

1 **Bylaws of the O’ahu County Democrats**  
2 **of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i**  
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22 **Preamble and Mission Statement.**

23 We, the members of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i in O’ahu County, united in common  
24 purpose, dedicate ourselves to the core principles of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i as  
25 laid out in the platforms of the O’ahu County Democrats and the Democratic Party of  
26 Hawai’i.

27 As the people's Party, it is our mission to create opportunities for free and open political  
28 dialogue in regional and district communities to promote civic engagement, political  
29 action, and community solidarity.

30 As a servant of the dreams and aspirations of Hawai’i’s people, we acknowledge that if  
31 we wish to lead, we must listen and be open to being transformed by what we hear. As  
32 we ask for the people's trust, we must in turn trust the wisdom of the people.

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1 To do this effectively, we understand that we need to activate, mobilize and empower  
2 Party members, and revitalize our County organization for the challenges of the 21st  
3 century. Through a re-energized County organization, we will endeavor to bring together  
4 members of the Party, elected officials, interested citizens, and community leaders to  
5 build a cosmopolitan society that will manifest the Aloha Spirit at its core and in every  
6 facet of community life.

### 7 **Section 1. Organization of O'ahu County Committee.**

8 There shall be an O'ahu County Committee ("OCC") in the City and County of Honolulu,  
9 State of Hawai'i, which shall consist of an Executive Committee and the District Council  
10 Chairpersons.

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### 12 **Section 2. Executive Committee.**

13 (2.1) Composition: The members of the Executive Committee shall be a Chairperson, a  
14 Vice Chairperson, Regional Chairpersons, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a  
15 Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and the O'ahu County State Central Committee  
16 Representatives.

17 (2.2) Duties. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be those usually pertaining to  
18 the office concerned, any duties specifically imposed by these bylaws, and attendance  
19 at executive committee and general membership meetings. Three unexcused absences  
20 per term of office of any member of the Executive Committee shall be deemed a  
21 resignation.

22 (2.3) Chairperson. The Chairperson of the OCC shall have the power to appoint a  
23 parliamentarian and the chairperson and members of all standing and special  
24 committees unless otherwise specified, with the advice and consent of the OCC. The  
25 Chairperson shall be responsible for calling all regular and special meetings of the OCC,  
26 excusing OCC members from meetings, and the giving of proper notice and arranging  
27 for meeting places for both regular and special meetings. The Chairperson shall also be  
28 responsible for attending meetings of the State Central Committee, or of its select  
29 committees, and reporting the proceedings of such meetings to the next regular meeting  
30 of the OCC.

31 (2.4) Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and carry out  
32 the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in his or her absence or incapacity  
33 and/or by delegation.

34 (2.5) Regional Chairpersons.

35 (2.5.1) There shall be not less than eight (8) nor more than thirteen (13) Regional  
36 Chairpersons, who shall be responsible for the development, coordination, and  
37 organization of the activities of the Districts and Precincts within their region. The  
38 County Committee shall determine the boundaries of the regions to which each  
39 Regional Chairperson shall be assigned.

- 1 (2.5.2) The Regional Chairperson shall:
- 2 (1) Regularly visit each District Council during the year to assist, encourage
- 3 and communicate District, Regional, County, and State major activities and
- 4 events;
- 5 (2) Work with the Districts to strengthen and involve membership in the
- 6 development of a strong and viable State Democratic Party from the
- 7 Precincts up to the State Central Committee; for example, may conduct
- 8 membership drives, voter registration drives, get out the vote events,
- 9 community outreach via knocking and attend events and neighborhood
- 10 board meetings.
- 11 (3) Help in the development and growth of the Districts and Precincts through
- 12 effective membership recruitment by utilizing and involving County and
- 13 State resources; for example, database, addresses, emails, phone
- 14 numbers, and liaison with elected officials.
- 15 (4) Be responsible for maintaining communication between the County
- 16 Committee and District Councils through correspondence, informational
- 17 memoranda, newsletter and attendance at District Council meetings; and
- 18 (5) Have the duty to represent their regions by attending or being represented
- 19 at OCC meetings. If a Regional Chairperson does not fulfill this duty,
- 20 unexcused, for three (3) OCC meetings per term of office, the Regional
- 21 Chairperson shall automatically give up their position as Regional Chair.
- 22 Any Regional Chairperson may request a hearing, in writing, to challenge
- 23 the automatic removal from their position within fifteen (15) calendar days
- 24 of the notice of removal. The County Chairperson shall appoint a special
- 25 committee, within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the request, to
- 26 conduct a hearing of the circumstances of the removal and submit its
- 27 recommendation to the County Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar
- 28 days after being appointed. A copy of the special committee's
- 29 recommendation shall be given to the Regional Chairperson who requested
- 30 the hearing. The County Chairperson shall place the matter of
- 31 consideration of the special committee's recommendation on the County
- 32 Committee's next meeting agenda.

33 (2.6) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the OCC,

34 its Executive Committee, and O'ahu County Convention. These minutes shall be

35 properly typewritten or printed and entered along with all written reports of standing and

36 special committees, in a book maintained for that purpose. The minutes shall be

37 available for inspection by interested Democrats at all reasonable times and shall be

38 turned over intact to the succeeding Secretary.

39 (2.7) Assistant Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in carrying

40 out the various duties assigned to the Secretary and shall perform the duties of the

41 Secretary in the absence of the Secretary as well as be the main point of contact

42 between the Precinct Presidents and First-Vice Presidents in coordination with the

1 District Chairperson to ensure that OCC members' contact information is updated on a  
2 regular basis.

3 (2.8) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all the fund raising activities  
4 within O'ahu County, shall have custody of the OCC treasury, which shall be deposited  
5 at a commercial bank in the name of the OCC, and shall submit a report in writing at  
6 each regular meeting of the OCC. The Treasurer shall be responsible for seeing that all  
7 money is collected by duly authorized and identified persons, that receipts are given to  
8 all contributors and that a strict accounting is kept of all funds so collected. The  
9 Treasurer shall be bonded in a reasonable amount determined by the OCC and the  
10 premium shall be paid from OCC funds. The Treasurer shall submit a biennial financial  
11 report of the OCC and Districts within O'ahu County to the State Central Committee not  
12 later than one week prior to the O'ahu County Convention in every even numbered  
13 year.

14 (2.9) Assistant Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in carrying  
15 out the various duties assigned to the Treasurer and shall perform the duties of the  
16 Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer.

17 (2.10) O'ahu County State Central Committee Representatives. The O'ahu County State  
18 Central Committee Representatives, one male and one female to be elected by the  
19 O'ahu County Convention in even-numbered years, shall have the responsibility to  
20 ensure that the OCC makes the necessary organizational arrangements to support and  
21 implement adopted rules, procedures and practices of the State Convention and the  
22 State Central Committee. The O'ahu County State Central Committee Representatives  
23 shall be voting members of the Executive Committee and the OCC.

24 (2.11) Election of Executive Committee. With the exception of Regional Chairpersons,  
25 each member of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority of the votes  
26 cast at the O'ahu County Convention in odd-numbered years. The Regional  
27 Chairpersons shall be elected at the same convention by a majority of votes cast in their  
28 respective regions.

29 (2.12) Term of Office. Immediately following the adjournment of the O'ahu County  
30 Convention in odd-numbered years, the OCC Executive Committee shall organize and  
31 take office immediately and shall hold office until the adjournment of the next O'ahu  
32 County Convention held in an odd-numbered year.

33 (2.13) Vacancies

34 (2.13.1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairperson, the Vice Chair  
35 becomes the acting chair and a new Chair shall be elected by the general membership  
36 of the O'ahu County Committee within 30 days after the commencement of the vacancy.  
37 The vacancy shall be deemed to have commenced on the date that the Vice Chair  
38 receives written notice of resignation by the Chair, or upon the death of the Chair, or  
39 upon a determination by the Executive Committee that the Chair is incapacitated. At the

1 election to fill the vacancy, the Vice Chair may choose to be a candidate for Chair. If the  
2 Vice Chair is not elected Chair, the Vice Chair resumes service as Vice Chair. If the Vice  
3 Chair is elected Chair, then the general membership shall immediately thereafter elect a  
4 new Vice Chair at the same meeting.

5 The OCC Secretary shall notify all members of the OCC within ten (10) calendar days of  
6 notification of the occurrence of the vacancy. Any member of the OCC who wishes to  
7 nominate a person to fill the vacancy may select a nominee from any member of the  
8 Democratic Party who fulfills the eligibility requirements in Section 5, and may nominate  
9 such person to fill the vacancy by forwarding a statement to that effect, signed by the  
10 nominee to the Secretary within the deadline established by the Secretary in the notice  
11 of vacancy or within ten (10) calendar days after notification, whichever is greater.

12 The Secretary shall then prepare a notice of election meeting, designating the time,  
13 place and purpose of the meeting, which shall include the names of all nominees for the  
14 office of County Vice Chairperson and/or Chairperson. Such notice shall be mailed or  
15 emailed ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting to all members of the OCC.

16 All members present at the election meeting may vote from among the nominees, and  
17 the nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall immediately assume office.  
18 Proxy voting shall be prohibited, and voting by secret ballot may only be waived by a  
19 majority vote.

20 Only members of the OCC shall be eligible to vote to fill the vacancy in the office of the  
21 County Vice Chairperson or Chairperson. Should the newly elected County Vice  
22 Chairperson or Chairperson be an existing OCC officer, he/she shall vacate such office  
23 held and a replacement shall be selected by the OCC.

24 (2.13.2) Other Members of the Executive Committee. Any other vacancies on the  
25 Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment by the County Chairperson on an  
26 interim basis until confirmed by the County Committee at it's next meeting.

27 (2.13.3) If a Regional Chairperson, District Chairperson, District Council Officer, Precinct  
28 President or any other Precinct Officer is elected or appointed to any officer position on  
29 the OCC Executive Committee that person shall automatically vacate the lesser office.

30 (2.14) The O'ahu County Committee shall adopt and endeavor to adhere to a biennial  
31 budget. The biennium shall be defined by the OCC. Not later than six months before the  
32 commencement of a budget biennium, the Finance Committee shall draft a budget and  
33 submit it to the chair for consideration by the O'ahu County Committee not less than  
34 sixty (60) days before the commencement of the budget biennium. The budget may be  
35 amended by a majority vote of the O'ahu County Committee. The County Chair shall  
36 ensure that the Finance Committee is appointed not later than thirty (30) days after the  
37 end of the County Convention in odd numbered years, and the draft budget shall be

1 submitted to the O'ahu County Committee no later than sixty (60) days after the  
2 appointment of the Finance Committee.

3 (2.14.1) A Copy of the approved budget shall be posted on the O'ahu County Democrats  
4 website no later that 14 days after it has ben approved by the O'ahu County Committee,  
5 and shall remain available for the duration of the biennium.

### 6 **Section 3. Deputy Chairpersons.**

7 To assist the County Chairperson with their duties, the County Chairperson may appoint  
8 not more than eight (8) Deputy Chairpersons with the advice and consent of the  
9 Executive Committee. The Deputy Chairpersons shall be non-voting members of the  
10 OCC. The responsibility of the Deputy Chairpersons shall be to assist the County  
11 Chairperson in the administration of the County Chairperson's responsibilities in  
12 conducting the affairs of the County Committee. The Deputy Chairpersons shall be  
13 accountable to the County Chairperson for tasks, assignments and responsibilities in  
14 conducting the affairs of the County Committee.

### 15 **Section 4. District Council.**

16 (4.1) The District Council in each representative district shall consist of all the precinct  
17 presidents, first vice-presidents, and District Councilpersons of each precinct, and the  
18 duly elected chairperson.

19 (4.2) The District Chairperson, on behalf of the District Council, shall be responsible to  
20 call a precinct organizational meeting of all precinct members of record. Members shall  
21 be notified pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of  
22 Hawai'i. The District Chairperson shall be responsible to initiate the organization of  
23 Precinct Clubs when the Executive Committee of the District Council declares a  
24 Precinct Club inactive. If the District Chairperson fails to organize the precinct within  
25 fifteen (15) days of the declaration, the Chairperson of the County Committee shall  
26 accept the responsibility to organize the precinct as defined in the Constitution and  
27 Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, for example, may conduct membership  
28 drives, voter registration drives, get out the vote events, community outreach via door  
29 knocking, attending events and neighborhood board meetings, and support  
30 membership assessment for their District.

31 (4.3) District Council Chairpersons shall have the duty to represent their districts by  
32 attending or being represented at OCC meetings. If a District Chairperson does not fulfill  
33 this duty, unexcused, for three (3) OCC meetings per term of office, the District  
34 Chairperson shall automatically give up their position as District Chairperson.

35 Any District Chairperson may request a hearing, in writing, to challenge the automatic  
36 removal from their position within fifteen (15) calendar days of the notice of removal.  
37 The County Chairperson shall appoint a special committee, within ten (10) calendar  
38 days after receiving the request, to conduct a hearing of the circumstances of the

1 removal and submit its recommendation to the County Committee not later than thirty  
2 (30) calendar days after being appointed.

3 A copy of the special committee's recommendation shall be given to the District  
4 Chairperson who requested the hearing. The County Chairperson shall place the matter  
5 of consideration of the special committee's recommendation on the County Committee's  
6 next meeting agenda.

### 7 **Section 5. Eligibility & Election.**

8 (5.1) Eligibility. Any member of the Party residing in the County may be elected an  
9 officer of the County Committee including County Chairperson, with the requirement that  
10 any member seeking the office of County Chairperson shall have been a member of the  
11 Party for at least one (1) year prior to the County Committee Officers election. Elected  
12 officials, individuals appointed to fill an elected office, or candidates for elected office are  
13 not eligible to become County Chairperson. If a member has resigned from the Party in  
14 the two years prior to re-enrollment, the re-enrolled member must be a member in good  
15 standing for at least one year prior to the County Committee Officers election prior to  
16 being elected an officer of the County Committee.

17 If a District Chairperson, Precinct President, Precinct First Vice-President or a Precinct  
18 District Councilperson is elected as a County officer, that person shall automatically  
19 vacate the lesser office. Any person who wishes to be a candidate for Chairperson,  
20 Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or  
21 Regional Chairperson shall file nomination papers at least ten (10) days prior to the  
22 County Convention. The nomination papers shall be signed by not less than ten (10)  
23 members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i residing in the O'ahu County or Region  
24 being represented.

25 (5.2) Elections. Election(s) shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. Election(s) shall  
26 be by signed ballot unless there is only one nominee for a particular position in which  
27 case election shall be by acclamation. In contested races, candidates may speak for two  
28 minutes each prior to the vote. Election(s) shall be conducted using a single, first ballot;  
29 provided, however, that each region shall have separate ballots to elect Regional Chairs  
30 where more than one candidate is running for the same position. If no candidate  
31 receives a majority on the first ballot, then a second ballot between the top two vote-  
32 getters shall be conducted. Subsequent ties shall be decided by the flip of a coin.

### 33 **Section 6. Quorum.**

34 The quorum at any meeting shall be 33% of the sitting members of the respective body.  
35 This rule does not apply to Precinct Clubs and District Councils. Participation via  
36 electronic means, such as teleconference or video conference, shall constitute  
37 participation for the purposes of voting and establishing a quorum so long as and for as  
38 long as all persons participating are able to hear each other at the same time. Each  
39 matter shall be decided by the majority vote of those participating.

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1 **Section 7. Proxies.**

2 (7.1) A District Chairperson may give their proxy to another officer of their District  
3 Council in accordance with Article III - "District Council" of the Bylaws of the Democratic  
4 Party of Hawai'i. All proxies must be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of  
5 the OCC and the OCC Chairperson. In the absence of the District Chairperson, the  
6 First Vice Chairperson shall have the right to vote and represent the District without  
7 further designation or proxy. The District Chairperson shall still be considered absent  
8 even though a proxy has been given unless excused by the OCC Chairperson.

9 (7.2) A Regional Chairperson may give their proxy to a District Council officer in their  
10 region. All proxies must be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of the OCC  
11 and the OCC Chairperson. The Regional Chairperson shall still be considered absent  
12 even though a proxy has been given unless excused by the OCC Chairperson. An  
13 unexcused absence can be appealed to the OCC Executive Committee, but only at the  
14 next OCC Executive Committee meeting.

15 **Section 8. Meetings, Notices, Attendance at Meetings.**

16 (8.1) Immediately after the adjournment of the O'ahu County Convention, the new O'ahu  
17 County Committee shall meet.

18 (8.2) Regular Meetings. Notice of meetings shall be given in person, by fax, electronic  
19 mail, by telephone or by mailing such notice to the last known address of each member  
20 not less than five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting.

21 (8.3) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the OCC may be held at any time by call of  
22 the County Chairperson or upon written request submitted to the Secretary or  
23 Chairperson by not less than thirty-three and 1/3 percent (33 1/3%) of the total seated  
24 membership. Notice of special meetings shall be given in person, by fax, electronic mail,  
25 or by telephone or by mailing such notice to the last known address of each member not  
26 less than five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting.

27 (8.4) Executive Session Meetings. Normally all OCC meetings are open to all  
28 Democratic Party members. Under exceptional circumstances, the OCC may decide to  
29 go into executive session to deal with a confidential matter. The decision to go into  
30 executive session shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of OCC members in attendance.

31 (8.5) Members who are entitled may participate in OCC meetings or committee  
32 meetings by means of teleconference, videoconference, or by any means of a  
33 communication technology by which all persons participating in the meeting can speak  
34 to and hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute  
35 attendance at the meeting so long as and for as long as such simultaneous  
36 communication is active and enabled.

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1 **Section 9. Standing and Special Committees.**

2 (9.1) There shall be standing committees on rules, finance, legislation, membership,  
3 elections and convention planning. At least one of the co-chairs of each committee shall  
4 be a member of the OCC and shall be appointed by the Chair with advise and consent  
5 of the OCC. Membership of the committees is open to any member of the O'ahu County  
6 Democrats.

7 (9.2) Rules Committee. A member of the Executive Committee shall act as chairperson  
8 of the Rules Committee which shall be responsible for reviewing and proposing updates  
9 to OCC Rules, the convention standing rules, and these Bylaws.

10 (9.3) Finance Committee. The OCC Treasurer shall act as chairperson of the Finance  
11 Committee, which shall be responsible for the raising of and accounting for funds within  
12 O'ahu County as well as prepare the biennial budget.

13 (9.4) Legislation Committee. The Legislation Committee shall be charged with compiling  
14 information and promoting action on legislative projects in keeping with the O'ahu  
15 County Democratic Party Platform, drafting or having drafted appropriate measures and  
16 cooperating with the proper officials and members of the Federal, State, and County  
17 legislative bodies, and other agencies and organizations, in having such legislation  
18 introduced and passed. One of the co-chairs of the Legislation Committee shall report to  
19 the OCC at its regular meetings on the activities of the Legislation Committee, and on  
20 the cooperation received from various officials and board members.

21 (9.5) Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for  
22 coordinating recruitment of new members and/or membership drives, develop and  
23 maintain of onboarding procedures for new members, encourage the registration of  
24 voters, as well as coordinating membership enhancements.

25 (9.6) Convention Planning Committee. The Convention Planning Committee shall be  
26 responsible for planning and organizing annual and special county conventions. The site  
27 selection recommendations and budget shall be presented to and be subject to the  
28 approval of the County Executive Committee.

29 (9.6) Elections Committee. The Elections Committee shall be responsible for planning  
30 and organizing regular and special elections of county officers at county conventions  
31 and/or between conventions as needed and as provided by these bylaws. No member  
32 of this committee may be candidate for county committee office.

33 (9.7) Special Committees. The County Chairperson may create special committees as  
34 may be necessary to accomplish tasks consistent with the mission of the O'ahu County  
35 organization and not otherwise within the charge of existing standing committees.

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1 **Section 10. Duties and Responsibilities of the O'ahu County Committee (OCC).**

2 (10.1) It shall be the duty of the OCC to establish and maintain an active and effective  
3 Democratic Party organization within the City and County of Honolulu, to inform  
4 Democrats within the County of Democratic Party policy and activities and to insure as  
5 large a vote as possible for Democratic Party candidates in the election.

6 (10.2) To attain these goals, the OCC shall take such steps as necessary to encourage  
7 officials of the County, elected and appointed in the name of the Democratic Party to  
8 observe the platforms and principles of the O'ahu County Democrats and the  
9 Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

10 (10.3) It shall be the duty of the OCC to cooperate in the carrying out of the policies and  
11 programs of the State Central Committee.

12 **Section 11. County Convention: Time and Notices.**

13 (11.1) The annual convention of the O'ahu County Democrats shall be held at least  
14 three (3) weeks prior to the State Convention in even-numbered years, and the time of  
15 the meeting shall be fixed by the OCC. Special conventions may be called in  
16 accordance with the O'ahu County bylaws, rules and convention rules. The officers of  
17 the OCC shall be elected in odd-numbered years. O'ahu County State Central  
18 Committee Representatives are elected in even-numbered years in accordance with the  
19 Constitution of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

20 (11.2) All delegates and alternate delegates to the County Convention shall be notified  
21 by mail or email of the time and place thereof at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to  
22 the date of the County Convention.

23 (11.3) The convention committees shall meet at least seven (7) days prior to the County  
24 Convention. These committees shall accept submissions at the convention committee  
25 meetings with a 2/3 vote of the convention committee members present.

26 (11.4) The delegate body of the Convention shall be comprised as follows.

- 27 A. Each District shall have twenty four (24) delegates.
- 28 1. The President, First Vice President, and District Council Person of each  
29 precinct shall be delegates to the O'ahu County Convention.
  - 30 2. Delegates shall be elected at the time of the Precinct Elections as prescribed  
31 by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.
  - 32 3. If fewer than twenty-four delegates are elected because the State House  
33 District has fewer than eight (8) precincts, a number of At Large delegates to  
34 the O'ahu County Convention shall be allotted equal to the number of  
35 precincts in the district, multiplied by three (3), and then subtracted from  
36 twenty four (24).
  - 37 4. Elections of At Large delegates shall be held at the same time, and At Large  
38 delegates shall be elected by all district members present. If a district meets  
39 in more than one (1) location, At Large delegates for the district shall be

- 1 allocated to each location at a percentage equal to the percentage of district  
2 precincts at each location.
- 3 B. Each District shall make every effort to elect delegates composed of equal  
4 numbers of men and women.
- 5 C. In addition to elected delegates, the District Chairperson of each district and  
6 members of the Executive Committee of the O'ahu County Committee shall be  
7 delegates to the O'ahu County Convention.
- 8 D. Other Precinct officers shall not be precluded from running as a delegate.
- 9 E. If, following the Precinct Elections, there remain vacant At Large delegate  
10 positions, the District Council shall be empowered to fill the remaining positions,  
11 up until ten (10) days prior to the convention, after that the District Chairperson  
12 shall be empowered, provided that;
- 13 i. Best attempts are made to ensure gender equity is maintained; and  
14 ii. District Council meetings to fill vacancies may be conducted by  
15 videoconference, phone or email;  
16 iii. Appointments shall be in writing.
- 17 F. If an elected delegate cannot attend, they may appoint their own alternate  
18 provided that they notify the District Chairperson in writing at least ten (10) days  
19 prior to the convening of the convention and;
- 20 i. The appointed alternate reside in the district; and  
21 ii. A best effort is made to ensure the selected alternate is of the same gender  
22 as the elected delegate; and  
23 iii. An alternate shall act for no more than one (1) delegate at a time; and  
24 iv. If the elected delegate does not appoint an alternate ten (10) days prior to the  
25 convening of the Convention, the District Chairperson shall be empowered to  
26 appoint the alternate, provided that a best effort is made to appoint an  
27 alternate of the same gender as the elected delegate.
- 28 G. Each delegate to the O'ahu County Convention is entitled to one (1) vote.
- 29 H. No official delegate shall be prevented from fully participating in the County  
30 Convention due to an inability to pay part or all of the established registration fee.

31 (11.5) Elected federal, state and County officials, or officials who may have been  
32 appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official, who currently serve in office and  
33 are not precinct presidents, precinct first vice presidents, or precinct district  
34 councilpersons, shall have all the rights and privileges of a delegate subject to the  
35 following requirements:

- 36 1. Be a member of the Democratic Party in good standing; and
- 37 2. Have attained their present office in a partisan election as a Democrat or  
38 have been appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official, or have  
39 attained their present office in a non-partisan State or County election,  
40 provided they are Democratic Party members in good standing and residents  
41 of O'ahu.

1 (11.6) Former Democratic Governors, Lt. Governors, O'ahu Mayors, State Party Chairs,  
2 and O'ahu County Committee Chairs, and the current state party chair who are not  
3 precinct presidents, precinct first vice presidents, or precinct district councilpersons,  
4 shall have all the rights and privileges of delegates so long as they are members of the  
5 Democratic Party of Hawai'i in good standing, residents of O'ahu and ran for their  
6 elected office as a member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

7 (11.7) The Co-Chairs and members of the Convention Committees of Rules, Affirmative  
8 Action, Platform, Credentials and Resolutions shall be appointed by the County  
9 Chairperson, in keeping with the Party's commitment to gender equity, from among the  
10 Convention delegates with the concurrence of the O'ahu County Committee.

11 (11.8) Voting members of the Convention Committees of Rules, Affirmative Action,  
12 Platform, Credentials and Resolution shall be delegates to the O'ahu County  
13 Convention. If at all possible, the voting members shall be evenly divided between the  
14 regions. The members shall be appointed by the County Chairperson according to a  
15 process approved by the O'ahu County Committee. Each committee shall not exceed  
16 5% of the total eligible county convention delegates.

17 (11.9) All members of the O'ahu County Democrats are invited to attend and voice their  
18 opinions in the Convention Committee meetings that take place prior to the annual  
19 County Convention.

20 (11.10) A member of the Executive Committee shall serve as a co-chair of the annual  
21 O'ahu County Convention.

## 22 **Section 12. County Convention Rules.**

23 (12.1) The O'ahu County Committee may adopt rules for the proper conduct of O'ahu  
24 County Convention business not inconsistent or in conflict with the Constitution and  
25 Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and, except for rules regarding submission  
26 format and deadlines, are subject to amendment by Convention delegates.

27 (12.2) The platform and resolutions adopted by delegates at conventions of the O'ahu  
28 County Democrats shall remain in force and effect until rescinded or amended by a  
29 two-thirds roll call vote of the full membership of the O'ahu County Committee or by a  
30 majority of votes cast by delegates at an annual or special convention, or until they  
31 come into conflict with the platform or resolutions of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

32 (12.3) Resolutions adopted at a county convention in a non State Convention year will  
33 not be referred by O'ahu County to a future State Convention.

34 (12.4) Resolutions adopted may be edited & reformatted by the secretary as needed to  
35 correct spelling and grammar and to conform with the convention submission rules, the  
36 posted and published resolutions of the county, and the format described in *Robert's*  
37 *Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

1 **Section 13. Adoption and Amendment of O'ahu County Bylaws.**  
2 (13.1) Proposals to amend or revise these bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote  
3 at any annual or special O'ahu County Convention or at any regular meeting of the  
4 O'ahu County Committee by a majority of all its members, provided that the amendment  
5 has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting. The OCC shall submit the  
6 proposed bylaws or bylaw changes to the State Central Committee within ninety (90)  
7 calendar days of adoption. Upon the determination by the State Central Committee that  
8 the proposed bylaws or bylaw changes are not inconsistent or in conflict with the  
9 Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the bylaws of the O'ahu  
10 County Democrats and bylaw changes shall become effective.

11 (13.2) In the event the State Central Committee fails to ratify the proposed bylaws or  
12 bylaw changes, the OCC may at the next State Convention appeal for ratification of the  
13 same by the Convention.

14 (13.3) In the event the OCC fails to submit the proposed bylaws or bylaw changes for  
15 ratification, or if the same are not ratified in accordance with this section, then the duly  
16 ratified Bylaws of the O'ahu County Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall remain applicable  
17 to the O'ahu County Democrats and the O'ahu County Committee.

18 **Section 14. Parliamentary Procedure Guidance.**

19 The rules of parliamentary procedure as set forth in the current edition of *Robert's Rules*  
20 *of Order Newly Revised*, shall guide the O'ahu County Committee and govern all  
21 proceedings not provided for in these bylaws, so long as the rules of parliamentary  
22 procedure are reasonably applicable and not inconsistent or in conflict with the  
23 Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.