

1 BYLAWS OF THE WEBER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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4 **Article I: The Weber County Democratic Party**

- 5 1) This section is reserved for future bylaws.  
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7 **Article II: The County Central Committee**

- 8 1) Membership on the County Central Committee shall automatically be rescinded if a member is  
9 no longer a resident in the jurisdiction, or affiliated with the caucus, represented by the member.  
10 2) Membership on the County Central Committee shall automatically be rescinded for failing to  
11 adequately attend meetings of the County Central Committee.  
12 a) Failure to adequately attend is defined as being absent from or failing to appoint a designate  
13 for two meetings of the County Central Committee without providing sufficient notice to  
14 any County Executive Officer.  
15 b) A member's notice of absence shall be considered sufficient if submitted to any County  
16 Executive Officer prior to the scheduled start of a meeting of the County Central  
17 Committee.  
18 3) A motion to refuse or remove a member from the County Central Committee may be made to  
19 the County Executive Committee or the Judicial Standing Committee by any other member of  
20 the County Central Committee.  
21 a) The motion to refuse or remove shall require both a majority vote of the County Executive  
22 Committee and a two-thirds vote of the County Central Committee to pass.  
23 4) A quorum of the County Central Committee shall be equal to a majority plus one (50% + 1) of  
24 members of the County Central Committee, less those who have provided sufficient notice of  
25 absence to any County Executive Officer.  
26 5) Vacancies of the County Central Committee shall be filled in accordance with the requirements  
27 of the constituency where the vacancy occurred, including that the vacancy is filled by a person  
28 representing the constituency where the vacancy occurred.  
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30 **Article III: The County Executive Committee**

- 31 1) Membership on the County Executive Committee shall automatically be rescinded if a member  
32 is no longer a resident in the jurisdiction, or affiliated with the caucus, represented by the  
33 member.
- 34 2) Membership on the County Executive Committee shall automatically be rescinded if a member  
35 is no longer registered as a member of the Democratic Party.
- 36 3) A vacancy of the Issue and Identity Caucus Representative shall be filled by a majority vote of  
37 the Issue and Identity Caucus Chairs and Vice Chairs to be held in a special meeting.
- 38 4) A vacancy of the House District Representative shall be filled by a majority vote of the House  
39 District Chairs and Vice Chairs to be held in a special meeting.
- 40 5) County Executive Committee members may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the County  
41 Central Committee, provided that such motion is included on the initial notice of the County  
42 Central Committee meeting where the removal vote is scheduled to take place.
- 43 6) County Executive Committee members who are in contested races for the Democratic  
44 nomination to any public elected office shall take a leave of absence until the contest for the  
45 nomination is decided.
- 46 7) If a County Executive Committee member is a candidate for public elected office, they shall not  
47 be permitted to exercise their vote on matters of resource allocation until after the relevant  
48 election.
- 49 8) County Executive Committee members who are in contested races for party elected office shall  
50 not participate in the organization and administration of the election for that office.
- 51 9) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the County Executive Committee  
52 members from reporting to the Convention in the usual, reasonable, and customary manners.

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#### **Article IV: The County Executive Officers**

- 55 1) Membership as a County Executive Officer shall automatically be rescinded if a member is no  
56 longer a resident in Weber County.
- 57 2) Membership as a County Executive Officer shall automatically be rescinded if a member is no  
58 longer registered as a member of the Democratic Party.
- 59 3) County Executive Officers shall not run for partisan public elected office while they are serving  
60 as Executive Officers.

- 61 4) County Executive Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the County Central  
62 Committee, provided that such motion is included on the initial notice of the County Central  
63 Committee meeting where the removal vote is scheduled to take place.
- 64 5) Vacancies of County Executive Officers shall be filled by the County Central Committee using a  
65 substantively similar procedure as the one prescribed for the County Organizing Convention.  
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67 **Article V: State House Districts and State House District Officers**

- 68 1) Membership as a State House District Officer shall automatically be rescinded if a member is no  
69 longer a resident in the State House District they represent.
- 70 2) State House District Officers must either be unaffiliated or be affiliated with the Democratic  
71 Party. Membership as a State House District Officer shall automatically be rescinded if a  
72 member is affiliated with another political party.
- 73 3) A State House District Chair shall automatically be removed for failing to adequately attend  
74 meetings of the State Central Committee.
- 75 a) Failure to adequately attend is defined as being absent for two meetings of the State Central  
76 Committee.
- 77 4) State House District Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the County Central  
78 Committee, provided that such motion is included on the initial notice of the County Central  
79 Committee meeting where the removal vote is scheduled to take place.
- 80 5) Vacancies of State House District Chairs shall be filled as follows:
- 81 a) The Vice Chair of the relevant State House District shall have the right of first refusal to  
82 serve as the State House District Chair;
- 83 b) Should the Vice Chair of the State House District decline to serve as the Chair; the position  
84 shall be filled by a majority vote of the County Executive Committee.
- 85 6) Vacancies of any other State House District Officer shall be filled as follows:
- 86 a) The Chair of the State House District with the vacancy shall submit a nomination to the  
87 County Executive Committee. This nomination shall require a simple majority to pass.
- 88 b) If the Chair of the State House District fails to submit a nomination, the County Executive  
89 Committee may nominate and confirm a replacement. This nomination shall require a two-  
90 thirds majority of the County Executive Committee to pass.
- 91 7) State House District Officers are responsible for:
- 92 a) Assisting the County Party with hosting the biennial Caucus Night;

- 93 b) Hosting an organizing meeting for their State House District at the annual County  
94 Convention; and  
95 c) Working with the County Executive Committee to grow the Democratic Party in their State  
96 House District.

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#### **Article VI: Precincts and Precinct Officers**

99 1) Membership as a Precinct Officer shall automatically be rescinded if a member is no longer a  
100 resident in the Precinct they represent.

101 2) Membership as a Precinct Officer shall automatically be rescinded for failing to adequately  
102 attend meetings of the County Central Committee.

103 a) Failure to adequately attend is defined as being absent from and/or failing to appoint a  
104 designate for two meetings of the County Central Committee.

105 3) Precinct Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the County Central Committee,  
106 provided that such motion is included on the initial notice of the County Central Committee  
107 meeting where the removal vote is scheduled to take place.

108 4) Vacancies of Precinct Chairs shall be filled as follows:

109 a) The Vice Chair of the relevant Precinct shall have the right of first refusal to serve as the  
110 Precinct Chair;

111 b) Should the Vice Chair of the Precinct decline to serve as the Chair; the position shall be  
112 filled by a majority vote of the County Executive Committee.

113 5) Vacancies of any other Precinct Officer shall be filled as follows:

114 a) The Chair of the Precinct with the vacancy shall submit a nomination to the County  
115 Executive Committee. This nomination shall require a simple majority to pass.

116 b) If the Chair of the Precinct fails to submit a nomination, the County Executive Committee  
117 may nominate and confirm a replacement. This nomination shall require a two-thirds  
118 majority of the County Executive Committee to pass.

119 6) Precinct Officers are responsible for:

120 a) Hosting a precinct meeting at the biennial Caucus Night;

121 b) Ensuring adequate attendance at meetings of the County Central Committee; and

122 c) Working with the County Executive Committee to grow the Democratic Party in their  
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**Article VII: County Nominating Conventions**

- 1) Candidates seeking the Democratic nomination from the Weber County Democratic Party shall be nominated using ranked-choice voting at County Primary Convention. The winner of the election shall be the Weber County Democratic Party’s nominee for the office sought.
- 2) Candidates running unopposed for the Democratic nomination shall be nominated by voice vote.
- 3) The Weber County Democratic Party may elect to endorse candidates in contested races at the Utah Democratic Party State Convention unless otherwise prohibited by the Utah Democratic Party and applicable law.
  - a) Endorsements under this section shall require a sixty percent majority vote of the Weber County Democratic Party County Delegates.

**Article VIII: County Organizing Conventions**

- 1) At County Organizing Conventions, the Weber County Democratic Party shall conduct elections for the following positions:
  - a) County Executive Officers;
  - b) Chair of Caucus Chairs;
  - c) Chair of House District Chairs;
  - d) Issue and Identity Caucus Officers; and,
  - e) State House District Officers for State House Districts 7, 9, and 10.
- 2) The election for the County Executive Officers shall be conducted using the following procedure:
  - a) Filing for these positions shall open twenty-eight (28) days prior to the County Organizing Convention, and close fourteen (14) days prior to the County Organizing Convention;
  - b) Candidates for these positions will receive the list of County Delegates after the filing period has closed and the eligibility of the candidate is verified.
  - c) Unopposed candidates for these positions shall be elected via voice vote.
  - d) If the election for a position is contested, the method of election shall be ranked-choice voting.
- 3) The elections for the Issue and Identity Caucus Officers shall be conducted using the following procedure:

- 156 a) During the Issue and Identity Caucus organizing meetings for State House Districts located  
157 entirely in Weber County, the floor shall open for the election of Issue and Identity Caucus  
158 Officers.
- 159 b) Unopposed candidates for these positions shall be elected via voice vote.
- 160 c) If the election for an Issue and Identity Caucus Officer position is contested, the method of  
161 election shall be runoff voting.
- 162 d) Elections conducted under this section shall be sufficient to meet the organization criteria  
163 for Issue and Identity Caucuses in Article XI of these Bylaws.
- 164 4) The elections for the State House District Officers shall be conducted using the following  
165 procedure:
- 166 a) During the State House District organizing meetings for State House Districts located  
167 entirely in Weber County, the floor shall open for the election of State House District  
168 Officers.
- 169 b) Unopposed candidates for these positions shall be elected via voice vote.
- 170 c) If the election for a State House District Officer position is contested, the method of  
171 election shall be runoff voting.
- 172 5) The elections for the position of Chair of Caucus Chairs and Chair of House District Chairs  
173 shall be conducted after the other elections in this Article are completed.
- 174 a) The Chair of Caucus Chairs shall be elected by runoff voting, with votes to be cast by the  
175 Chair and Vice Chair of each organized caucus.
- 176 b) The Chair of State House District Chairs shall be elected by runoff voting, with votes to be  
177 cast by the Chair and Vice Chair of each State House District.
- 178 6) The Weber County Democratic Party may elect to endorse candidates in contested races at the  
179 Utah Democratic Party State Organizing Convention unless otherwise prohibited by the Utah  
180 Democratic Party and applicable law.
- 181 a) Endorsements under this section shall require a sixty percent majority vote of the Weber  
182 County Democratic Party County Delegates.

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#### **Article IX: County Delegates**

- 185 1) The number of County Delegates is set at three hundred (300) delegates.
- 186 2) Each precinct is entitled to one precinct-level County Delegate, to be filled by that precinct's  
187 Chair.

- 188 3) The remaining County Delegates shall be proportionally allocated to the State House Districts.  
189 4) Vacancies of County Delegates shall be filled by the County Executive Committee.  
190 5) The deadline for registering as a County Delegate shall be fixed at fourteen (14) days prior to the  
191 County Convention.  
192 6) The Rules Standing Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to County  
193 Delegates.

#### 194 195 **Article X: State Delegates**

- 196 1) The number of State Delegates is set by the Utah Democratic Party.  
197 2) The Weber County Democratic Party's State Delegates shall be proportionally allocated by State  
198 House District.  
199 3) Vacancies of State Delegates shall be filled by the County Executive Committee.  
200 4) The delegate list for the annual State Convention must lock fourteen (14) days prior to the State  
201 Convention, pursuant to Utah Democratic Party rule.  
202 5) The Rules Standing Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to State Delegates,  
203 except as prohibited by Utah Democratic Party rules.

#### 204 205 **Article XI: Issue and Identity Caucuses**

- 206 1) The Weber County Democratic Party shall use the Utah Democratic Party's list of caucuses as  
207 the official list of recognized Issue and Identity Caucuses.  
208 2) All caucuses are unorganized by default. An individual wishing to organize an Issue and Identity  
209 Caucus must:  
210 a) Be affiliated with the Democratic Party;  
211 b) Seek prior approval from the relevant State Issue and Identity Caucus to begin organizing  
212 the County Issue and Identity Caucus and provide the County Executive Committee with  
213 this approval;  
214 c) Select a Vice Chair for the Issue and Identity Caucus; and,  
215 d) Find a third member to join the Issue and Identity Caucus.  
216 e) This process must be completed and submitted to the County Executive Committee within  
217 six months of receiving approval from the relevant State Issue and Identity Caucus. Should  
218 this process be incomplete, the County Issue and Identity Caucus shall remain unorganized.  
219 3) Once organized, Issue and Identity Caucuses shall:

- 220 a) Conduct a meeting at the annual County Convention;  
221 b) At County Organizing Conventions, elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve as its officers; and  
222 c) Work with the County Executive Committee to grow the Democratic Party in Weber  
223 County.
- 224 4) If an organized Issue and Identity Caucus fails to meet the requirements of Article XI, Section 3;  
225 that Issue and Identity Caucus shall be reverted to unorganized status.
- 226 5) Organized Issue and Identity Caucuses are authorized to fundraise. All funds collected through  
227 such efforts shall be remitted to the Weber County Democratic Party to be earmarked for use  
228 only by the relevant Issue and Identity Caucus. Such earmarks shall persist through both  
229 unorganized and organized periods.

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231 **Article XII: Standing and Select Committees**

- 232 1) The Rules Standing Committee shall consist of the following members:
- 233 a) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Weber County Democratic Party; and  
234 b) Five additional members, appointed by the Chair and confirmed by a majority vote of the  
235 Executive Committee.
- 236 2) The Judicial Standing committee shall consist of the following members:
- 237 a) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Weber County Democratic Party; and,  
238 b) Five additional members, appointed by the Chair and confirmed by a majority vote of the  
239 Executive Committee.
- 240 3) Select Committees may be formed for any purpose except for matters under the jurisdiction of  
241 the Standing Committees, and can be created by the following entities:
- 242 a) The Chair of the Weber County Democratic Party;  
243 b) The County Executive Committee; and,  
244 c) The County Central Committee.
- 245 4) Select Committees shall consist of the following members:
- 246 a) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Weber County Democratic Party; and,  
247 b) Three additional members, appointed by the creating entity and confirmed by a majority  
248 vote of the Executive Committee.

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250 **Article XIII: General Provisions**

- 251 1) This section is reserved.



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**Article XIV: Amendments, Bylaws, and Rules**

254 1) This section is reserved.