

Constitution and By-Laws

The Montgomery County Democratic Party

— This we believe —

PREAMBLE

Our country has a long history of honest men and women working hard to better themselves, their families, their communities, and their nation. The Democratic Party of Montgomery County recognizes that the values of these people underline the principles which are at the heart of our system of government.

These principles include:

- a commitment to the importance of the individual and the right of each individual to self determination;
- a commitment to the proposition that each individual should have the freedom to formulate and act upon their own concept of the sort of life that is most appropriate for them, limited only by a responsibility to respect the life plans of others and the obligation to be sensitive to the sensitive to the common good;
- the belief that government can and should exercise a positive, yet limited, role in safeguarding the security and promoting the well-being of each individual and the community as a whole.

These principles entail a belief in the moral and legal equality of each person. They also entail a duty on the part of individuals and their government to acknowledge and nurture the common bonds that unite us, as well as the private institutions which work to the benefit of individuals and society, and to respect and encourage the characteristics that allow us to be different.

The Democratic Party in Montgomery County believes that each of us must take responsibility for maintaining freedom for all. Each of us must have the opportunity to have our voice heard in government and all of us must help those whose voices are too small or too weak to be heard alone. We believe that these principles are deeply embedded in our country's history and traditions and that our distinctiveness as a nation lies in our unflagging commitment to uphold them.

We are committed to upholding our democratic representative form of government and the principles embedded in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

The Democratic Party in Montgomery County offers itself as a forum for all those who share belief in these principles.

PREAMBLE:

WE THE REPRESENTATIVES of the Democrats living in Montgomery County — in order to form a strong party organization that empowers representative democracy throughout the county — do establish this Montgomery County Democratic Party Constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The name of this organization shall be the MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3517 of the Ohio Revised Code, this organization shall be the "Controlling Committee" of the Democratic Party of Montgomery County.

The purpose of the Montgomery County Democratic Party is to represent and to serve Montgomery County Democrats. The MCDP advances this purpose: by developing and empowering communities of Democrats; by preparing Democratic candidates of strong character and ability who are of the people; by electing candidates who are dedicated to public service and who align with the principles of the Democratic Party; and by supporting and advancing civics education.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 3-1. Elected Precinct Committee Person

Membership in the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee shall include all Democratic precinct committee persons elected at the gubernatorial primary in accordance with Section 3517.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3-2. Filling Vacancies in Precinct Committee Person

Vacancies in the position of precinct committee person may be nominated by the Ward Leader of the ward in which such vacancy occurs or by the recommendation of the Chairperson, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and such appointees shall be considered full members of the Central Committee. To the fullest extent possible, precinct committee persons should be registered voters in the precinct they are appointed to represent. Appointed precinct committee persons may attend and vote at the Central Committee meeting that follows the Executive Committee meeting at which their appointment was approved.

~~Section 3-3.~~ **4.3 Paying Dues**

All members of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee are encouraged to be dues paying members of the Montgomery County Democratic Club.

Section 4-4. General Membership

The MCDP welcomes all Democrats registered in Montgomery County to join the MCDP community. Every person who joins a local Democratic Committee also joins The MCDP. One reorganization goal is, by 2022, for the MCDP to have an active membership of 10% of the Democrats registered in Montgomery County.

ARTICLE IV. V. OFFICERS

Section 4-1. 5.1 Elected Officers

The elected officers of the Central Committee shall be Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Vice-Chairperson having to be of the opposite gender of the Chairperson in accordance with the rules set forth in the Charter of the Democratic National Committee.

Section 4-2. 5.1 Duties of the Officers

The duties of the officers of the Central Committee shall be as follows:

Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Central Committee, and perform other duties as defined or assigned. The chairperson shall be responsible for the progress and development of this organization.

The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his/her absence or incapacity (as determined by the Central Committee), and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and such minutes shall be open to review by the members of this organization; shall maintain the reports of committees; shall maintain a roster of all Central Committee and members of such committees that the Central Committee might designate; shall conduct the correspondence of this organization as directed by the Chairperson or by resolution of the Central Committee; and performs such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

The Treasurer of the Central Committee shall deposit all funds of this organization in the name of the "Montgomery County Democratic Executive Committee" and shall be responsible for maintaining these funds in such a manner as directed by the Executive Committee. All checks shall be co- signed by the Chairperson, or other party designated by the Executive Committee, and the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as to fully insure all properties and funds of this organization and shall report on the state of these funds upon the request of the Chairperson or the Central Committee.

ARTICLE V. ENDORSEMENT

The Central Committee shall be the sole authority to endorse candidates for public office and issues which will appear on the ballot. Any candidate or issue brought before the Central Committee for endorsement must receive two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of those **present and** voting. The endorsement of the candidates and issues shall follow the procedures outlined in the By-Laws of this Constitution.

- a. Endorsement recommendations by the Selection Committee must be announced at least three days prior to the Central Committee meeting at which the recommendations will be acted on.**
- b. Central Committee members may register their vote with the MCDP Secretary at any time during those three days.**

ARTICLE VI. AUDIT

Within two weeks after the primary election, at which precinct persons are elected. The Treasurer shall submit all financial records of this organization to the Audit Committee.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 7-1. Reorganization Meetings

The "Reorganization Meeting" of the Central Committee shall be held in accordance with Section 3517.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. To the extent that they do not conflict with that section, the following provisions shall apply:

The meeting shall be held not earlier than six, no later than fifteen days following the declaration of the results of the election of precinct committee persons, certified by the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

Notice of the Reorganization Meeting, giving the place and time, shall be sent to each member-elect by the retiring Secretary of the committee by mail, a copy of the notice shall be posted at the Montgomery County Board of Elections and the Montgomery County Democratic Headquarters at least five days prior to any such meeting.

The meeting shall be called to order by the retiring Chairman or Secretary, or if such officer is not available, by a Democratic member of the Board of Elections, so designated by the Board.

A temporary Chairman and Secretary shall be chosen by the majority vote of the Central Committee, the Central Committee shall proceed to organize by the adoption of its Constitution and the election of such officers as the Constitution provides.

Section 7-2. Regular Meetings

During each calendar year there shall be at least ~~six~~ **three** ~~regular~~ **scheduled** meetings of the Central Committee. The Chairperson of the Central Committee may call other regular meetings of the Central Committee at the Chairperson's discretion.

Section 7-3. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chairperson; however, a special meeting must be called by the Chairperson within fourteen days upon the receipt of the written request of twenty- five members of the Central Committee. Such requests should be accompanied by and for that "special meeting" and that agenda shall be mailed to members of the Central Committee with the notice announcing the special meeting. Special meetings shall be limited to the agenda for which the meeting is being called for.

Section 7-4. Meeting Notice for Regular Meetings

Written notice of regular meetings of the Central Committee must be provided to all members thereof at least five days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.

Section 7-5. Meeting Notice for Special Meetings

Written notice of special meetings of the Central Committee must be provided at least forty-eight hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. VACANCY

Section 8-1. Vacancy in Office of Chairperson

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairperson of the Central or Executive Committee, such vacancy shall be filled by the appropriate committee within three to fifteen days, in the same manner outlined by in the By-Laws. However, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the office of "Acting Chairperson" with all of the rights and responsibilities of the Chairperson, until such time as the Central Committee acts.

Section 8-2. Vacancy in Other Offices

In the event of a vacancy in the Office of Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, or Treasurer, such office shall be filled by the Central Committee within sixty days in the same manner as provided in the By-Laws. However, the Chairperson may appoint an acting officer to carry out the duties of the vacated office until such time as the Central Committee acts.

Section 8-3. Vacancy in Ward Leader

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Ward Leader, such vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the precinct committee persons of that ward where such vacancy has occurred upon the notice of a meeting issued by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, within sixty days.

Section 8-4. Declaring Ward Leader Vacant

The Office of Ward Leader shall be declared vacant if the incumbent no longer maintains a legal voting residence in the ward which he/she represents.

Section 8-5. Declaring Other Offices Vacant

Other offices shall be declared vacant if the incumbent no longer maintains a legal voting residence in Montgomery County.

ARTICLE IX. CONSTITUTION

As a newly elected governing body, and in accordance with Section 3517.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee shall adopt at its Reorganization Meeting such rules and procedures, including a Constitution, as it may consider appropriate. Such rules, procedures and Constitution are not binding, however, upon a subsequently elected Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee that meets to organize that Committee.

A copy of the proposed Constitution shall be open to review to members of the newly elected Central Committee prior to the Reorganization Meeting. A copy of the Constitution as adopted, shall be available for members by the next Central Committee meeting following the Reorganization Meeting.

ARTICLE X. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 10-1. Establishing the Executive Committee

The Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee hereby establishes the Montgomery County Democratic Executive Committee. The Montgomery County Democratic Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected and appointed officers of the Executive Committee established in Section 10-2 of this Constitution, the elected State Central Committee persons and the Ward Leaders. After the organization of the Executive Committee and the election of Executive Committee officers, the Chairperson, upon the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the following committee members:

All Democratic U.S. Representatives, State Senators and State Representatives who reside in Montgomery County.

All countywide Democratic officeholders including

- Montgomery County Auditor
- Montgomery County Clerk of Courts
- Montgomery County Commissioners
- Montgomery County Coroner
- Montgomery County Engineer
- Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney
- Montgomery County Recorder
- Montgomery County Sheriff
- Montgomery County Treasurer

The Democratic Mayor of the City of Dayton

A representative from the Montgomery County Young Democrats

5 members representing the various Democratic Clubs in Montgomery County

15 members at large

Section 10-2. Duties of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall serve under the Chairperson's leadership in directing the affairs and activities of this organization. It shall direct by majority vote, a quorum being present, the affairs, properties and funds of this organization in all respects, unless otherwise provided herein, or otherwise directed by a vote of the membership of the Central Committee. The Executive Committee shall receive and review all reports of standing or special committees and may advise and instruct such committees to conduct or study particular activities or projects. Executive Committee members having missed more than three Executive Committee meetings in a calendar year may be removed from the committee by a vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 10-3. Ward Leaders

Except as provided in Section 10-3 (b) of this Constitution, each township and each ward within a municipality shall be entitled to elect a Ward Leader. Municipalities which do not have designated wards shall be considered one ward.

For the purposes of Title X of this Constitution, the following combination of wards or precincts shall be entitled to elect a "Ward Leader", with the rights, privileges and responsibilities afforded to Ward Leaders under this Constitution.

The City of Miamisburg shall be taken as a whole and entitled to one Ward Leader

The City of Moraine shall be taken as a whole and entitled to one Ward leader

German Township and Germantown shall be taken as one and together entitled to one Ward Leader

Clay Township and the Village of Phillipsburg shall be taken as one and together entitled to one Ward Leader

Harrison A: Harrison Twp. Precincts A, B, C, E, N

Harrison B: Harrison Twp. Precincts D, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M

Riverside A: City of Riverside Precincts B, C, E, F, H, K, M and Page Manor

Riverside B: City of Riverside Precincts A, D, G, I, J, L

The City of Dayton Ward 1 and Ward 23 shall be taken as one and together entitled to one Ward Leader

Huber Heights A: Wards 1 & 2

Huber Heights B: Wards 3 & 4

Huber Heights C: Wards 5 & 6

Section 10-4. Assistant Ward Leaders

Each ward or township entitled to elect a Ward Leader may elect an Assistant Ward Leader. With the approval of the Executive Committee, the Assistant Ward Leader may represent that ward at the Executive Committee meeting in the absence of the Ward Leader.

Section 10-5. Executive Committee Officers

The elected officers of the Executive Committee shall be a Chairperson, Executive Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer, who is duly elected Treasurer of the Central Committee. In addition, the appointed officers of the Executive Committee shall be General Counsel and Parliamentarian.

Section 10-6. Duties of Executive Committee Officers

The duties of the officers of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

Chairperson - The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, all committee chairpersons and members thereof, as provided in this Constitution. The Chairperson is responsible for the progress and development of this organization. The Chairperson will insure that proper advice and counsel; is offered to every candidate endorsed by the Executive Committee relating (1) to all state and federal rules and regulations covering campaign activities, and (2) to standards set by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee regarding ethics in campaigning. The Chairperson has an obligation to call to the attention of the Executive Committee any irregularity in campaigning by candidates, so that appropriate action can be taken by the Executive Committee.

Executive Vice-Chairperson - The Executive Vice-Chairperson assumes the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his/her absence or incapacity, as determined by the Executive Committee; and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson.

Secretary - The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committees, and such minutes shall be open to review by the members of the Central and Executive Committee; shall mail the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee prior to the next meeting or have copies of the previous meeting minutes to pass out prior to the meeting, as directed by the Chairperson; shall maintain the reports of committees and other records of this organization, other than the Treasurer's records; shall conduct the correspondence of this organization as directed by the Chairperson, or by resolution of the Executive Committee; shall maintain a roster of all Executive Committee members and all standing and special committees appointed under this Constitution. **Shall receive votes of Central Committee members concerning Endorsement recommendations for three days prior to Central Committee action on those recommendations.**

Treasurer - The Treasurer of the Central Committee shall be the Treasurer of the Executive Committee and perform all of the duties outlined in Section 4-2 of this Constitution.

Vice-Chairpersons - The Vice-Chairpersons shall be appointed by the Chairperson, with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Vice-Chairpersons shall chair the following committees; Campaigns and Elections Committee, Communication Committee, Finance Committee and Issues Committee.

General Counsel - The General Counsel shall advise and counsel the Executive Committee in legal matters. The General Counsel shall be appointed and removed by the Chairperson, with approval of the Executive Committee.

Parliamentarian - The Parliamentarian shall advise the Chairperson on interpretations of this Constitution and on parliamentary procedures. The Parliamentarian shall be appointed and removed by the Chairperson, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 10-7. Standing Committees of the Executive Committee

The following standing committees are hereby established:

Steering Committee - The Steering Committee shall consist of the officers of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee, the Chairperson of each standing Committee established in this section, and any other individual the Chairperson chooses to bring into the meeting. The purpose of the Steering Committee shall be to provide overall direction to the Party, clear information and coordinate activities among major functions. The Steering Committee shall not assume any authority belonging to the Central Committee or Executive Committee by this Constitution or state statute. The Chairperson may convene the Steering Committee at the Chairperson's discretion.

Screening Committee - This committee shall strive to attract to public office those candidates most qualified and capable of serving the public. This Committee shall make recommendations for the endorsement of Democratic candidates for the office to the Executive and Central Committee. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall chair the Screening Committee. Members of the Screening Committee will be appointed by the Chair of the Executive Committee.

Campaign and Election Committee - This committee shall develop and guide comprehensive programs on a county-wide basis for election campaigns.

Communications Committee - This committee shall develop and implement a comprehensive communications publicity and education plan for the Party.

Finance Committee - This committee shall manage the organization's funds and property and develop and guide various fund raising activities. The Treasurer of this organization is an ex-official member of this committee.

Issues Committee - This committee shall research pertinent issues as related to the Democratic Party or the community for approval on those matters where the Issues Committee wishes the Party's support or endorsement. This committee shall also provide research assistance to candidates and elected officials. It shall also bring issues of concern to elected officials to their attention.

Community Involvement - This committee shall develop and implement programs to involve members of the Democratic Party in constructively contributing toward the problems and issues facing the community.

Rules Committee - This committee shall be responsible for providing the interpretations of this Constitution and preparing and presenting proposed amendments to this Constitution. The Chairperson of this committee shall also serve as Parliamentarian of the Central and Executive Committees.

Auditing Committee - This committee shall be responsible for reviewing this organization's monthly financial documentation and reporting to the Executive Committee. A report of this monthly review will be given by the Auditing Committee at the Reorganization meeting. In the event of a change in the office of Chairperson or Treasurer, it is the responsibility of the Audit Committee to conduct an audit. The audit will be reported to the Central and Executive Committees as soon as possible after the change in officers.

Section 10-8. Special Committees

Special Committees may be established and appointed by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee, or by resolution of the Central or Executive Committee.

Section 10-9. Terms of Committees

The Chairperson and members of all standing committees shall serve for four years, or at the pleasure of the Chairperson. The terms of the Chairperson and members of all special committees shall expire one-year from the date of establishment of the committee, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Central or Executive Committee. The Chairperson and members of standing and special committees may be appointed for unlimited consecutive terms.

Section 10-10. Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee

Section 10-11. Executive Committee Quorum

Meetings of the Executive Committee must have a quorum present in order to conduct official business. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee.

Section 10-12. Vacancy in Executive Committee Officers

In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairperson, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 8-1 of this Constitution. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary, the vacancy shall be filled as a result of an election by the Executive Committee, in

the same manner as provided for in the initial election. A vacancy in the office of Executive-Vice Chairperson shall be filled by the appointment of the Chairperson, with the approval of the Executive Committee. A vacancy in the office of Treasurer shall be filled by the Central Committee, in accordance with the By-Laws of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XI. COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO DEMOCRATIC PARTY (ODP)

The provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws shall be constructed in compliance and consistency with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ohio Democratic Party. Any matter which conflicts with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ohio Democratic Party shall be of no force and effect. Each 10 clause and section of this Constitution shall be considered separately and force and effect of any one clause shall not effect any other clause.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Section 12-1. Amending the Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by Central Committee with two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting, at any regular meeting of the Central Committee, and also provided that the notice of said meeting shall specify the change in the Constitution to be voted upon.

Section 12-2. Amending the By-Laws

The By-Laws of this Constitution may be amended with two-thirds affirmative vote for those present and voting, at any regular meeting of the Central Committee, and also provided that the notice of said meeting shall specify the change in the Constitution to be voted upon.

ARTICLE XIII. ENABLING ARTICLE

This Constitution and By-Laws becomes the governing document of the Montgomery County Central Committee only after its adoption by a majority of those present and voting at the Reorganization Meeting, or subsequently through the amendment process established in Article XII of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XIV. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 14-1. Reorganization Meeting

The Reorganization Meeting shall be held in accordance with Section VII of this Constitution and Section 3517.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Order of Business shall be:

Central Committee<

Credentials Report

Election of Temporary Chairperson

Audit Committee Report

Adoption of Constitution and By-Laws

Election of Central Committee Chairperson

Election of other Central Committee Officers

Ward Caucuses for the election of Ward Leaders and Assistant Ward Leaders

Other Business

Executive Committee

Credentials Report

Election of Temporary Chairperson

Election of Chairperson

Election of Executive Committee Vice-Chairperson
Other Business

The Chairperson of the Central Committee shall be elected before other officers of the Central Committee. The Chairperson shall assume office immediately upon his/her election.

The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall be elected before other officers of the Executive Committee. The Chairperson shall assume office immediately upon his/her election.

Nominations shall be made from the floor for each other office immediately proceeding the casting of the ballots for that office.

A majority of the votes cast for any particular office shall be sufficient to elect a candidate to that office.

The election of Ward Leaders shall occur in the following manner:

After the election of the officers of the Central Committee, the Precinct Committee person of such Ward or Township shall caucus among themselves and nominate from their own members, individuals for the office of Ward Leader.

The retiring Ward Leader shall call the Ward Caucus to order and chair the meeting. If the retiring Ward Leader is unavailable, the Chairperson of the Central Committee shall designate someone to call the Ward Caucus to order and chair the meeting.

Such Precinct Committee persons shall vote among themselves for the position of Ward Leader. If there is more than one candidate, the vote shall be by secret ballot.

A majority of the votes cast for any particular office shall be sufficient to elect a candidate to the office of Ward Leader. In the case of a tie, the Chairperson of the Central Committee shall cast one ballot to break the tie.

Section 14-2. By Laws

- A. **The endorsement of Democratic Primary candidates may occur at any time after the Board of Election deadline for filing for the primary.** ~~candidates may occur six months prior to an election. The endorsement of candidates on the ballot for the May primary may take place as early as the December Central Committee meeting. The Screening Committee may begin meeting at least three weeks before the December Central Committee meeting to begin consideration of endorsements for the May primary election.~~
- B. **Endorsement for a candidate in a Democratic Primary requires approval of 3/4 of Central Committee members voting.** ~~The endorsement of candidates on the ballot for the March primary, during a presidential year, may take place as early as the October Central Committee meeting. The Screening Committee may begin meeting at least three weeks before the October Central Committee meeting to begin the consideration of the March primary election.~~
- C. The endorsement of candidates on the ballot for the November general election may take place as early as the May Central Committee meeting. The Screening Committee may begin meeting at least three weeks before the May Central Committee meeting to begin consideration of endorsements for the November general election.
- D. Any person requesting to appear before the Screening Committee for a recommendation for endorsement shall complete a questionnaire provided by the Screening Committee. The individual requesting endorsement shall provide sufficient copies for each member of the Screening Committee.

- E. Each person requesting consideration by the Screening Committee shall be scheduled for adequate time, at the discretion of the Chair, to allow an expression of the candidate's qualifications and views, and questions from the committee.
- F. In order to receive the recommendation for endorsement from the Screening Committee, the candidate must receive a majority (50% + 1) vote for those present and voting.
- G. In cases where there are more than two candidates, if no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the least votes, plus any others failing to receive 20% of the votes shall be dropped from the ballot and a new vote taken.
- H. In cases where there are more than two candidates on the ballot and no candidate receives a majority, the Chairman may request a new vote. If a new vote is not taken, or if neither candidate receives a majority, it shall be reported to the central committee as "no recommendation for endorsement."
- I. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot.
- J. All requests for the endorsement of issues appearing on the ballot shall be referred to the Screening Committee for their review and recommendation.
- K. A recommendation of the Screening Committee may go to the Executive Committee for its discussion and support, however, the Executive Committee may not modify the Screening Committee recommendation. The Executive Committee may forward its recommendation to the Central Committee.
- L. **The Screening Committee recommendation shall be communicated to all Central Committee members at least three days prior to the Central Committee vote. Members may register their vote with the MCDP Secretary any time during those three days.**~~go to the Central Committee.~~ The question on the floor shall be "Shall the Central Committee concur with the Screening Committee's recommendation." This shall be a privileged motion; no other action relative to endorsement for a specific office shall be in order until the Central Committee has acted on this question. In accordance with the Constitution, in order to concur with the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Central Committee ~~present and voting~~ who register a vote.
- M. If the Screening Committee recommendation fails to receive the required two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of those ~~present and voting~~, the floor shall be open to accept nominations from the floor for endorsement.
- N. ~~Vote on endorsement by the Central Committee shall be by open ballot, either by voice or a show of hand.~~ **Nominations made from the floor, and seconded, will be communicated to Central Committee members not attending the meeting. Voting on these nominations will occur via communication with the MCDP Secretary and voting will be concluded after 48 hours.**
- O. The Chairperson of the Screening Committee shall provide written notice at least 48 hours prior to any meeting of the Screening Committee. The Screening Committee, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting, may waive the required notice provided there is urgency for the Screening Committee to act and adequate notice has been provided.
- P. A quorum of the Screening Committee shall be a majority (50% + 1) of its members. A quorum must be present for the Screening Committee to vote on any recommendation for endorsement
- Q. **Central Committee votes on all motions for endorsements will be by roll-call or by paper ballot with the member's signature, or by registering the vote with the MCDP Secretary. For each endorsement, a record showing each member's vote shall be posted online.**