



BY-LAWS OF THE 19TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
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PREAMBLE

We, the Democrats of the 19th Legislative District of the State of Washington, to promote common good of the residents of this district and this state through the work of the Democratic Party, do establish these bylaws for the conduct of business of our organization in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the 19th Legislative District Democratic Committee, hereafter referred to as the 19th LDDC.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the 19th LDDC will be to supplement the work of the County Democratic Committees in electing Democrats to the State Legislature, especially in regard to the coordination of the campaign efforts across county lines within the district and to elect State Committee Members to the State Central Committee every two years as established under the State Democratic Party Charter. The 19th LDDC shall also serve as a coordinated force to communicate the Legislative District concerns.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

The members of the 19th LDDC shall be all elected and appointed PCOs who reside within the 19th Legislative District. All interested Democrats, other than PCOs, who pay a membership fee shall also be members and be able to speak and vote, except as specified in ARTICLE IV.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Officers shall be elected by the 19th LDDC at a reorganization meeting coinciding with the first meeting after each general election in even numbered years. Those officers shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and two State Committeepersons, and one at-large member from each county in the district (currently 5). Chairpersons from each County will automatically be members of the Executive Committee. The Chairs can designate a proxy to attend meetings.



The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall, whenever possible, be of the opposite sex. The two State Committeepersons shall be of the opposite sex. Elections of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and two State Committee Members shall be voted on only by elected precinct committee officers. All other offices will be elected by all of the members of the 19th LDDC.

Any vacancies in the offices of the committee shall be filled by appointment of the Chair.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The Chairperson shall direct the duties of the affairs of the organization by: convening and chairing the 19th LDDC Executive Committee and the 19th LDDC meetings, and convening the Legislative District Convention; preparing agenda; approving expenditures within the limits set by the Executive Committee; appointing committees; and being the chief party spokesperson (to the news media, for campaign PR, etc)

The Vice-Chairperson shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, and shall perform such duties as may pertain to that office or as assigned by the Chairperson or the Executive Committee.

The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings of the organization (19th LDDC, Executive Committee, caucuses, etc) and, at the direction of the Chairperson, prepare correspondence, reports, and meeting notices.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping records of receipts and disbursements, preparing balance sheets and financial statements, and reporting financial status to the membership at each 19th LDDC meeting, completing and filing all Public Disclosure Commission reports in accordance with state laws and regulations, making records available for annual audits, and shall maintain and secure all records and official 19th LDDC documents, including lists of voting members, donors, volunteers, inventories of supplies and equipment, etc.

The State Committee Members shall attend all State Central Committee meetings. In the case they can't attend, they will send a proxy. They shall be responsible for presenting any concerns or issues from the 19th LDDC. They shall keep the 19th LDDC informed on those matters presented at the state meetings.



Officers may be removed from office by recall vote. The following actions are considered grounds for recall: abuse of authority to expend funds; failure to convene required meetings; public endorsement with the title of office, of candidates, ballot issues, or controversial public policies NOT duly endorsed by the 19th LDDC; gross misconduct of office.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Executive Committee meetings and General meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairperson or Executive Committee. There shall be at least four (4) Executive Committee meetings each year. These meetings shall be open to all interested in 19th LDDC. Other forms of meetings may be convened to meet this requirement, including meeting by telephone, email, video communication, or other electronic means. The Chairperson or Executive Committee of the 19th LDDC shall determine the precise time and place of the meetings. At least four (4) general meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairperson or the Executive Committee. All effort will be made to distribute meeting locations throughout the district. A quorum shall consist of those present after due notice.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

The members of the committees shall be appointed by the chairperson.

ARTICLE IX - PROCEDURE

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the meetings of the 19th LDDC in all cases applicable and where they are not in conflict with the by-laws of the organization, in which case the by-laws shall apply.

ARTICLE X

Ownership and management of all media, social media, websites, records, etc. shall remain the property of the 19th LDDC, and account usernames, numbers, and passwords shall pass from chair to chair at each reorg meeting.

ARTICLE X - METHOD OF AMENDING

These by-laws may be amended by the membership present by a two-thirds affirmative vote at any regular meeting of the 19th LDDC, provided that the membership is notified of the changes 15 days prior to the vote.