



El Cerrito Democratic Club

Newsletter – August 2022

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1. El Cerrito Democratic Club – General Information

- Endorsement Forum – Saturday, August 20th
- General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, August 23rd
(4th Tuesday of the Month)

The El Cerrito Democratic Club (“ECDC”) provides a forum for area residents to discuss and take action on issues and campaigns of local, national, and international importance. Our general membership meetings are open to all and held on the fourth Tuesday of each month except October and December, when we typically have our annual dinner and holiday party.

This month we will also host a Candidate Forum and Endorsement Meeting on Saturday, August 20th. Registration is required. The Endorsement Forum Zoom link is different than the General Membership Meeting link and will be emailed to you once you register through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrcuiopz0qGtR34shhB2zUYCM8OH9sa8ts>

In light of health and safety concerns around COVID-19, meetings are currently held via Zoom, with the agenda and General Membership Zoom link (<http://tiny.cc/ECDCmemberMtg>) published in each month’s newsletter. The Zoom link is the same each month. If you would like, you may download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to save the monthly ECDC Membership Meetings and Zoom link in your electronic calendar: [ECDC Monthly General Membership Meetings Calendar](#)

We recognize that there is a strong desire to return to “normal,” be in community and once again gather in person. While precaution discourages us from meeting in person, we encourage you to join the Zoom call a few minutes early to mix-and-mingle with fellow ECDC members.

The El Cerrito Democratic Club and its activities are supported by the annual dues of its members. Please see the “Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions” section towards the end of this newsletter for directions on how to join the ECDC or renew your membership.

Officer elections for the El Cerrito Democratic Club occur annually and were last held during the ECDC General Membership Meeting in January. Special thanks to our volunteer officers:

El Cerrito Democratic Club Officers (2022)

- President – Greg Lyman
- Past President – Janet Abelson
- Executive Vice President –
Champagne Brown
- VP Media – Madeline Kronenberg
- VP Membership – Neil Tsutsui
- VP Programs – Carolyn Wysinger
- VP Publications – William Ktsanes
- VP Records – Jonee Grassi
- VP Treasurer – Ed Crowley

The specific duties of officer positions are described in section “VII. Officers” of the Bylaws posted on the ECDC website at <https://ecdclub.org/club-documents/>.

If you’re interested in participating more actively in the ECDC, please consider volunteering with the Club. Tasks and projects arise throughout the year; help is always greatly appreciated.

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications

2. Agenda and Zoom Link for the Candidate Endorsement Meeting – Saturday, August 20th

There are 19 offices on the November 8, 2022 ballot. Most of those offices have a single Democratic candidate running. The El Cerrito Democratic Club endorsed the Democratic candidates for state level races in March 2022.

As we go to print, there are five contested races for which one or more candidates have requested we consider endorsement. There are two contested races where there is only one Democrat candidate in the race. We will conduct a candidate forum on Saturday August 20, 2022. These seven races are indicated in **bold text** (#s 13-19) in the comprehensive list on the next page. The endorsement forum schedule is provided in the following table. **The list of candidates and the timing may change, as we are publishing this before all candidate filing periods have closed.**

Only ECDC members in good standing as of July 10, 2022 are eligible to cast a vote. At our January meeting, we discussed and enacted Standing Rule changes that only members that register for the Candidate Forum will receive ballots. Your vote is very important so please register for this event.

The Candidate Endorsement Forum will be by Zoom. Registration is required. Register in advance for this event through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrcuiopz0qGtR34shhB2zUYCM8OH9sa8ts>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

ECDC Members in Good Standing as of July 10, 2022 and registered for the event will receive a ballot from OpaVote.

All members can watch the interviews as attendees. Your camera and microphone will be muted by the moderator. Please be sure to be in the virtual waiting room several minutes before the races you want to watch.

The individual candidate forums will be recorded and posted to the ECDC website, <http://ecdclub.org>, and you will be able to review the discussions before your vote if you miss the live event.

ECDC is hosting the Endorsement Forum for the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC) for many races. As a result, we will be interviewing candidates for WCCUSD Area 4. These candidates will not be on your OpaVote ballot.

Offices and Candidates for the November 8, 2022 Primary Election

(**Bold** recommended for August 20, 2022 Endorsement Forum = 7 offices)

List of Democratic Candidates

1. *CA Governor*
 - a. *Gavin Newsom – incumbent – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
2. *CA Lieutenant Governor*
 - a. *Eleni Kounalakis – incumbent – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
3. *CA Secretary of State*
 - a. *Shirley Weber – appointed incumbent – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
4. *CA Controller*
 - a. *Malia Cohen – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
5. *CA Treasurer*
 - a. *Fiona Ma - incumbent – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
6. *CA Attorney General*
 - a. *Rob Bonta – appointed incumbent – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
7. *CA Insurance Commissioner*
 - a. *Ricardo Lara – incumbent – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
8. *CA Board of Equalization, District 2*
 - a. *Sally Lieber – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
9. *CA State Superintendent of Public Instruction*
 - a. *Tony Thurmond – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
10. *United States Senator*
 - a. *Alex Padilla - incumbent – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
11. *United States Congress 8th District (shared with Solano County)*
 - a. *John Garamendi – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
12. *State Assembly 14th District (shared with Alameda County)*
 - a. *Buffy Wicks – incumbent – ECDC endorsed in March 2022*
13. **AC Transit District, At Large**
 - a. Alfred Twu
 - b. Joel B. Young – incumbent
14. **East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), Ward 4** (interview will include Ward 3)
 - a. Andy Katz
15. **Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder**
 - a. Kristin Braun Connelly
 - b. Vicki Gordon
16. **Contra Costa County Community College, Ward 1**
 - a. John E. Marquez
17. **Stege Sanitary District** (three seats vacant)
 - a. Dwight E. Merrill – incumbent
 - b. Julia Christian-Smith – incumbent
 - c. Tessa Eve Beach
18. **West Contra Costa Unified School District Area 5** (Interview will include Area 4)
 - a. Leslie Reckler – incumbent
 - b. Patricio Dujan
19. **El Cerrito City Council** (two seats vacant)
 - a. Carolyn Wysinger
 - b. Gabriel “Gabe” Quinto
 - c. Vanessa Warheit

Saturday, August 20, 2022 Interview Times:

Start times may change if there are any delays but will not start earlier. All durations and number of questions are subject to change based on the number of candidates.

For two races, we will interview candidates for Wards and Areas that ECDC is not endorsing.

Times	Office	Format	Candidates
11:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Contra Costa County Clerk	Moderator Introduction (1 min.) 3-minute intro (6 minutes) 90 second response to 5 questions (15 minutes) 3-minute close (6 minutes)	Kristin Braun-Connelly
			Vicki Gordon
11:30 AM to 12:00 PM	EBMUD Ward 4	Moderator Introduction (1 min.) 3-minute intro (3 minutes) 90 second response to 5 questions (15 minutes) 3-minute close (3 minutes)	Andy Katz (Ward 4)
12:00 PM to 12:30 PM – LUNCH			
12:30 PM to 1:00 PM	AC Transit, at large	Moderator Introduction (1 min.) 3-minute intro (6 minutes) 90 second response to 5 questions (15 minutes) 3-minute close (6 minutes)	Alfred Twu
			Joel B. Young
1:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Contra Costa County Community College Ward 1	Moderator Introduction (1 min.) 3-minute intro (3 minutes) 90 second response to 5 questions (8 minutes) 3-minute close (3 minutes)	John E. Marquez
1:30 PM to 2:00 PM	WCCUSD Areas 4 and 5 (ECDC Area 5)	Moderator Introduction (1 min.) 3-minute intro (6 minutes) 90 second response to 5 questions (15 minutes) 3-minute close (6 minutes)	Demitrio Gonzalez Hoy (Area 4)
			Leslie Reckler (Area 5)
			Patricio Dujan (Area 5)
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Stege Sanitary District	Moderator Introduction (1 min.) 3-minute intro (9 minutes) 90 second response to 7 questions (32 minutes) 3-minute close (9 minutes)	Dwight E. Merrill
			Juliet Christian-Smith
			Tessa Eve Beach
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	El Cerrito City Council	Moderator Introduction (1 min.) 3-minute intro (9 minutes) 90 second response to 7 questions (32 minutes) 3-minute close (9 minutes)	Carolyn Wysinger
			Gabe Quinto
			Vanessa Warheit

- Greg Lyman, ECDC President

3. ECDC Embraces Online Voting

Members in Good Standing as of July 10, 2022 **AND** who register for the endorsement forum (attendance not required) will receive a ballot. If we have a valid email address, you will get an email from noreply@opavote.com. This may show up as “OpaVote Voting Link” in your email. Please be sure to check your Junk or Spam folder, as your filter may block this from arriving in your inbox. Inside the email will be a blue button with the word “Vote” in it. It will be a graphic, so you may need to allow images to be loaded in order to see the button.

Our election coordinator will be Scott Lyons and his contact information will be in the automated email from OpaVote and he will trouble shoot any issues.

PLEASE DO NOT FORWARD YOUR OPAVOTE EMAIL.

This ballot is linked to your specific email account and you should use it to vote. After you check off the boxes, you will be asked to review your ballot. When you click on the submit button at the bottom of the ballot, you will get a pop-up screen asking to confirm your vote. If you have your pop-up blocker turned on, this confirmation screen may not show up. Please turn off your pop-up blocker before proceeding with the vote. Once you click on the second submit button, you will not be able to change your vote. **Replacement ballots will not be issued if you accidentally submitted an incomplete ballot.** We have no way of invalidating a ballot that was submitted, even inadvertently.

Members who are the second person at a household and that do not have an email registered with the Vice President of Membership will need to rely on a link to the OpaVote website **AND** a unique code. The link and the code will be sent to the email that is registered with the VP of Membership for their partner at the same address. The email address that receives the website link and code may forward this email to the intended recipient. The voting experience will be similar to the description above. Scott Lyons will be your resource for any issues.

There will be a single ballot for Candidates. This Ballot will be made available for voting on Saturday, August 20, before 6:00 pm. The voting deadline will be 9:00 pm on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. All technical support will end at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 23rd.

Please be sure to vote by the deadline of 9:00 pm on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

The website for OpaVote is <https://www.opavote.com/>. All votes are anonymous. Scott will be able to see if you cast your ballot and will not see how you voted. This is important to assist you with your voting experience.

- Greg Lyman, ECDC President

4. Endorsement Ballot Explained

Members in Good Standing who have registered for the Candidate Forum will have the option of casting a vote in each candidate race. Additionally, a “No Endorsement” option will be available in each race. It is possible to not select any options in each race. The Club will have an official position only if the same options are selected on at least 60% of the ballots cast for a race.

“No Endorsement” Explained. A selection of “No Endorsement” means you want the Club to officially take a position that no candidate deserves the Club’s endorsement. A “No Endorsement” vote is a very powerful statement and should not be used because you have no interest or knowledge about the candidates in a race. A “No Endorsement” vote should be cast when there is a clear reason to cast the vote. If you do not know enough about the candidates to have formed an opinion and you personally do not want your vote to influence the outcome, then **simply leave all options unchecked on that race.** A “No Endorsement” vote is used in the denominator to determine if a candidate reaches the 60% threshold.

Here are a few example calculations:

Favorite Color	Votes	Favorite Day of Week	Votes	Favorite Berry	Votes
Ballots Issued	110	Ballots Issued	110	Ballots Issued	110
Ballots Cast	90	Ballots Cast	80	Ballots Cast	100
Blue	54	Monday	1	Blueberry	37
Blue %	60%	Monday %	1.2%	Blueberry %	37%
Green	0	Wednesday	15	Raspberry	0
Green %	0%	Wednesday %	18.7%	Raspberry %	0%
Gold	46	Friday	41	Strawberry	0
Gold %	51.1%	Friday %	51.2%	Strawberry %	0%
No Endorsement	0	No Endorsement	20	No Endorsement	63
No Endorsement %	0%	No Endorsement %	25%	No Endorsement %	63%
Blue Endorsed		No Result		No Endorsement	
Voter Turnout	81.8%	Voter Turnout	72.7%	Voter Turnout	90.9%

In the Favorite Color race, 20 people decided not to cast a vote (left all choices blank). The denominator for determining if any color received 60% is 90. Blue received 54 of the 90 votes cast and was ‘endorsed’. Although Gold received 46 votes, Gold did not get 60% of the votes cast.

In the Favorite Day of the Week race, 30 people did not like the choices and did not cast a vote. The denominator determining if any day received 60% is 80. Although Friday received the majority of the votes, no day nor No Endorsement received enough votes to reach the 60% threshold. The Club remains silent on Favorite Day of the Week.

In the Favorite Berry race, 10 people decided not to cast a vote. The denominator for determining if any berry received 60% is 100. Blueberry received all of the votes cast for a berry, however, No Endorsement received 63 of the 100 votes cast. The Club position would be

published as “No Endorsement”. In this case, “No Endorsement” would indicate that the Club, based on the information available, does not like the choices, despite the fact that all votes for a berry were for Blueberry.

Here is how our Endorsement would be published:

Favorite Color: Blue Endorsed
Favorite Day of the Week: No Consensus
Favorite Berry: No Endorsement

- Greg Lyman, ECDC President

5. Agenda and Zoom Link for the ECDC General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, August 23rd

Zoom Link to Join the ECDC Meeting: <http://tiny.cc/ECDCmemberMtg>

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87570578180?pwd=MWN0T2hVY0VXeEhubHNoaE9xZGpKUT09>)

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 7057 8180; Passcode: c5fQKR

Dial in by phone: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 408 638 0968

Meeting ID: 875 7057 8180; Phone Passcode: 468602

Please note that the Passcode is different if you dial in by phone rather than join the meeting through the Zoom link above.

Agenda

6:20 pm – Assemble and Mingle

6:30 pm – Call to Order

6:35 pm – Approve Minutes from the July 2022 (**Action Item**)

6:39 pm – Officer Reports: Treasurer, Membership, Programs, Publications, Media, Records

6:45 pm – Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC) Report

6:50 pm – ECDC Diversity Committee Report

7:00 pm – Bylaw Discussion Regarding Hybrid Meetings and Changing the Membership Term
(**Action Item**)

7:50 pm – Good of the Order

** Please send calendar events to the Executive Board in advance of the meeting.*

8:00 pm – Adjourn

- Greg Lyman, ECDC President

6. Minutes from the July 26, 2022 General Membership Meeting

6:20 pm – Assemble and Mingle.

6:37 pm – President Greg Lyman called the meeting to order and recording of the meeting began.

Present on Zoom: Attendees numbered twenty-three at the start of the meeting. Greg declared a quorum.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022, meeting was made by Chris Peeples, seconded by William Ktsanes. Motion passed with two abstentions; no nays.

Officer Reports

Treasurer: Ed Crowley reported \$12,348.33 in the bank account

Membership: Neil Tsutsui reported a total of 175 members.

Programs: Carolyn Wysinger announced that the candidate endorsement forum will be the focus of August (date is Saturday, 8/20/22). Greg suggested that we may have a short business meeting on the fourth Tuesday, August 23. Dr. Hurst, Superintendent of Schools, is slated to be the speaker for the September meeting. Carolyn is working on a guest speaker for the October dinner as well as various restaurant venues.

Publications: William Ktsanes requested that the members keep sending articles for the newsletter. No further updates.

Media: Madeline Kronenberg reported that the current goal is to post reports from the DPCCC.

Records: Jonee Grassi had nothing to report.

DPCCC Report

Champagne Brown reported that the DPCCC worked on endorsements for District 4 and the Clerk/Recorder candidate. DPCCC has issued a “no endorsement” for the Clerk/Recorder position. Chair of DPCCC is requesting that each person volunteer at least one hour of work for the endorsed campaigns. The Chair is Cesar Zepeda and he is stepping down due to a conflict of interest now that he is a candidate for Richmond City Council. DPCCC will have its annual barbecue on September 10th at Concord Community Park. She will get more details to us soon.

Diversity Committee

No report.

Discussion of January 6th Hearings

Joanna Pace requested discussion of the January 6th hearings. She has watched all of the hearings live to date and wants to promote the idea of getting more Republicans watching; or, at least, have dialogue with Republicans about the hearings. Some club members know of Republicans who are watching and have been impressed that many of those testifying are Republicans. According to the PBS Maris poll per Chris Peeples, no minds have been changed by the hearings. Joanna proposed watching the September hearings together and having discussions with Republicans. Members are encouraged to send their ideas to Madeline to post on the ECDC social media site.

Program - Proposition Endorsements

Consent Calendar for Propositions:

The ECDC Board recommended four propositions for the Consent Calendar: Vote YES for Proposition 1 (reproductive freedom); Vote YES for Proposition 31 (flavored tobacco ban); Vote NO for Proposition 27 (sports betting by FanDuel, etc.); and Vote NO on Proposition 29 (dialysis clinic regulations). At members' request, Proposition 29 was pulled from the Consent Calendar to be debated. ACTION: Chris Peeples moved, seconded by Janet Abelson, that the club endorse a "yes" vote on Propositions 1 and 31; and endorse a "no" vote for Proposition 27. The motion carried with twenty-two members in favor of the motion; no nays; one abstention.

Propositions Debated by ECDC:

Proposition 29 (Dialysis Clinic Regulations): This is the third time in the last few years that this type of proposition has been on the ballot. The difference with this proposition is that instead of requiring a medical doctor to be present onsite at these clinics, a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant would be required onsite. According to some club members, this is a fight to unionize the dialysis clinics and is supported by NUHW and SEIU. Some members are tired of voting on this issue and believed there are other ways to unionize. California Democrats are supporting this proposition. ACTION: Chris Peeples moved, seconded by Joey Smith, to support/vote "yes" on Proposition 29. The motion passed with fifteen in favor, six against, four for "no position," and one abstention. The vote met ECDC's rule of needing at least 60% of the vote for an endorsement; it was calculated to be 62% by Greg.

Proposition 26 (Legalizing Sports Betting on American Indian Lands): Champagne Brown presented the "pro" Prop 26 position. She argued that this proposition provides more

regulation of sports betting than Proposition 27; allows it only for federally recognized tribes' casinos; and helps these tribes with health care, income, and cultural preservation. This proposition will generate revenues for State and local governments, thus offsetting costs for law enforcement increases. It is supported by NAACP, District Attorney groups, and California Young Democrats. Greg Lyman presented the opposition. He raised the issue of contributing to gambling addiction in the State. Further, contract cities are concerned about loss of revenue by card rooms and being subject to lawsuits. Michael Nye noted that CADEM is neutral on this Proposition. ACTION: Fourteen members voted for a "yes" position; seven members voted "no"/oppose the proposition; three voted for taking "no position;" no abstentions. The 60% threshold was not reached for any category. ECDC will omit this proposition from its endorsement sheet.

Proposition 28 (Funding of Art and Music for K – 12): Carolyn presented the "pro" Prop 28 position. She argued that this proposition would prioritize creativity and assist in bringing equity by allocating funds to low-income communities, like Richmond, for art and music. Ed argued that these funds would be taken from other programs we need such as homeless services. The proposition does not bring new funds, but the funds get carved out of existing funds. Ed believes the legislature should decide this rather than the voters. Michael Nye reported that both statewide teachers' unions are supporting it. Vanessa Warheit quoted language from the proposition concerning 30% of the funds going to "disadvantaged students". ACTION: Dwight Merrill moved, seconded by Madeline, to support/vote "yes" on Prop 28. Nineteen members voted for "yes"/support position; three members voted "no"/oppose the proposition; four voted for "no position" to be taken. The percentage in favor of supporting it was calculated to be 73%; therefore, the club will endorse a yes position on Prop 28.

Proposition 30 (Tax on Income Greater than \$2 Million for Zero Emissions Vehicles & Wildfire Prevention): Jonee argued for support of this proposition because it has the potential to raise \$3 billion to \$4.5 billion annually to assist low and middle-income families to be able to purchase or lease an electric vehicle. It would also provide a network of affordable charging stations and provide funds for preventing and fighting wildfires. The current budget is insufficient to address these problems. Greg argued against the proposition citing concerns that it is an unfair tax hike that will do harm to our state's economy by driving affluent and mobile Californians out of state. Further, the definition of the programs eligible for the funds is broad and would allow the funds to be used in a wide range of ways. Other club members opposed the proposition because it is primarily funded by LYFT and will help their workers by zero emissions vehicles. Others argued in favor of it because they believe we are behind in addressing climate change, there will be funding for electric transit vehicles, and because transportation is the number one cause of greenhouse gas emissions. Michael Nye reported that CADEM is supporting it. ACTION: Fourteen voted yes/support the proposition; two voted

“no;” six voted for “no position.” The percentage of “yes” votes was 63%. The club will endorse a “yes” vote on Prop 30.

Good of the Order

Jonee encouraged everyone to attend a rally to oppose the privatization of MediCare on July 29th at 11am in front of the San Francisco Federal building. Alfred Twu announced the Alameda County Democrats’ summer picnic Saturday, July 30th, from noon to 5pm at San Felipe Park. Gabe announced that there will be a fundraiser for Alfred Twu as a candidate for AC Transit Board At-large position on August 6th at Los Moles in El Cerrito from 4-6 pm. Joanna Pace invited people to The East Richmond Heights (ERH) Art and Music Festival at the Gyuto Foundation on August 6th from noon to 5pm. Cheryl Sudduth announced several events pertaining to climate change activism: (1) July 28th: Attend a session with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) at 4:30pm at 900 Fallon St., Oakland, to have input on the “Scoping Plan” (the path to eliminating carbon pollution); call President Biden on the 28th to demand he declare a climate emergency and implement the #Climate President Action Plan. (2) August 13th: Join a statewide coalition in Sacramento for a People’s Climate Protest, at noon on the west steps of the Capitol at 1315 10th Street. (3) August 7 & 8: Quest for Democracy is hosting a hybrid (virtual and in person) event to engage legislators in Sacramento to advocate for those impacted by the criminal punishment system. (4) August 27: BOSS is hosting a resource fair at Frank Ogawa Plaza in Oakland from 11am to 3pm. (5) September 18: 27th Annual El Sobrante Stroll from 10am to 4pm. See www.elsobrantechamber.com. Hari reported on the work by the Point Molate Alliance and Sierra Club’s work on Monday evenings to address clean-up at Point Molate. He encourages everyone to focus on the coastal ecosystem enhancements like salt marshes and eel grass beds. The Governor has committed \$36 million for remediation and clean-up at Point Molate. Vanessa described a letter that the Governor sent to CARB which she believes should be getting more press. She will be having a party on August 14th for her candidacy for El Cerrito City Council.

8:37 pm – Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jonee Grassi, VP Records

7. Proposed Bylaw Changes

The Executive Board is requesting two changes to the Bylaws, including 1) changing the date regarding effectiveness for new dues, and 2) introducing meeting formats and rules around meeting formats.

1) The Executive Board proposes to **change** the time period for annual membership from a calendar year to one that starts in October and ends in September. This will allow the dues to be collected in a single fiscal year, will align with current dates for setting membership dues (August). Here is a redline change:

IV. Annual Dues: The members shall determine the amount of the annual dues at the September meeting and shall be at least \$5/year. Dues may be waived by the Executive Board for good cause, such as inability to pay. Annual dues are for the ~~calendar~~ year starting October 1 and ending September 30. Existing members have a grace period to renew by December 31st. ~~Dues must be paid by June 1st.~~ Annual dues paid after August 1st shall cover the remainder of the current membership ~~calendar~~ year and the following membership ~~calendar~~ year.

2) The Executive Board proposes to change the current Paragraph A. Meetings. in Section V. Meetings. by adding the following sentence: The Executive Board shall determine the format of the member meeting (in person, hybrid or electronic). The paragraph would read as follows:

A. Meetings. Members shall meet regularly (member meeting), usually monthly but at least quarterly, at times, dates, and locations to be determined by the membership. The Executive Board shall determine the format of the member meeting (in person, hybrid or electronic). Unless otherwise noticed, meetings shall include discussion of and action upon ECDC business. The January organizational meeting shall include the election of officers and setting of the calendar. Additional meetings may be called by the Executive Board or by a vote of the members at any meeting. Notice of an additional meeting shall be mailed to the members pursuant to Section V.B.1(a) or (b) (Notice), or given at least 72 hours in advance by telephone, electronic mail, or any combination of means.

3) The Executive Board proposes to add new paragraphs to Section V. Meetings. to define the various meeting formats. The new language proposed is:

G. In Person Meetings: In Person member meetings shall be held in handicapped-accessible facilities within El Cerrito when available and fiscally feasible.

H. Hybrid Meetings:

- All hybrid member meetings shall be held in handicapped-accessible facilities within El Cerrito and provide electronic participation equipment (video conferencing) when available and fiscally feasible.
- Members who are not present in person shall have the right to participate electronically (video conferencing) in any regular or special meetings by which all members participating may hear each other during the meeting.
- A member who participates electronically in a member meeting will be deemed present at the meeting and as such, will count towards the quorum requirements for the meeting.

I. Electronic Meetings:

1. Electronic member meetings shall be held on software readily available at reasonable cost to promote the greatest participation.
2. Member meetings may be held solely electronically with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee.
3. A member who participates electronically in a member meeting will be deemed present at the meeting and as such, will count towards the quorum requirements for the meeting.

J. Committee Meetings: Committee meetings may be held electronically and the meeting format shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee Chair.

A redline version is available in “Appendix B - Bylaws with Proposed Redline Changes” at the end of this newsletter.

- Greg Lyman, ECDC President

8. ECDC Wants You!

Time to Step Up and Get Steps!

One of the missions of ECDC is to elect democratic candidates. This means walking literature to El Cerrito houses to inform resident who we support. After the August meetings, ECDC will have endorsed several candidates for the November election, and the rubber needs to hit the road – literally. We have about 75 separate 1-hour walks in El Cerrito. We walk from the third weekend in September to the second weekend in October.

ECDC needs volunteers for this fall’s walking campaign. You can help in one of three ways!

Campaign Coordinator: The Coordinator sets up the walk maps, arranges and manages the literature stuffing and organizes the volunteers on two organized campaign days. This is about a 5 hour a week task between September 1 and October 11. This is completed entirely remotely!

Literature counters/stuffers: These volunteers bundle literature into groups of 10, 20 and 50. This helps the Coordinator to get the right number of flyers into each walk folder. This may be completed at your home - entirely remotely!

Walkers: Get your steps in as you walk around various neighborhoods in El Cerrito. We bundle 50 to 75 households into each walk, over a 6 to 8 block area. Each walk is designed to take about 60 to 90 minutes to walk to the target households. We are looking for 30 to 40 volunteers to each do one to three routes. Of course, you can do more than three walks, however, if you can only do one walk, every little bit helps.

To volunteer, please email Greg Lyman at gblyman@comcast.net.

- Greg Lyman, ECDC President

9. Future Events – *Mark Your Calendar!*

ECDC Endorsement Forum

Run-Off and Local Elections – 11:00 am-5:00 pm, Saturday, August 20th; remote via Zoom; advance registration required through this link:

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ECDC August General Membership Meeting – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, August 23rd (4th Tuesday of the month); primarily to finalize any bylaw changes; remote via Zoom link

<http://tiny.cc/ECDCmemberMtg>

The Tuesday, August 23rd General Membership Meeting will be brief as the ECDC is also hosting a Run-Off and Local Elections Endorsement Forum on Saturday, August 20th.

ECDC September General Membership Meeting – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 27th (4th Tuesday of the month); remote via Zoom link <http://tiny.cc/ECDCmemberMtg>

ECDC Annual Dinner – Tentatively planned for Saturday, October 1st, 8th or 15th; exact time and date to be determined and subject to the availability of potential guest speakers; no General Membership Meeting in October or December

Election Day – Tuesday, November 8th; General Election; Run-Off Races, Local Elections and Ballot Initiatives

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications

10. Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions

We have lots of new members this summer – WELCOME and thanks for joining ECDC!

If you would like to renew, you can do so online at:

<https://ecdclub.org/join/>

Or by mailing a check to:

ECDC Membership
PO Box 192
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Dues are \$5 for students, \$20 for single members, and \$30 for two adults at the same address. Please make checks payable to “El Cerrito Democratic Club” and provide an email address for all individual members. If you have questions, please email Neil Tsutsui at membership.ecdc@gmail.com.

Thank you!

- Neil Tsutsui, VP Membership

11. Call for Newsletter Submissions

The El Cerrito Democratic Club Newsletter is published monthly in advance of the General Membership meetings. ECDC members, friends and supporters are invited to submit articles and announcements regarding local issues and events of interest. Submissions should be emailed to me, William Ktsanes, at wktsanes@gmail.com for review and editing.

- William Ktsanes, VP Publications

12. Link to the ECDC Website and Bylaws

Periodically the Club updates our Bylaws. The bylaws were changed in October 2018 to meet DPCCC requirements; revisions were proposed and adopted during the January 2021 ECDC meeting. The ECDC Bylaws are posted on the ECDC website at <https://ecdclub.org/>.

Appendix A – ECDC Standing Rules on Endorsement Procedures

EL CERRITO DEMOCRATIC CLUB ECDC Standing Rules on Endorsement Procedures

Effective February 28, 2012, revised 11/24/15, 1/26/16, 5/24/16, 7/26/16 and 1/25/22

ECDC may endorse candidates for public office, take positions on ballot issues, and contribute to political campaigns according to the procedures set by the ECDC Bylaws and these ECDC Standing Rules.

A. Definitions. As used in these rules:

1. “Candidate” means a person seeking elected public office.
2. “Candidates’ Forum” means an ECDC sponsored meeting at which 1) Candidates or representatives of Candidates are heard and questioned and/or 2) reports and recommendations are made regarding the election of Candidates.
3. “ECDC member” or “member” means a member in good standing and on the membership roll of ECDC for at least 45 days prior to the endorsement meeting.
4. “Election” is either a “general” or “special” election, in which voters make a final selection of candidates for elected public office and/or determine ballot issues, or a “primary” in which voters determine candidates for the “general” or “special” election.
5. “Endorsement Meeting” means an ECDC sponsored meeting to which members have received notice that ECDC will vote on whether to endorse Candidates or ballot measures. This is held after or concurrent with a Candidates’ Forum.

B. Candidate Endorsements.

1. **Notice:** Members will receive notice of the date, place, and time for a Candidates’ Forum/ Endorsement Meeting, in the ECDC News or otherwise, pursuant to Bylaws Section V.B (Notice). Additionally, ECDC shall provide notice to Candidates registered as Democratic Party Preference of a Candidates’ Forum/ Endorsement Meeting. The notice shall invite the Candidate to provide written material for those attending the Candidates’ Forum/ Endorsement Meeting.
2. **Type of Forum:** The ECDC Executive Board shall conduct an accessible Candidate Forum for contested races with more than one registered Democratic Party Preference Candidate. For non-partisan races, Candidates who are not registered Democrat Party Preference may be heard and questioned. Offices for which a Candidates’ Forum may be held include:
 - a. El Cerrito City Council and West Contra Costa County School Board
 - b. Special districts such as BART Directors, AC Transit Directors, Stege Sanitary District, Kensington Fire Protection District Board, Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board and West Contra Costa County Health Board.
 - c. County offices such as supervisor, county clerk, district attorney, treasurer, auditor, and Democratic Central Committee member.

- d. State offices such as Assembly, Senate, Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Controller, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization.
- e. Federal offices such as House of Representatives, Senator, and President/Vice President.
- f. Judicial offices such as Superior Court, District Appeal Court, and State Supreme Court.

3. ECDC Endorsement: ECDC may endorse a Candidate when:

- a. one day has passed from the deadline for filing a statement of intention, if applicable, and if not applicable, filing for the office, except when the ECDC Executive Board determines that this requirement is impractical under the circumstances;
- b. notice has been provided to Candidates as required by Section B.1 above;
- c. except for Candidates for US President, the Candidate is a registered Democrat Party Preference;
- d. at least 15% of ECDC membership are eligible to vote in the Election for which the Candidate is to be endorsed; and
- e. the endorsed Candidate receives an affirmative vote of at least 60% of the members voting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater.
- f. members must register for the Endorsement Forum to receive an electronic ballot.

The Candidates meeting the requirements of this Section with the greatest number of votes, up to the number of seats to be filled in the election for an office, shall be endorsed. The endorsement of a Candidate in a primary election shall remain in effect for the general or special election, except when the Candidate endorsed in the primary election is not among the top two vote-getters and as a result is not on the ballot (other than as a write-in candidate) for the general or special election.

4. ECDC Endorsement Voting: All members present at the Endorsement Meeting are eligible to vote on all endorsements, and shall have one vote per seat to be filled in each election for an office. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Balloting for offices in which Candidates or representatives of Candidates are heard and questioned shall be by secret ballot. For all other offices, balloting shall be by show of hands or by secret ballot at the discretion of the ECDC Executive Board. Voting for each office shall contain the option of “no endorsement”. A “no endorsement” vote shall be counted in the total of those voting. A ranked choice or instant runoff system shall not be used. For each office, the voting shall consider only registered Democrat Party Preference. The ECDC Executive Board shall determine the process for voting administration, and may select a member or members to serve as judge(s) to monitor the fairness of the voting. Voting may be accomplished using online voting systems and be available to all members.

5. Endorsement Recount:

- a. In-Person Votes: Once the results are announced and prior to adjournment, only a member who voted and is present may request an immediate recount. The appointed judge(s) will perform the recount with candidate(s) or candidate designee(s), the challenger and Executive Board members as witness(es). Upon adjournment of the endorsement forum, the results will be final and cannot be challenged.
- b. On-line Votes: Online voting cannot be challenged.

C. Ballot Issue Positions.

- 1. **Definition:** A “Ballot Issue” means an initiative, referendum, or measure placed before voters for which at least 15% of ECDC membership are eligible to vote in the Election.
- 2. **Notice and Voting:** Members will receive notice of the date, place, and time for a meeting to consider ballot issue positions, in the ECDC News or otherwise, pursuant to Bylaws Section V.B

(Notice). The affirmative vote of at least 60% of the members voting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, is necessary to endorse or disapprove a ballot issue. All members present at the meeting are eligible to vote on all ballot issues brought to a vote. The members present at the meeting may determine not to have a vote on a ballot issue. Before the vote, members shall have a reasonable opportunity to present and hear arguments for and against the ballot issue. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Balloting shall be by show of hands or by secret ballot at the discretion of the ECDC Executive Board. Voting for each ballot issue shall contain the option of “no position”. A “no position” vote shall be counted in the total present and voting. The ECDC Executive Board shall determine the process for voting administration, and may select a member or members to serve as judge(s) to monitor the fairness of the voting.

D. Political Contributions. ECDC may contribute money to a political campaign of a Candidate or Ballot Issue it has endorsed or to the Contra Costa Central Committee when notice has been provided to members of the date, place, and time for a meeting to consider the political contribution, in the ECDC News or otherwise, mailed at least 10 days prior to the meeting. The notice shall specify the amount to be considered and the expected impact of such contribution on the ECDC budget. The affirmative vote of at least 60% of the members present and voting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, is necessary to authorize a political contribution. All members present at the meeting are eligible to vote on a political contribution. Before the vote, members shall have a reasonable opportunity to present and hear arguments for and against the political contribution. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Balloting shall be by show of hands or by secret ballot at the discretion of the ECDC Executive Board. Voting for each political contribution shall contain the option of “no position”. A “no position” vote shall be counted in the total of those voting. The ECDC Executive Board shall determine the process for voting administration, and may select a member or members to serve as judge(s) to monitor the fairness of the voting. Voting may be accomplished using online voting systems and be available to all members.

E. Distribution of Endorsed Candidate and Ballot Measure Literature. ECDC may distribute literature on behalf of endorsed candidates up to a double sided 5.5” by 8.5” card stock piece. ECDC volunteers will not distribute larger pieces of literature.

F. Selection of Delegates to the Pre-Endorsement Caucus of the California Democratic Party. Members shall select the allowed number of delegates, as determined by the California Democratic Party, during the September meeting. The affirmative vote of at least 50% of the members present, physically or virtually, and voting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, is necessary to authorize a delegate. All members present at the meeting are eligible to vote. Before the vote, candidates may speak. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Balloting shall be by show of hands or by an on-line ballot at the discretion of the ECDC Executive Board. The ECDC Executive Board shall determine the process for voting administration, and may select a member or members to serve as judge(s) to monitor the fairness of the voting. Members that are already selected as delegates (i.e. CADEM, appointed or Central Committee) are not eligible candidates to represent ECDC. The ECDC Executive Board shall appoint members to serve any unfilled delegate positions.

Appendix B – ECDC Bylaws with Proposed Redline Changes

EL CERRITO DEMOCRATIC CLUB BYLAWS

Approved 2002 and Amended August 26, 2003, June 24, 2008, June 23, 2015,
November 24, 2015, February 28, 2017, October 20, 2018, ~~and January 26, 2021,~~ and August XX,
2022

I. Name: The name of this organization is the EL CERRITO DEMOCRATIC CLUB (ECDC).

II. Purpose: The ECDC is a political organization for residents of El Cerrito, Kensington, and neighboring communities, chartered by the California Democratic Party, which:

- A. Provides a forum for area residents to discuss and explore issues of local, state, national, and/or international importance.
- B. Provides an opportunity for area residents to participate in a significant way in the election campaign process.
- C. Coordinates the exchange of ideas, plans, and information for the mutual benefit of its members.
- D. May endorse candidates and take positions on legislation and issues of interest to its members.
- E. Acts to promote the public welfare, serve the principles of democracy, oppose unfairness and discrimination, and does this by reason and with justice.

III. Membership: Any person becomes a “member in good standing” (hereafter “member” or “members”) upon verified payment of annual dues and proof of registration in the Democratic Party. ECDC administrative information about members (e.g., name, address, phone number, e-mail address) is confidential except when disclosure would serve or promote ECDC activities or administration. Renewing members are renewed upon payment of annual dues.

IV. Annual Dues: The members shall determine the amount of the annual dues at the August meeting and shall be at least \$5/year. Dues may be waived by the Executive Board for good cause, such as inability to pay. Annual dues are for the ~~calendar-year~~ starting October 1 and ending September 30. Existing members have a grace period to renew by December 31~~Dues must be paid by June 1st.~~ Annual dues paid after August 1st shall cover the remainder of the current calendar-membership year and the following calendar-membership year.

V. Meetings.

- A. **Meetings.** Members shall meet regularly (member meeting), usually monthly but at least quarterly, at times, dates, and locations to be determined by the membership. The Executive Board shall determine the format of the member meeting (in person, hybrid or electronic). Unless otherwise noticed, meetings shall include discussion of and action upon ECDC business. The January organizational meeting shall include the election of officers and setting of the calendar. Additional meetings may be called by the Executive Board or by a vote of the members at any meeting. Notice of an additional meeting shall be mailed to the members pursuant to Section V.B.1(a) or (b) (Notice), or given at least 72 hours in advance by telephone, electronic mail, or any combination of means.
- B. **Notice.** Members have a right to notice and to deliberate on proposed ECDC actions.
 1. *Notice Defined.* Notice exists when the text of a proposed action and its implementation plan is either:
 - a. Mailed or electronically mailed to the members, in the ECDC News or otherwise, at least three (3) days prior to a regularly scheduled member meeting at which action is proposed, or
 - b. presented at a member meeting, informing the members that the members will be asked to act upon the proposal at a subsequent meeting.

2. *Notice Unnecessary.* No notice is required when a proposed action is fairly encompassed by an ECDC action previously taken that is still in effect.
 3. *Waiver of Notice.* Notice of a proposed action may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at a meeting, provided that those voting for the waiver constitute at least a majority of the required quorum for the meeting.
- C. Conduct of Meetings.** The President or his/her designee shall preside at all meetings. Attendance and adequate minutes shall be taken at each meeting. The members shall designate a Rules of Order to guide matters not specifically covered by these Bylaws or standing rules.
- D. Quorum.** Quorum at a meeting consists of five percent of the membership, but not less than 10 members.
- E. Voting.**
1. Only members in good standing (dues paid or waived) may vote.
 2. Any proposal that has been properly presented as specified in Section VI.B.1(a) or (b) (Notice) may be adopted by a simple majority of the members present and voting at the meeting, provided that those voting for the proposal constitute at least a majority of the required quorum for the meeting.
 3. Any proposal for which Notice has been waived as provided by Section VI.B.3 (Waiver) may be adopted by the 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at the meeting, provided that those voting for the proposal constitute at least a majority of the required quorum for the meeting.
 4. Members may not vote by proxy.
- F. Meeting Minutes and Recordings:** Minutes of Executive Board and member meetings shall be Action Minutes summarizing the actions taken. The Secretary may add additional information. Recordings of online meetings shall be for the purposes of completing the minutes and verifying minutes. Recordings will be destroyed once the meeting minutes are adopted.
- G. In Person Meetings:** In Person member meetings shall be held in handicapped-accessible facilities within El Cerrito.
- H. Hybrid Meetings:**
1. All hybrid member meetings shall be held in handicapped-accessible facilities within El Cerrito and provide electronic participation equipment (video conferencing) when available and fiscally feasible.
 2. Members who are not present in person shall have the right to participate electronically (video conferencing) in any regular or special meeting by which all members participating may hear each other during the meeting.
 3. A member who participates electronically in a member meeting will be deemed present at the meeting and as such, will count towards the quorum requirements for the meeting.
- I. Electronic Meetings:**
1. Electronic member meetings shall be held on software a-readily available at reasonable cost to promote the greatest participation.
 2. Member meetings may be held solely electronically with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee.
 3. A member who participates electronically in a member meeting will be deemed present at the meeting and as such, will count towards the quorum requirements for the meeting.
- F.J. Committee Meetings:** Committee meetings may be held electronically and the meeting format shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee Chair.

VI. Newsletter: ECDC shall distribute a newsletter to all members, including hardcopy newsletter subscribers, preceding each regularly scheduled member meeting. Within the limits of the budget, the newsletter shall include information on ECDC business, such as action taken at member and Executive

Board meetings, notice of proposed actions as provided in Section V.B. (Notice), and any other matters as specified in these Bylaws.

VII. Officers. Administration of ECDC shall be conducted by its Officers (Section VII.E). In performing their duties, officers shall adhere to and be guided by the decisions of the members and Executive Board. The members may elect additional officers as needed. Any officer may appoint an assistant or assistants to aid in the performance of the officer's duties.

A. Term of Office. The term of office for all officers is one year.

B. Nomination Process. Nominations are made by the general membership during the January organizational meeting.

C. Vacancies. A vacancy in an office (for instance, by death or resignation) shall be filled by majority vote of the members present at any meeting, the notice of which shall have specified the proposed action as provided in Section V.B.1(a) or (b) (Notice).

D. Election Process. Officers shall be ECDC members and elected by a majority vote of the members present at the January organizational meeting. Election shall be by written ballot if contested. No member shall be elected to serve in more than one office concurrently.

E. Positions and Duties.

1. President: responsible for overall administration and management of ECDC, conducting meetings of the members and the Executive Board, assuming or assigning responsibilities of other offices that are vacant or not otherwise being performed, and representing ECDC positions as spokesperson. Committee chairs may be appointed by the president, subject to member confirmation.

2. Executive Vice President: in addition to acting in the absence of the President, is responsible for encouraging the development of action plans to achieve ECDC policy objectives, overseeing those plans, maintaining the ECDC policy platform and updating the platform to include policies approved by the membership in accordance with Section V.E (Voting).

3. Immediate Past President: act as President in the absence of the President and Executive Vice President.

4. Vice President-Membership: responsible for membership lists, accessing online voter information, membership development and recruitment, affiliation with other Democratic organizations, and annual re-chartering of ECDC.

5. Vice President-Treasurer: responsible for keeping and maintaining adequate and correct accounts of ECDC financial transactions, depositing all ECDC funds, distributing ECDC funds as authorized, and drafting a budget.

6. Vice President-Publications: responsible for the publication and distribution of ECDC News, ECDC miscellaneous publications, and development and maintenance of ECDC presence on the Internet.

7. Vice President-Records: responsible for member and Executive Board meeting minutes, meeting attendance records, and maintenance of ECDC's permanent records. The Vice President-Records may promulgate and implement a reasonable document retention policy.

8. Vice President-Programs: responsible for planning, scheduling, and arranging ECDC programs and speakers for ECDC meetings and special events, including the annual dinner.

9. Vice President-Media: responsible for relations with print and other media, monitoring press coverage, preparing press releases regarding ECDC meetings and actions, and acting as corresponding secretary preparing or overseeing ECDC correspondence.

F. Removal. A petition to remove an officer for cause may be submitted by ten members or the Executive Board. Reasons for removal include, but are not limited to, missing three consecutive Executive Board meetings without a valid excuse, or failure to faithfully perform the duties of the office. Members shall vote by secret ballot on the removal petition at a meeting the notice of which shall have specified the proposed removal as provided in Section V.B.1(a) or (b) (Notice). Removal

shall require the majority vote of the members present at the meeting. The vacancy created by removal of an officer shall be filled as provided in Section VII.C (Vacancies).

VIII. Executive Board (“E-Board”):

A. Membership. The E-Board consists of Officers.

B. Duties. The E-Board acts for the membership between member meetings on:

1. administrative details;
2. follow-up actions on issues upon which ECDC has taken a position;
3. time sensitive issues that must be decided before the next member meeting, and;
4. calling additional meetings as specified in Section V.A (Meetings).
5. The E-Board shall act with restraint and discretion.

C. Actions. The Executive Board may act in a meeting or by a poll.

1. Meetings. E-Board meetings require prior notice to all E-Board members; action at E-Board meetings requires a quorum of five officers, and approval of action by a simple majority of those Officers present.

2. Polls. A majority of all Board members is required to approve an action taken by a poll. The Executive Board may not vote by proxy. All actions of the Executive Board shall be reported at the next member meeting, the membership confirming, when appropriate, the actions taken.

3. Committee Chairs. Committee Chairs shall attend Executive Board meetings when their Committee reports and shall have advisory votes in actions pertinent to their Committee.

IX. Endorsement of Candidates, Taking Positions on Ballot Issues, and Making Campaign Contributions: ECDC may endorse candidates for public office, take positions on ballot issues, and contribute to political campaigns (“Endorsement Actions”). All Endorsement Actions shall be taken in accordance with ECDC Standing Rules on Endorsement.

An Endorsement Action may only be taken at a member meeting after notice has been provided to members in the ECDC News or otherwise, distributed in accordance with Section V.B.1 (Notice). All votes on Endorsement Actions are final and may not be set aside or reconsidered, even if the result is that no candidate is endorsed for a seat or no action is taken on a ballot issue or proposal to contribute to a political campaign.

X. Use of ECDC Identity: No person may use or authorize the use of the ECDC name, address, mailing permit, or any other item that would identify ECDC, except as follows:

- (1) listing ECDC as an endorser when endorsement has been properly obtained pursuant to Section IX, or
- (2) upon receiving the approval of 60% of the members present and voting at a meeting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, provided notice of the exact use and the materials in which the item is to be used are provided pursuant to Section V.B. (Notice). No use may extend beyond the time specified by the members.
- (3) an officer or former officer of the Club may use their title with appropriate designation for former status.
- (4) an existing or former officer’s title may be used in endorsement of another candidate so long as the title/former title is identified as “used for identification purposes only”.

XI. Amendments: An amendment to these Bylaws may be considered at any member meeting in which notice is provided under Sections V.B.1(a) and (b). The affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present and voting at the meeting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, is necessary to adopt an amendment.

The members may adopt, amend, or waive any of the ECDC Standing Rules by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at a meeting, provided that those voting for the adoption, amendment, or waiver constitute at least a majority of the required quorum for the meeting. ECDC shall not promulgate standing rules inconsistent with these Bylaws.

XII. Representation to the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee: ECDC is affiliated with the Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee (DPCCC) and entitled to a voting delegate to the DPCCC. ECDC shall select a DPCCC Representative and a DPCCC Alternate to two year terms starting in January of odd numbered years, starting in January 2019. Members shall select the DPCCC Representative and DPCCC Alternate during the September meeting of even numbered years. The affirmative vote of at least 50% of the members present and voting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, is necessary to select the DPCCC Representative and DPCCC Alternate. All members present at the meeting are eligible to vote. Before the vote, candidates may speak. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Balloting shall be by show of hands or by secret ballot at the discretion of the ECDC Executive Board. The ECDC Executive Board shall determine the process for voting administration, and may select a member or members to serve as judge(s) to monitor the fairness of the voting. Members that are already DPCCC voting member are not eligible candidates to represent ECDC. The ECDC Executive Board shall appoint members to serve any unfilled delegate positions.