weighted vote to the position of municipal chair. The chair of a municipal committee must provide a written designation of the allocation of the vote among Executive Committee members residing in his/ her municipality within ten (10) days after the Chair requests the same in writing, or at the first Executive Committee meeting in the new year after the County Committee's re-organization meeting, whichever is last to occur, and this allocation shall be effective until the next re-organization meeting unless a change is required due to a change in the composition of the Executive Committee. If a municipal chair fails to provide a written designation of the allocation of the vote among Executive Committee members residing in his/ her municipality within the time frames set forth above, the vote shall be allocated 50% to such municipal chair and the balance shall be split evenly among Executive Committee members residing in his/ her municipality, except that if no Executive Committee members reside in such municipality, the entire vote shall be allocated to the municipal chair.

(vii) Other than as set forth in Section 5, only an Executive Committee member present in person is allowed to cast a vote at an Executive Committee meeting; if an Executive Committee member is not in attendance at a meeting, that member's allocated share of the weighted vote shall be re-allocated to the chair of the municipality, if present, or, if the chair (and vice chair) is not present, equally to the remaining Executive Committee members from the absent member's municipality. Accordingly, if any members residing in a municipality are present, the municipality's entire weighted vote will be allocated to them. If no members are present who reside in a particular municipality, no portion of the municipality's weighted vote shall be cast.

(viii) An Executive Committee member may not split the vote allocated to

him/her.

C. For all other votes, each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote, notwithstanding the number of positions they hold, except that, if a City or Town committee has co-chairs, each co-chair has half a vote if they are both present, and if only one is present that co-chair has one vote.

Section 4. Twenty (20) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Proxies shall not be permitted at meetings of the Executive Committee. If a chair of a City or Town committee is absent, the first vice chair of the City or Town may cast the vote of the City or Town Chair. If a City or Town committee has co-chairs and one co-chair is absent, the co-chair present may cast the weighted vote of the absent co-chair of the City or Town. The first vice chair shall be deemed to be the highest-ranking vice chair of a particular City or Town committee, or the named officer authorized in the City or Town committee rules to represent the chair at the County Executive Committee, or in the absence any of the foregoing, the vice chair designated by the City or Town chair.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

Section 1. the Chair of the County Committee shall appoint the Chair and members of the following Standing Committees:

- A. Law Committee
 - i. The Chair of this Committee shall serve as the Parliamentarian of the Executive Committee and the Westchester County Democratic Committee, in the absence of a Parliamentarian being named by the Chair.
- B. Finance and Fundraising Committee
 - i. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall serve as ex-officio members of this committee
- C. Voter Outreach Committee
- D. Municipal Education and Support Committee
- E. Platform Committee
- F. Judicial Screening Committee
 - i. The Judicial Screening Committee shall review the qualifications of candidates for countywide judicial offices and for Supreme Court from the Ninth Judicial District and report on its findings at least 30 days in advance of a scheduled endorsement vote by the County Committee or the Executive Committee, or, with respect to candidates for Supreme Court, at least 30 days in advance of the scheduled date of a Ninth Judicial District Convention.
- G. Rules Committee
- H. Communications Committee
- I. Technology Support Committee

J. Ethics Committee

Section 2. The Chair shall appoint such other Committees as may be deemed necessary for the proper conduct of party affairs.

ARTICLE VI
MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. Each municipal committee shall consist of the members of the County Committee from the Election Districts within the political unit.

Section 2. Each municipal committee may add additional members for its own local purposes. Such additional members are not members of the County Committee.

Section 3. Organization Meetings.

- A. Each of the municipal committees shall meet after the primary in which County Committee members are elected but no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Organization Meeting at which members of the County Committee who were elected in the primary that year shall organize and elect its officers.
- B. The Organization Meeting of each municipal committee shall be called by the Chair of the outgoing municipal committee, or in the event of the Chair's inability or refusal to act, the meeting shall be called by the highest-ranking Vice Chair or other officer of the outgoing municipal committee able or willing to act.
- C. Notice of the time and place of said meeting shall be provided to all candidates for the position of member of the County Committee in such municipality if provided before the primary, or to each member duly elected if provided after the primary, at least ten (10) days prior to the holding of the meeting.
- D. At its Organization Meeting, each municipal committee shall elect by a majority vote, a Chair or Co-Chairs, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and other officers, including Vice Chairs, as the municipal committee's rules may provide. The officers shall hold office until a new municipal committee is elected and organized and their successors are installed. The officers shall perform the duties ordinarily performed by a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, and such additional duties as may be prescribed by the municipal committee of which they are officers.
- E. The following business shall be included at the Organization Meeting:
 - Calling of roll
 - Election of officers
 - Filling of vacancies
 - New Business

Section 4. Each municipal committee shall adopt rules for its governance. Such rules must not be inconsistent with these Rules.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

Section 1. Organization Meeting.

A. The County Committee shall meet during the period prescribed by the Election Law following the primary in which County Committee members are elected. This shall be known as the Organization Meeting. Until such Organization Meeting, the existing County Committee shall exercise all the legal authority of a duly constituted county committee. This shall be known as the Organization Meeting. Until such Organization Meeting, the existing County Committee shall exercise all the legal authority of a duly constituted county committee. Upon the commencement of such Organization Meeting, the new County Committee shall assume all legal authority vested in the previous County Committee. The Organizational Meeting shall be called by the Chair of the outgoing County Committee. Notice of the Organization Meeting must be sent by U.S. Mail at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the Organization Meeting in the year in which County Committee members are elected. If the outgoing Chair fails to set a date for the Organization Meeting at least thirty days prior to the last day to hold such Organization Meeting, as prescribed by the Election Law, the First Vice Chair or Second Vice Chair shall forthwith schedule the Organization Meeting and cause appropriate notices to be mailed.

B. At the Organization Meeting of the County Committee, the Chair of the outgoing County Committee, or alternatively, following the order of succession for the position of Chair set forth in these Rules of the outgoing County Committee, shall preside until the Chair of the new County Committee is elected. The following shall be the Order of business at the Organization Meeting:

- i. Calling of the roll
- ii. Election of officers
- iii. New business

C. Members of the County Committee shall be elected biennially in even numbered years. Members of the County Committee shall hold office until the completion of certification of the election of County Committee members.

Section 2. Regular Meetings.

A. The Chair shall call the meetings of the County Committee.

B. Notices of the time and place of meetings must be provided to each member at least

twenty (20) days before such meeting.

C. Meetings of the County Committee shall be held in person, except that, during a time of emergency, such as a public-health emergency, extreme and dangerous inclement weather or civil insurrection within Westchester County, or as otherwise provided by law, meetings may be held remotely via videoconferencing technology. In-person meetings may be live-streamed for viewing remotely.

D. The standard order of business shall be:

- i. Roll Call
- ii. Minutes
- iii. Reports
- iv. Old Business
- v. New Business

Section 3. Special Meetings.

A. Special Meeting of the County Committee must be called by the Chair or the Secretary upon written request of at least one hundred sixty (160) members of the County Committee and such meeting shall be held on the date designated in such written request provided ten (10) days exist to prepare and provide the notice to the membership of the County Committee. If the designated date on the written request is not feasible, the next reasonable date thereafter shall be the date of the Special Meeting, but in no event shall it be more than ten (10) days after the date designated.

B. Notice of the time and place of a Special Meeting must be provided to each member at least seven (7) days before such meeting.

C. The written request shall set forth the purpose of the Special Meeting.

D. The purpose of the Special Meeting as stated in the written request shall be set forth in the notice of the meeting sent to each member of the County Committee and no other business shall be transacted at the Special Meeting.

E. Special Meetings of the County Committee shall be held in person, except that, during a time of emergency, such as a public-health emergency, extreme and dangerous inclement weather or civil insurrection within Westchester County, or as otherwise provided by law, meetings may be held remotely via videoconferencing technology. In-person meetings may be live-streamed for viewing remotely.

Section 4. Resolutions.

a. There shall be included on the agenda of any Regular Meeting, any item or resolution that shall have been submitted to the Chair or the Secretary, in writing, upon petition of

15 members at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting.

b. Any such resolution, if timely submitted, shall be sent with the notice of the meeting.

Section 5. Fifteen (15%) of the Members of the County Committee, attending in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the County Committee unless otherwise provided herein. Less than a quorum may not conduct any business whatsoever other than to adjourn.

Section 6. Credentials and Proxies.

A. For each meeting, the Chair shall appoint a credentials committee to determine qualifications to vote and the validity of proxies.

B. At all meetings of the County Committee, a member shall be entitled to vote by proxy, provided such proxy is received at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time fixed for the meeting. The proxy must be in substantially the form attached to these Rules. The Chair shall designate the Secretary, or another officer of the County Committee to receive proxies. Original signatures shall not be required.

C. Any duly enrolled Democrat of Westchester County may carry proxies, but no individual may act as a proxy for more than two (2) members.

ARTICLE VIII COUNTY COMMITTEE VOTING PROCEDURES

Section 1. When voting by weighted vote, each County Committee member shall have a weighted vote equal to one half of the votes for the office of Governor cast on the Democratic line in the most recent election for the office of Governor in their respective election districts, if election district lines change, the weighted vote shall be reallocated proportionally, among all districts that share a boundary that was changed, based on active Democratic enrollment on the date of the boundary change.

Section 2. In the event of a contested vote in which more than two candidates are seeking an office, if no candidate receives a majority of the weighted votes cast on a given ballot, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be removed before the next ballot is taken.

Section 3. Weighted Ranked Choice Voting

A. The use of ranked choice weighted voting shall be permitted immediately and may be authorized by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. As of January 1, 2026, ranked

- choice voting shall be required.
- B. The ballot shall give voters the option of ranking candidates in order of preference.
 - C. Races for a single position
 - i. If a candidate receives a majority of the weighted votes cast on a given ballot, that candidate is elected.
 - ii. If no candidate receives a majority of weighted first preference votes, an instant retabulation shall be performed. The instant retabulation shall be conducted in rounds. In each round, each voter's ballot shall count for whichever continuing candidate the voter has ranked highest.
 - iii. The candidate with the fewest votes after each round shall be eliminated until a candidate receives a majority of the weighted vote or only two candidates remain, with the candidate then receiving the greatest number of votes being elected.
 - D. Races for multiple positions. The Chair shall adopt a system of ranked choice voting and additional rules to ensure it upholds the principle of majority rule and accommodates weighted voting.

Section 4. A member or proxy, arriving after the completion of a roll call, shall notify the Secretary of their presence. The Secretary shall enter said member's name or proxy on the roll, provided that balloting shall not have commenced, and the member or proxy shall be eligible to vote on subsequent ballots.

ARTICLE IX ENDORSEMENTS AND NOMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Section 1. The endorsement or nomination of candidates for any elected public office which is countywide shall be made in a manner established by the Executive Committee and in accordance with the Election Law.

Section 2. The nomination of candidates for any elected public office which is entirely within the political unit of a municipal committee shall be made at a meeting of that municipal committee, by a majority of the weighted vote, pursuant to its rules and in accordance with the Election Law.

Section 3. Where permitted by law and the town or village committee has not adopted a rule for a primary, nominations for town or village elective offices shall be made at a party caucus.

Section 4. The endorsement or nomination of candidates for any elected public office which is not countywide or is not limited to a single municipal unit, or endorsement when an office encompasses more than one county, shall be made by a committee consisting of the State Committee Members who represent any portion of the district affected, the municipal committee chairs of the political units which are entirely or partially within the district and all County Executive Committee members who reside within the district affected. Said committee shall be convened by a Chair or Co-Chairs appointed by the County Committee Chair. Voting shall follow the same system as Executive Committee voting detailed in Article IV based on the election districts comprising the district in question. Each member of such committee shall cast one vote,

except that endorsements or nominations shall be made by weighted vote. In voting on any endorsement or nomination, each member of such committee shall cast the same weighted vote as such member is entitled to cast on the Executive Committee, provided that, with respect to a municipal committee Chair or a State Committee Member who represents a municipality or Assembly District that is not entirely within the public-office district in question, such member shall cast a weighted vote that is a percentage of such member's vote on the Executive Committee equal to the percentage of the weighted vote of the municipality or Assembly District represented by such member which was cast within the public-office district for which a nomination or endorsement is being made.

Section 5. Committees established pursuant to Section 4 of this Article are hereby authorized to call "mini conventions" to endorse or nominate candidates for public office and to establish rules for mini conventions. Mini conventions shall be comprised of the County Committee members representing election districts within the public-office district in question. Rules for mini conventions will be consistent with these Rules and applicable provisions of the Election Law.

Section 6. The Executive Committee may, upon notice, endorse any candidate for elected public office. Municipal Committees may, in accordance with their own rules, endorse any candidate for elected public office.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Rules may be amended only by the majority vote of the County Committee at a regular or special meeting duly called pursuant to these Rules, provided however, that a copy of the proposed amendment, together with notice of the meeting of the County Committee at which it is to be voted upon, shall have been provided to each member of the County Committee not less than ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. All matters of procedure not covered by these Rules, by resolution adopted by the County Committee, shall be governed by the most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Section 2. These Rules shall become effective immediately upon their adoption.

Section 3. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, article or part thereof of these Rules shall be held to be invalid by a court, such holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, article or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 4. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, where notice is required, providing notice by electronic means is sufficient to satisfy the notice requirement. Any person entitled to notice who would prefer to receive such notice by U.S. Mail shall contact the Secretary of the County Committee to request it and such notice shall be provided accordingly. Failure to provide an electronic means of notification shall be deemed a request to receive notice by U.S. Mail.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall adopt an Ethics Code and may adopt such other standards, policies and guidelines applicable to and binding upon members of the County Committee in their official capacity. The Ethics Code and all such standards, policies and guidelines may be enforced as provided in such standards, policies and guidelines as permitted under applicable law.

Section 6. Subject to the more specific provisions of these Rules, all voting shall be conducted by the procedures adopted by the Chair in consultation with the Secretary of the Committee. The use of electronic voting systems shall be permitted.

Section 7. Whenever the Chair or a majority of the Executive Committee determines in good faith that, due to an emergency, such as a public-health emergency, extreme and dangerous inclement weather or civil insurrection within Westchester County, it is necessary, in order to enable the County Committee to make a timely endorsement or nomination for countywide office, any requirements of these Rules as to the number of days' notice required to call a meeting of the County Committee or the Executive Committee may be dispensed with, and the Chair and the Secretary, with the assistance of the Municipal Chairs, shall make diligent and reasonable efforts to provide actual notice of the meeting as soon as practicable to every member of the County Committee or the Executive Committee, as applicable.

Section 8. Notwithstanding Section 2 of this Article, the following amendments, as adopted in September 21, 2022 shall take effect as follows: (A) Second Vice Chair shall become a vacancy eligible to be filled on April 1, 2022; (B) Executive Director shall remain an elected officer until the end of the term in 2022 or the office is vacant, whichever occurs first; (C) Chief of Staff shall remain an elected officer until the end of the current term in 2022 or the office is vacant, whichever occurs first; (D) The Judicial Screening Committee shall begin screening candidates for election to judicial office as provided in Article V, section 1, paragraph F, subparagraph i. in 2022; (E) sections 5 and 6 of Article VII shall take effect 24 hours after their adoption; (F) voting procedure changes adopted in Article VIII shall take effect 24 hours after their adoption; (G) the Ethics Code provided for in Article XI, section 5 must be presented for adoption within two hundred seventy (270) days of the adoption of these Rules.

WCDC VOTING PROXY

I, _____ (proxy granter name) _____, a duly elected member of the Democratic Committee, representing the _____ Ward (for the City of Yonkers only) and Election District for the City/Town of _____, do hereby appoint _____ (proxy recipient name) _____, a duly enrolled Democrat, residing at _____, New York, to act and vote as my proxy at the 20__ Westchester County Democratic Committee Meeting (County Convention) to be held at _____ (location) _____ on _____ (date) _____ at _____ PM and to have all privileges and powers I should then be entitled to if present.

Date Executed
Member

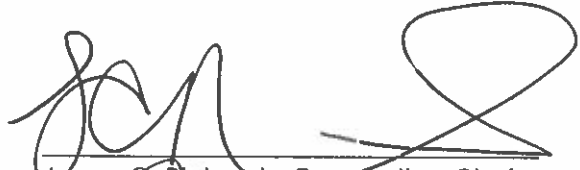
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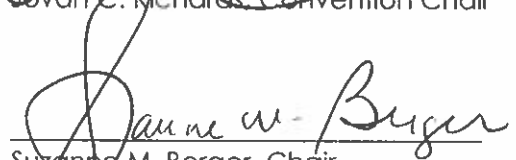
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Member

The Westchester County Democratic Committee, State of New York duly elected by the Democratic voters of the County of Westchester, do, pursuant to the provisions of the laws and statutes, adopt these rules of the Democratic Party of the County of Westchester, State of New York and direct the Chair to republish in its entirety and further direct the Secretary of the convention to Certify and file said document with the Board of Elections, Westchester County, State of New York and the New York State Board of Elections.

These rules were officially adopted.

At a legally held convention of the Westchester County Democratic Committee on the 21st day of September 2022, at which a quorum was present and we the undersigned do hereby certify that these rules have been republished as stated above and have been filed with the Westchester County Board of Elections and the New York State Board of Elections on the 4th day of October 2022.


Jovan C. Richards, Convention Chair


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