

## **Procedure for HCDCC membership (appointed)**

The Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee (HCDCC) may appoint registered Democrats who are eligible to fill an opening for an open seat on the HCDCC in a specific supervisorial district. The by-laws of the HCDCC specify only endorsement of candidates who are registered Democrats.

Please read the information below that is taken from our by-laws:

**2.2 Eligibility:** To be eligible for election or appointment as provided for herein, a member shall be a resident of the supervisorial district for which he or she seeks election or appointment and a registered Democrat. Candidates seeking election shall meet the continuous registration requirements of Elections Code §201, 7209. Candidates for appointment under Section 2.4 below, shall have been continuously registered as Democrats for at least 120 days immediately prior to nomination. Candidates for appointment for membership need to serve as Associate members for 90 days prior to election as a full member and attend a minimum of two Central Committee meetings.

**2.3 Vacancies and Appointments:** Vacancies shall exist whenever fewer members have been elected from a supervisorial district than are allotted to that district, whenever an ineligible person has been elected or appointed, or whenever a Member dies, becomes incapacitated, has resigned or been removed under Section 2.11 below, or otherwise has been disqualified or becomes ineligible to hold membership. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the remaining Members of This Committee as set forth in Section 2.4 (EC §7229).

**2.4 Appointment, Qualifications, and Procedures:** In addition to meeting the other requirements for eligibility to sit on This Committee, a prospective appointee shall have a commitment to the principles and rules governing the Democratic Party and This Committee, a demonstrated capacity for political participation or leadership, availability for attendance at meetings of This Committee and one or more of its standing committees and acceptance of responsibility for adequate financing of This Committee through participation in fund raising efforts, including personal support to the extent feasible. Eligible prospective appointees shall be nominated and elected as follows:

- (a) At any time there is a vacancy on This Committee, it shall be in order for This Committee to accept nominations to fill the vacancy at the same or any subsequent meeting and to nominate any number of eligible individuals to fill any or all vacancies that exist.
- (b) Prior to election, a prospective appointee shall be required to address This Committee at its meeting and answer questions from the members present regarding qualifications for membership.

- (c) Appointment shall be made by election by the members at no sooner than the next regular meeting following the meeting at which the candidate or candidates to be chosen from were nominated; provided that nothing shall prevent This committee from postponing an election for any vacancy to a subsequent meeting for any reason, including for purposes of accepting additional nominations.
- (d) The proposed appointee or appointees must be present at the meeting at which the vote is taken. Whenever there are more eligible nominees than vacancies, election shall be by secret ballot, with a majority of votes cast needed for election. Should the first ballot fail to result in a majority vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled, there shall be a run-off among the remaining candidates with the highest vote totals (with the number of such candidates set at one more than the remaining vacancies to be voted upon, but also including all candidates who have for the last qualifying position in the runoff). Secret ballots shall be counted by the Secretary and verified by another member designated by the Presiding Officer.

For the HCDCC to consider a request for appointment and to assess viability of a candidate, we require written information from the prospective appointee.

- Information requested must be provided via an email to committee member Chris Beresford at [thegang7@pacbell.net](mailto:thegang7@pacbell.net) 2 weeks prior to the next meeting. Chris will in turn disseminate your information to all voting committee members prior to the next meeting.
- The HCDCC meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Democratic Headquarters, 129 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Eureka, beginning at 7 P.M.

Please provide the following information as follows:

- Background information, i.e. residence address, profession.
- Any other elected or appointed offices served.
- Community organizations you are involved with and level of that involvement.
- Why do you want to be a part of HCDCC (please be specific)?
- What committee would you actively participate in (a requirement for membership)? Voter Registration, Campaign Services, Ways & Means, Operations, CEC
- What goals do you have should you be elected to fill one of our vacancies?
- Relevant platforms/issues you support.
- Any addition information that you wish to share with other members on the committee.