Young Democrats

**Constitution**

Preamble

The purpose of the Young Democrats will be to pursue the ideas of liberty, justice, and freedom for all regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or income. We shall pursue these ideas through support of the candidates and ideas of the Democratic Party. With these thoughts we establish this constitution.

Article I

**Name**

The name of this organization is the Young Democrats.

***Section 1:*** The Young Democrats will be affiliated with the California Young Democrats, and the Young Democrats of America.

***Section 2:*** The Young Democrats will be chartered with the California Young Democrats and work as closely as possible with all levels of the Democratic Party.

Article II

**Membership**

***Section 1:*** Membership to the Young Democrats is open to all young people living in Cityville, CA.

***Section 2:*** Membership will not be affected by race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or physical disability.

Article III

**Officers**

The Young Democrats will be composed of the Young Democrats Executive Board and the remaining members. The Executive Board will consist of the officers of the Young Democrats. The organization shall have six (6) officers and a faculty advisor. The advisor shall be non-voting except in the case of impeachment or constitutional amendments.

***Section 1:*** The six (6) voting officers will be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Senator, Communications Director, and Treasurer. All officers will be elected by organization members.

***Section 2:*** An officer may be impeached and removed from his/her position with a ⅔ majority vote of the Executive Board, including the advisor. In case of an impeachment vote all executive board members must cast a vote for or against impeachment.

***Section 2:*** Should an office become vacant at any time, for any reason, the President or acting President, shall schedule a special election within three (3) school weeks of the vacancy to fill the vacant office.

Article IV

**Officer Duties**

***Section 1:*** The President will be the chief executive officer for the organization. He or she will preside over all chapter meetings. The President will have all of the following duties and powers. The absence of a specific power of duty from this list is not necessarily a denial of its existence.

A. Establish administrative procedures not otherwise provided for by the Constitution or By-Laws of this chapter.

B. Act for and on behalf of the Young Democrats when they are not in session.

C. Establish the agenda for each meeting of the chapter (general and executive).

D. Investigate and research any local races and target Democratic and/or liberal candidates.

E. Setup and appoint club members to work on selected local campaigns.

F. Serve as delegation chair to the State Young Democrats state convention.

G. The position of President may be held by two Co-Presidents as long as the joint

Co-Presidents receive only one vote. The duties of the two Co-Presidents remain the same.

***Section 2:*** The Vice-President will have all of the following duties:

A. Act as President Pro-Tempore in the absence of the President. In a case where the President’s office becomes vacant, the Vice-President will become the

President automatically and will assume all powers, duties and responsibilities associated with that position until a special election is held for the office.

B. Assist the President in the performance of his/her duties.

***Section 3:*** The Secretary will have all the following duties and powers:

A. Appoint both editor of the club newspaper, and a club website administrator, pending the approval of the Executive Board.

B. Keep accurate minutes of all chapter meetings (general and Executive Board).

C. Keep an accurate mailing list and phone directory of all members.

D. See to all correspondence of the chapter as directed by the President.

E. Ensure the validity and timely delivery of the club charter to the California

Young Democrats.

***Section 4:*** The chapter Treasurer will be the chief financial officer of the organization and shall have all the following duties:

A. Be responsible for developing fund-raising ideas and soliciting donations.

B. Maintain accurate financial records for the organization.

C. Advise the President and the Executive Board of the financial condition of the chapter.

D. If deemed necessary by the Executive Board, the Treasurer will file any reports for the State Democratic Party or the State Ethics Commission in a timely manner.

***Section 5:***The Senator will have all of the following duties and powers:

A. Act as ambassador for the club in the CYD, CCD, CDP, YDA, and DNC.

B. Attend all CYD and CCD meetings and stay in contact with CYD and CCD leaders

C. Keep the President up to date on all pertinent meetings and information involving the CYD, CCD, and all other Democratic organizations.

D. Create monthly report for the club and President that outlines what is going on in the CYD and CCD along with the Senator's findings and correspondences.

Present any ideas or issues to the CYD and/or CCD that the President and Executive Board direct.

E. Correspond with the CYD and CCD leaders to know which local races need help.

***Section 6:*** The Communications Director will have all of the following duties and powers:

A. Assure publicity for all upcoming events and meetings through the use of posters.

B. Assist the Secretary when requested by the Secretary.

C. Act as Secretary if he/she is not present at meeting, or temporarily if

D. Secretary’s office becomes vacant, until a special election can be held.

Article V

**Sergeant At Arms**

A sergeant at arms will be appointed by the Executive Board and approved by the General Body. His/her duties include calling each General Body meeting to order, and maintaining security and order at each meeting of both the Executive Board and the General Body.

Article VI

**Executive Board**

The Young Democrats Executive Board will be the chief policy making body for the chapter.

***Section 1:*** The Executive Board will have all of the powers necessary for the proper and legal execution of all duties of the Young Democrats.

***Section 2:*** The Executive Board will meet no less than five (5) times during the course of one (1) year.

Article VII

**General Body**

The Young Democrats general body will meet every Wednesday during the course of the year.

Article VIII

**Elections**

***Section 1:*** Election of the President, Secretary, Senator, and Treasurer will be held at the last meeting in April of each year in that defined order. The results of the April elections shall pertain to the following school year. All terms are for one school year.

***Section 2:*** Elections of the Vice-President, Communications Director shall take place no later than six (6) weeks from the start of the school year. Elected officer’s terms and duties start immediately following the end of election meeting. All terms are for one year.

Article IX

**Constitutional Amendments**

Amendments to this constitution must be submitted in writing to the President and Secretary at least two weeks (14 days) prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be considered. The President is obligated to place the amendment on the agenda for that meeting. The amendment will be considered approved if three-fourths (3/4) of the Executive Board, including the vote of the advisor, and two-thirds (2/3) of the general body vote in favor of the amendment. In order for a vote to be considered on a constitutional amendment there must be a minimum of 50% of the total membership.

Article X

**Number of Offices**

No one person may hold more than one office in the Young Democrats organization.

Article XI

**Advisor**

A faculty member will have already been selected by the President to act as an advisor. The advisor will aid in the running of the chapter and serve as a liaison between the chapter and the school administration. In the event that the advisor is prevented from upholding these duties, another faculty member will be selected by the general body.

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