

“BY-LAWS OF THE NASSAU DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE”

ARTICLE ONE

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NASSAU COUNTY

Section I: Membership:

The Democratic Party in Nassau County shall consist of all enrolled voters of the Democratic Party residing in Nassau County.

Section II: County Committee:

The Nassau Democratic County Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Nassau County Democratic Committee) shall consist of two (2) county committee members elected from each Election District in Nassau County pursuant to §2-104 of the New York State Election Law.

Section III: Party Purposes:

The purpose of the Nassau County Democratic Committee for which these By-Laws are drawn, is to promote and establish Democratic principles and programs in the County. This Committee shall have the power to govern the business and conduct the affairs of the Democratic Party in Nassau County, subject to these By-Laws and the Election Law.

ARTICLE TWO

COUNTY PARTY ORGANIZATION

Section I: County Committee:

A. **Election:** Members of the County Committee shall be elected in each odd-numbered calendar year at the primary election in each such year held pursuant to the Election Law. The members elected shall serve for two-year terms expiring at the primary election in the odd-numbered year following the year of election.

B. **Qualifications:** Each member of the County Committee, except as otherwise provided in §2-104 of the New York State Election Law, shall be an enrolled Democrat residing in the Assembly District containing the Election District in which he/she is elected, and preferably, a resident of such Election District.

C. **Vacancies:** Any vacancy in the County Committee, shall be filled by a person duly qualified, pursuant to the provisions of the election law by the County Chairperson, subject to approval by the members of the County Committee at the next County Committee meeting. For

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such vacancy to be so filled, the County Chairperson may appoint a person duly qualified, upon the written recommendation of any two of the following: Town/City Leader, Legislative District Leader, and/or Zone Leader.

D. Meetings:

1. **Organizational:** The County Committee shall meet and organize as provided by the Election Law, within twenty (20) days after the Primary Election at which it was elected. The time and place of such meeting shall be designated by the County Chairperson. The order of Business at such meetings shall be:

- a) Call of Roll;
- b) Selection of Temporary Chairperson;
- c) Selection of Temporary Secretary;
- d) Appointment of Tellers;
- e) Appointment of Committee on Credentials;
- f) Report of Committee on Credentials;
- g) Adoption of Permanent Roll;
- h) Adoption of Rules;
- i) New Business;
- j) Adjournment.

2. **Other Meetings:** There shall be regular meetings held at such time and place as may be designated by the Chairperson of the Nassau County Democratic Committee.

3. **Special Meetings:** Special meetings may be called by the County Chairperson, or upon the written request of at least thirty-three and a third (33 1/3%) percent of the total weighted vote of the County Committee. Special meetings called shall be upon written request and shall be held within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the request, at a time and place designated by the County Chairperson.

The order of business at such meeting shall be:

- a) Reading of Notice of Meeting;
- b) Call of Roll;
- c) Reading of minutes, if any;
- d) Report of Standing Committees, if any;
- e) Unfinished Business;
- f) New Business.

4. **Notice:** Whenever these By-Laws Provide for the calling of a meeting, written notice must be mailed First Class Mail to the last address on file with the County Committee of the

Committee Person at least seven (7) days before the meeting, except in emergency situations as defined by the Policy Committee. Notice shall be deemed effective when mailed. Such notice must include a written agenda and additional matters may be added by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those present. Only specific items on the agenda may be voted on at the meeting.

5. **Quorum:** A quorum of the County Committee at the Organizational Meeting shall consist of fifty (50%) percent of the weighted vote of the County Committee present in person or by proxy as permitted by these By-Laws. A quorum of the County Committee at all other meetings shall consist of thirty-three and a third (33 1/3%) percent of the weighted vote of the County Committee present in person or by proxy.

6. **Weighted Vote:** At meetings of the County Committee each member shall, for all purposes, have one vote for each one hundred votes or major fraction thereof, cast on the Democratic Party row in the Election District for the Democratic candidate for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election. In case the boundaries of the district have been changed, or a new district has been created since the last preceding gubernatorial election, each member shall have one vote for each one hundred (100) votes or major fraction thereof cast on the Democratic Party row for the Democratic candidate for Assembly in the last election for that office; or, in the event there was no timely election for Member of Assembly, then in accordance, with Section 2-104 of the Election Law. In any event, each member shall have at least one vote. In each case where a vote is indicated under these By-Laws, a majority of the votes cast at a duly convened meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be determinative unless otherwise provided.

7. **Proxy Voting:** A member of the County Committee who is absent from a meeting may be represented at such meeting by another committee member within the same zone. No committee member can hold or vote more than one (1) proxy. Whenever proxy voting is permitted by these By-laws, the proxy shall be in writing and substantially in the following form:

"I hereby appoint _____, my representative to act and vote as my proxy, with power of substitution consistent with the By-Laws of the Democratic Committee, at a meeting to be held on the _____ day of _____ 20____, and to have all the privileges and powers I should then be entitled to if personally present.

Dated: _____, 20____. Time: _____

"A Signature of County Committee Member"

"Signature of Proxy Holder"

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8. **Signature Cards:** Each Committee member shall return to the Secretary of the County Committee a signature card furnished by the Secretary, bearing the member's true signature. Such card shall be kept on file by the secretary, for as so long as such Committee-member holds office. In the Secretary's discretion, the signature cards may be kept by electronic or digital media.

9. **Credentials Committee:** At all meetings of the County Committee the Chairperson of the meeting shall appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of at least two (2) members from each Legislative District. Each member of the County Committee attending shall report to the appropriate Credentials Committee and sign the Legislative District roster. The Committee member shall notify the Credentials Committee of his/her departure if he/she leaves temporarily or permanently before the meeting concludes. The Credentials Committee shall, prior to the meeting, elect a Credentials Committee-at-Large, composed of three (3) persons appointed by the County Chairperson.

10. **Voting and Challenge:** Voting may be by roll call at the discretion of the Chairperson, except that voting shall be by roll call whenever requested by twenty (20) or more members of the body. Roll calls shall be taken by Legislative District in order as determined by lot prior to each meeting and prevail throughout such meeting. The Zones within each Legislative District shall be called alphabetically. The Zone Leader, having ascertained the votes of the Committee members of the Zone eligible to vote for the public or party office at issue, and having recorded the same on a tally sheet, which shall be furnished by the Secretary of the County Committee, shall state the votes of the Zone. Such votes shall be recorded by the secretary. If a Committee member of any Zone objects to the votes stated by the Zone Leader, the Committee members of that Zone shall be polled by the Secretary, and if any member of the Credentials Committee assigned to a specific Legislative District states one or more objections concerning attendance in any zone in the Legislative District, based on examination of the attendance records or of the Zone Leader's tally sheet, such Zone shall be polled to the extent necessary to determine the validity of such objections.

If any member of the County Committee objects to the vote of any Zone, a challenge may be filed with the Credentials Committee-at-Large. If the Credentials Committee-at-Large upholds the challenge, it will direct the Secretary to poll the Zone in question. In any case, the result so ascertained, shall stand as the vote of the members of that Zone. At the conclusion of the meeting, each Zone Leader shall turn in to the Credentials Committee the tally sheets of the Zone, certified by signature as to accuracy. All other materials, used, prepared by or submitted to the Credentials Committee, shall be preserved by the Secretary of the County Committee for thirty (30) days, or in the case of any dispute, until such dispute, is resolved.

11. **Rules of Order:** Proceedings of the County Committee and of its sub- divisions and sub-committees shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order latest revised edition, except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws or the Election Law.

Section II: Officers of the County Committee:

A. Officers of the County Committee: There shall be a Chairperson, First Vice Chairperson, six (6) unnumbered Vice-Chairpersons, a Secretary, and a Treasurer of the County Committee, each of whom shall be enrolled Democrats residing in Nassau County. Their duties shall include Political Affairs, Administration, and Affirmative Action. They shall be elected at the organizational meeting of the County Committee by a majority of the weighted votes cast in person or by proxy at such meeting. The County Committee officers shall hold office until their respective successors are elected at the next organizational meeting, or until resignation, termination of residence in the County, or other disqualification.

B. Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairperson, the office shall be filled by the First Vice Chairperson, until a new County Chairperson shall be elected at a meeting of the County Committee which shall be called within thirty (30) days of the start of such vacancy. Until such election, the Acting County Chairperson shall nominate one of the remaining Vice Chairpersons for the position of Acting First Vice Chairperson subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Such individual shall hold such position until the next meeting of the County Committee, at which meeting the position shall be further filled for the balance of the term, if any.

In the event of vacancies in the positions of both County Chairperson and First Vice Chairperson, or where the First Vice Chairperson has declined, has been disqualified or is unable to serve as County Chairperson, the Executive Committee, on call of the Secretary or in the absence or inability of the Secretary, the Treasurer, shall elect one of the remaining Vice Chairpersons as Chairperson.

C. Appointments: The County Chairperson shall appoint the Executive Director and such deputies as he/she deems necessary to be in charge of the Law, Issues, Finance, Fund-raising, Headquarters, and Special Events Committees, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Each of these persons shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairperson and shall be assigned specific duties. In that capacity, they shall prepare reports for submission to the Policy and Executive Committees, where they shall participate when requested, but without any voting power.

D. Duties:

1. The County Chairperson shall carry out the programs and policies of the Nassau County Democratic Committee. The County Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and the Policy and Executive Committees, and shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office, and as may be prescribed by these By-Laws or be required by law.

2. The Vice Chair will perform such duties as directed by the County Chairperson. In the absence of the County Chairperson, the First Vice Chairperson shall act in that capacity,

followed by the unnumbered six (6) "Vice Chairpersons of the County Committee". In the absence of these officers, the respective committees shall designate a Chairperson pro tem.

3. The **Secretary** shall keep the minutes of all meetings, shall call the roll at the opening of meetings, and perform such other duties as shall be required by the County Committee and the Election Law. Upon the expiration of term of office or upon removal from office, or inability to act, the Secretary shall deliver books, papers, and other property of the County Committee to the County Chairperson.

4. The **Treasurer** shall receive monies, keep an accurate account thereof in books provided for that purpose, file any mandatory financial disclosure statements with the Board of Elections, file requisite tax returns with the controlling governmental authorities, deposit all monies received in a bank or bank selected by the Executive Committee, pay all bills that have been attested to by the County Chairperson, or directed to be paid by the County Committee. Upon the expiration of term of office, or upon removal from office, or inability to act, the Treasurer shall deliver books, papers, vouchers, and any other property belonging to the County Committee and in the possession of the Treasurer to the County Chairperson. The Treasurer shall act as Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

E. **Remuneration:** The County Chairperson shall receive such compensation as the Executive Committee shall deem appropriate.

F. **Multiple Offices:** No person shall at any time, hold more than two of the following offices: Zone Leader, State Committee Person, Legislative District Leader, Town/City Leader, Officer of the County Committee. In the event any person holding an office as described above accepts a third office, he shall be deemed to have resigned from the office for the smallest geographic area, effective the date of the election or appointment to the later office. In the event that any one individual holds more than one of these offices, said individual shall only be entitled one (1) vote at any meeting called herein.

G. **Discipline:** Any officer, Zone Leader, Legislative District Leader, Town/City Leader or member of the County Committee may be removed upon notice and hearing before the Executive Committee and pursuant to the "notice" provision of Article 2, Sec. I, D, 4 of these by-laws, for disloyalty to the Party, or corruption in office, or failure to be and continue as an enrolled member of the Democratic Party, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. Any officer of the County Committee who is duly convicted of a felony under federal and/or state law shall forfeit his/her office upon any such conviction

Any member of the Nassau County Democratic Party may be disenrolled by a majority vote of the whole committee, after full compliance with the procedures set forth in the Election Law for a hearing upon written charges before a sub-committee and report of the findings to the whole committee.

Section III: Committees of the County Committee:

A. **Executive Committee:** There shall be an Executive Committee which shall have the power to transact the business of the County Committee when not in session in accordance with the Election Law. The Executive Committee shall consist of the duly elected officers of the County Committee, City and Town Leaders, the Legislative District Leaders, and Zone Leaders. It shall meet on a regular basis, at least five (5) times each year and at such times as may be fixed by the County Chair. A budget shall be adopted at the first meeting subsequent to December 1 of each year. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of forty (40%) percent of its membership. Voting by the Executive Committee members shall be on the basis of one vote for each member.

Any Executive Committee member absent from three successive regular meetings of the County Executive Committee, without prior notification and acceptance by the County Chairperson, shall be held by the Committee to have resigned from his or her office on the County Executive Committee.

B. **Policy Committee:** There shall be a policy committee which shall recommend the platform of the Nassau County Democratic Committee subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. It shall consist of the County Chairperson, the Vice Chairpersons, the Town and City Leaders, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Legislative District Leaders, and the State Committee members from the County of Nassau. The policy committee shall meet regularly, not less than two (2) times each year and file a written report to the Executive Committee. A quorum shall consist of thirty-three and a third (33 1/3%) percent of its total membership.

C. **Law Committee:** There shall be a Law Committee consisting of not less than five (5) members, each of whom shall be a lawyer admitted to practice Law in the State of New York, and an enrolled Democrat. The members of the Law Committee and its Chairperson shall be appointed by the County Chairperson.

D. **Finance Committee:** There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of five (5) members, appointed by the County Chairperson, which shall prepare an annual budget, update and revise the budget as necessary, and shall prepare financial reports with respect to all accounts under the control of the County Committee. Reports shall be prepared as of December 31st of each year and be submitted to the Executive Committee.

The Finance Committee shall have the authority to review all County, Town, City, Legislative District, Zone, Club, Village and Campaign Accounts.

E. **Fund-Raising Committee:** There shall be a Fund-Raising Committee which shall plan and coordinate all county fund-raising and report regularly to the Executive Committee within three (3) weeks after such fund-raising event as to the total receipts

and expenses (paid or accrued) relating directly to the event. Said report shall be given to the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee. The members of the Fund-Raising Committee shall be appointed by the County Chairperson.

F. **Issues Committee:** There shall be an Issues Committee consisting of no more than twelve (12) members, which shall provide on a continuing basis the recommendations of positions for review, approval and use by the County Chairperson, the Policy Committee, the Executive Committee, and other organizational elements of the Nassau County Democratic Party. The members of the Issues Committee shall be appointed by the County Chairperson.

G. **Other Committees:** The County Chairperson may appoint such other committees as from time to time appear necessary and desirable.

ARTICLE THREE

SUBDIVISIONS OF THE COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Section I: Zones:

A. **Zone Boundaries:** The County Shall be divided into zones. Zone limits may be established, consolidated, redefined or modified in any way by the County Executive Committee.

B. **Zone Committees:** Zone Committees shall consist of the County Committee members representing the Election Districts within a Zone.

C. **Zone Leaders:** Within thirty (30) days after the Primary Election at which the County Committee members are elected, the incumbent Zone Leader of each zone (or if there should be none, the County Chairperson) shall call a meeting of the Zone Committee to elect as Leader an enrolled Democrat residing in the zone or committee person representing an Election District within the zone. If the incumbent Leader shall fail to call such a meeting, the County Chairperson shall call such a meeting within forty-five (45) days after the Primary Election. The newly elected Zone Leader shall certify such election in writing to the County Chairperson. The Zone Leader shall continue in office until a) the thirtieth day after the next such Primary Election or until a successor is sooner elected, b) resignation, c) termination of residence in the zone, d) other disqualification or e) the splitting of the zone (as provided below). If no meeting to elect a Zone Leader has been called as provided in this Section, the Committee members of the Zone after expiration of ten (10) days beyond the time stipulated may call such a meeting provided that notice of intent signed by more than thirty-three and a third (33 1/3%) percent of the number of existing committee members in the Zone is filed with Secretary of the County Committee and the Legislative District Leader, ten (10) days before the date of such meeting.

In the case of a vacancy in the office of Zone Leader, an election shall be held at a meeting

called by the County Chairperson to be held within thirty (30) days after written notice of such vacancy is received by the Secretary of the County Committee, either from the outgoing Zone Leader, or if substantiated, from the Legislative District Leader or a committee member of such zone.

If a zone is split and new zones result therefrom, the position of Leader of the original zone shall be deemed vacated effective upon the approval of the split by the County Executive Committee. In the case of such a split, the committee members of each zone shall meet at the call of the County Chairperson within fifteen (15) days after the effective date of the split to elect their respective new Zone Leaders.

D. Other officers: The Zone Leader shall designate an enrolled Democrat residing in the Zone or a committee member representing an Election District within the zone as Deputy Zone Leader and such designee shall then be certified by the Zone Leader to the County Chairperson. Such designee may be freely changed at the discretion of the Zone Leader at any time by written certification of the Leader to the County Chairperson. Whenever a Zone Leader shall be absent from a County Executive Committee meeting or a Town/City or Legislative District Executive Committee meeting, the Deputy Zone Leader, shall be admitted to such meeting and shall be counted towards a quorum, shall have such rights and shall vote with the same force and effect as the Zone Leader could if personally present.

The Zone Leader may provide for the election or appointment of such other officers, including block captains, as the Zone Committee deems necessary. However, no officer shall have a vote if said officer is not a Committee member in that zone. If a zone disburses funds, a Treasurer must be designated and the Chairperson of the County Committee must be notified of the appointment in writing. Each of these officers shall be an enrolled Democrat residing within the zone.

E. Meetings: All meetings of Zone Committees shall comply with the Rules of Order as specified for County Committee meetings. Voting at Zone meetings shall be weighted on the same basis as the County Committee. A quorum of the Zone Committee shall consist of thirty-three and a third (33 1/3%) percent of the total weighted vote of such committee. Such meetings shall be held at least four (4) times annually and a copy of the minutes thereof shall be filed with the Secretary of the County Committee within five (5) days after such meeting.

If a Zone Committee has not duly convened a meeting with a quorum present, as indicated above in this subsection E, the County Chairperson or his designee may call and chair a meeting of such zone.

Section II: State Committee:

In accordance with Section 2-102 of the State Election Law

A. **Membership:** In the event the rules of the State Committee do not otherwise provide for the election of members of the State Committee, two members of the State Committee shall be elected from each Assembly district at the Primary Election in every even-numbered year, and such other time as required by the Election Law. One of such members from each Assembly District shall be male and the other female, and each shall be an enrolled Democrat residing in the Assembly District.

B. **Vacancies:** In the Event of a vacancy in the State Committee the County Committee members in the Assembly District shall meet and designate a person to fill the vacancy, whom shall be recommended to the State Committee by the County Chairperson to fill such vacancy. Such meeting shall be called by the County Chairperson within ten (10) days after such vacancy occurs. A quorum for such meeting shall consist of thirty-three and a third (33 1/3%) percent of the total weighted vote of such Assembly district.

Section III: Legislative Districts:

A. **Legislative District Committees:** Legislative District Committees shall consist of the County Committee members representing the Election Districts within a legislative district.

B. **Legislative District Leader:** At the designating convention held in even numbered years, the County Committee members in each Legislative District shall meet at the call of the Chairperson and shall elect one of their members as Legislative District Leader. The Legislative District Leader shall continue in office until the next designating convention held in an even numbered year.

C. **Vacancies:** In the event of a vacancy, at the meeting called for the purpose of designating a person to fill such vacancy, the County Committee members in the Legislative District shall elect one of the County Committee members as Legislative District Leader. In case new Legislative Districts are created by law, or existing Legislative District boundaries are altered and public notice is given of same, the newly created/altered Districts shall be deemed to have a vacancy in the position of Legislative District Leader and the provisions of this section concerning the election of a leader shall be followed.

D. **Executive Committee:** Each Legislative District shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the Legislative District Leader and the Zone Leaders of the Legislative District. It shall meet at least two (2) times annually on the call of the Legislative District Leader. The Legislative District Executive Committee shall serve as a vehicle for: (a) keeping the Zone Leaders informed as to actions and recommendations of the Policy Committee; (b) receiving information and recommendations from the zones for transmission to the Policy Committee; and (c) planning and review of Legislative District activities. It shall be governed by the same rules as to quorum, voting, and attendance as is the County Executive Committee. If the Legislative District Leader has not duly convened a meeting with a quorum present, as indicated above in this subsection F, the County Chairperson or his designee may call and chair a meeting of such

Legislative District.

E. **Other Offices:** The Legislative District Leader shall designate an enrolled Democrat residing in the Legislative District or a committee member representing an Election District within the Legislative District as Deputy Legislative District Leader and such designee shall then be certified by the Legislative Leader to the County Chairperson. Such designee may be freely changed at the discretion of the Legislative District Leader at any time by written certification of the Leader to the County Chairperson. Whenever a Legislative District Leader shall be absent from a County Executive Committee meeting or a Town/City or Legislative District Executive Committee meeting, the Deputy Legislative District Leader, shall be admitted to such meeting and shall be counted towards a quorum, shall have such rights and shall vote with the same force and effect as the Legislative District Leader could if personally present.

The Legislative District Leader may provide for the selection of such other officers as Secretary, Treasurer, etc., of the Legislative District Committee. If a Legislative District Committee disburses funds, a Treasurer must be designated and the Chairperson of the County Committee must be notified of the appointment in writing. Each of these officers shall be an enrolled Democrat residing within the Legislative District.

No officer shall have a vote if said officer is not a Committee member in that Legislative District. If a Legislative District disburses funds, a Treasurer must be designated and the Chairperson of the County Committee must be notified of the appointment in writing. Each of these officers shall be an enrolled Democrat residing within the Legislative District.

F. **Meetings:** All meetings of Legislative District Committees shall comply with the Rules of Order as specified for County Committee meetings. Voting at Legislative District meetings shall be weighted on the same basis as the County Committee. A quorum of the Legislative District Committee shall consist of thirty-three and a third (33 1/3%) percent of the total weighted vote of such committee. Such meetings shall be held at least four (4) times annually and a copy of the minutes thereof shall be filed with the Secretary of the County Committee within five (5) days after such meeting.

If a Legislative District Committee has not duly convened a meeting with a quorum present, as indicated above in this subsection E, the County Chairperson or his designee may call and chair a meeting of such Legislative District.

G. **Transition:** For the initial term commencing ten (10) days after the adoption of these by-laws and expiring at the designating convention in the Spring of 2006, the Legislative District Leaders shall be appointed by the party Chairperson subject to ratification of such appointment by the Executive Committee. The initial creation of the position of Legislative District Leaders shall be accomplished by the appointment of the Chairperson of one (1) enrolled Democrat from each Legislative District. Legislative District Leaders shall continue in office until the next designating convention to be held in 2006 wherein the provisions set forth in Section 3

Paragraph A shall govern.

Section IV: Towns/ Cities:

A. Officers and Election: The County Committee members of the Town/ City shall, no later than June 15th of each even-numbered year, elect a Town/ City Leader. The Town/ City Leader may provide for the election or appointment of other officers as may be required with the approval of a majority of the Town/ City Committee. Officers of the Town/ City organization shall hold office until:

- a) successors are elected at the next organization meeting;
- b) resignation;
- c) termination of residence in the town/ city; or
- d) other disqualification.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Town/ City Leader, the County Chairperson shall call a convention within thirty (30) days for the election of a new Leader. A vacancy in any other elected office shall be filled by election of the Town/ City Executive Committee. Meetings of the Town/ City Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures for meetings of the County Committee.

The Town/ City organization shall direct research, development, and publicizing of Town/ City issues, seek out and assist potential candidates for Town/ City office, seek out and assist potential candidates for Town/ City Office, and shall direct the Town/ City campaign. It shall also concern itself with special district elections.

B. Executive Committee: There shall be a Town/ City Executive Committee consisting of: The Town/ City Leader, Town/ City Officers, Legislative District Leaders, and the Zone Leaders residing therein.

Section V: Clubs and other Organizations:

A. Authorization: The right of any group to organize as an association, incorporated or otherwise, to use the name "Democratic" as a part of its title, shall be granted only upon a majority vote of the County Executive Committee. All such corporations and unincorporated associations shall file with the County Committee, within thirty (30) days after adoption, a copy of their By-Laws, and of any amendments thereto, and shall advise the Secretary of the County Committee within ten (10) days after each election of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the organization's officers. The By-Laws of all sub-divisions and clubs of the Nassau County Democratic Party are required to be consistent with the County By-Laws and shall be amended at the request of the County Executive Committee acting by resolution.

B. President's Council: The County Chairperson shall create a Democratic Club Presidents Council and appoint a coordinator to work with the Council and help enhance its role

and that of the individual clubs in advancing the work of the Democratic Party.

The President of each duly chartered Democratic Club shall sit as a member of the Council which shall meet periodically. Club Presidents or their designated representatives shall be ex-officio non-voting members of each Legislative District Executive Committee. No club president shall also serve as a Zone Leader.

C. **Democratic Clubs:** Democratic Clubs shall encourage the participation of enrolled Democrats in their activities, shall seek to enhance the level of Democratic activity in the community, shall seek to provide financial support for the advancement of Democratic candidates and political sub-divisions of the Party, and shall work in harmony with the local or zone organization of the County Committee.

D. **Revocation:** Revocation of any charter shall be for cause and the result of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the County Executive Committee in attendance at a meeting thereof.

ARTICLE FOUR

DESIGNATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND PARTY POSITION

Section I: Forums:

Whenever possible each Legislative District Leader shall call a timely meeting of the Legislative District Committee members to provide a forum for all declared candidates for all offices and positions in the political sub-divisions having territory within the Legislative District.

Whenever possible each Town/ City Leader shall call a timely meeting of the Town/ City Committee members to provide a forum for all declared candidates for all offices and positions in the political sub-divisions having territory within the Town/ City.

Section II: Recommendation:

Any candidate for public office and Party position whose nomination is, by law, or under these By-Laws, required to be voted on at Primary Elections, shall be recommended by the County Committee members residing within the political sub-division for which such designations are to be made. All individuals so recommended may be interviewed by the County Policy Committee or such other subcommittees as may be appointed by the Chairperson from time to time with reference as to background, character, and adherence to Democratic Party principles, platform, and philosophy. Reports of such interview shall be forwarded to the County Executive Committee for consideration and transmittal to the appropriate designating convention.

Section III: Designation:

The County Chairperson shall call a convention for each political sub-division for which designation is to be made, to be conducted in accordance with the procedures for meetings of the County Committee. A quorum shall consist of thirty-three and a third (33 1/3%) percent of the weighted vote of such sub-division and the members of the Executive Committee and each Zone Leader and Legislative District Leader, not otherwise entitled to a vote shall be entitled to one vote.

Section IV: Judicial Offices:

The Executive Committee shall provide for the establishment of broadly based screening panels for the interviewing of judicial candidates. Reports of such interviews shall be furnished to the Executive Committee and to the delegates to the Judicial Conventions. Candidates must also have been found qualified by the Nassau County Bar Association, or the Suffolk County Bar Association, as the case may be.

Section V: Election Law Provision:

A. Whenever, in the Election Law, it is provided that the rules of the Party may provide for the nomination or designation of candidates for public office, and a certificate of nomination shall be issued under Section 6-114 (special election) or Section 6-116 (late vacancy), such nomination or designation, as the case may be, shall be made by a majority vote of a Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee. Said Sub-Committee shall consist of the Town/City Leaders, Legislative District Leaders and Zone Leaders for the political sub-division involved, together with the County Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer without regard to residence, and those unnumbered Vice Chairpersons residing in said political subdivision, each of whom shall be entitled to one vote regardless of whether an individual holds more than one office on such Sub-Committee. Said Sub-Committee shall be the authorized committee for compliance and action under Section 6-114, Section 6-116 and Section 6-120 of the Election Law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for any Certificate of Nomination pursuant to Section 6-114 of the Election Law or Section 6-116 of the Election Law for Nassau County public offices (including County Legislator) and New York State public offices, the Sub-Committee shall, in addition to Town/ City Leaders, Legislative District Leaders and Zone Leaders, include all officers of the County Committee, regardless of residence. Authorizations pursuant to Section 6-120 of the Election Law for nominations made pursuant to Section 6-114 and Section 6-116 of the Election Law shall be executed by the Chairperson and Secretary of the meeting of the Sub-Committee at which such nomination is conferred. A quorum of any meeting of said Sub-Committee shall consist of fifty (50%) percent of the total vote of such Sub-Committee present in person. Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, there shall be no proxy or weighted voting under this section.

B. Nominations in Accordance with State Rules. If such nomination is for a public office to be filled by the voters of a political subdivision partly contained within and partly contained without Nassau County, such nomination and any vacancy in a nomination so made shall be filled in accordance with the Rules of the New York State Democratic Committee.

C. If such nomination is for a public office in a village, if such nomination is for a public office in a village for which a party caucus is the nominating body pursuant to section VI, hereof, any certificate required by Section 6-120 of the Election Law shall be issued by the Village Election Chairperson and Secretary of such caucus.

Section VI: Village Caucus:

Democratic Party nominations of candidates for village offices shall be made at a Village Party Caucus under the provisions of Section 15-108 of the Election Law. For purposes of designation of a village election chairperson under said section, the position of zone leader shall not be construed as election chairperson. The County Chairperson shall appoint an enrolled Democrat within the village as Village Election Chairperson.

ARTICLE FIVE
AMENDMENTS

These rules and regulations may be amended by majority weighted vote cast by the County Committee at any meeting of the County Committee, provided a copy of the proposed amendment is mailed to each committee member at his post office address not less than ten (10) days before the meeting at which it is to be proposed. Amendments presented to the Secretary of the County Committee not less than twenty (20) days before such meeting, if accompanied by the signatures of at least five (5%) percent of the full number of County Committee members including vacancies, shall be enclosed with the notice of such meeting.

