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PURPOSE

The Long Beach Young Democrats (LBYD) are dedicated to providing the necessary networking, programing, and training to ensure young people become civically engaged, gain their own political consciousness, and become advocates for the Democratic platform on a local, regional, state, and national level.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND AFFILIATION

Section 1.1: Name of Organization

The Long Beach Young Democrats is officially affiliated with the Democratic Party.

Section 1.2: Affiliations

The Long Beach Young Democrats is officially chartered with California Young Democrats (CYD) and has the option of chartering with the Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP). As a chartered and affiliated club, the LBYD shall comply with the bylaws of CYD or LACDP.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1: Membership Requirements

Membership shall be open to all persons of ages 16 to 35. Adult allies over the age of 35 are welcome to take part in General Membership Meetings and to financially contribute to the club's sustainability as meritorious members. However, only Active Members shall have voting privileges. All Active Members must be a registered Democrat. Exceptions will be made for those that are undocumented, legal permanent residents, and/or those between the ages of 16 to 18, who intend on becoming a registered Democrat.

Section 2.2: Non Discrimination Statement

In accordance with California state law and regulations, no agency shall discriminate on the basis of perceived or actual race, color, religion, creed, gender (expression & identity), pregnancy, marital affiliation, sexual orientation, age, ethnic origin, citizenship, nationality, veteran's status, or disability. Disability includes physical and mental impairment.

Section 2.3: Membership Categorizes

Membership in LBYD shall be categorized as following:

1. **Active Members** are between the ages of 16 to 35 who have paid their annual membership dues.
2. **Active Members (Lifetime)** are between the ages of 16 to 35 who have paid their lifetime membership dues.
3. **Non-active Members** are meeting attendees 16 to 35 who have not paid their annual or lifetime membership dues but continue to be involved and receive regular communications from the organization.
4. **Meritorious Members** are those over the age of 35 whom have paid lifetime dues or donated to LBYD in at least the same amount as membership dues. Meritorious members do not have voting privileges.

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5. **Honorary Members** are any registered Democrats who have given outstanding and noteworthy service to the community or the Democratic Party. Honorary Members do not have voting privileges.

Section 2.4: Active Membership Privileges

LBYD Active Membership privileges shall include the following:

1. One vote on any general issue considered at any membership meeting.
2. One vote in each endorsement process.
3. May seek an officer position on the LBYD Executive Board or Committee.

Section 2.5: Decency and Disciplinary Action

All members of the LBYD and guests of LBYD are expected to conduct themselves in a decent and respectful manner at all times including but not limited to strict adherence to the California Young Democrats (CYD) Code of Conduct. Bullying, discrimination, and harassment will not be tolerated. Any member or guest of LBYD who violates the Code of Conduct will be investigated by the Executive Board who then will determine whether to recommend removal of membership. A petition of more than $\frac{2}{3}$ (66%+1) of the total number of Active Members present must be collected to call for a vote for removal of membership. A vote shall be held at the next regular general meeting after presentation of the removal petition and shall be conducted as a special vote. The removal will require a favorable vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ (66%+1) of the present active membership) to pass.

ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES

Section 3.1: Recognized Committees

There shall be three committees: Executive Board, Executive Committee, and Special Committees appointed by the President.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BOARDS

Section 4.1: Authority and Responsibility

The Executive Board shall have general authority and responsibility for the ongoing affairs of LBYD. No funds may be expended without the prior approval of a simple majority of the Executive Board. Each Executive Board member has the privilege of one vote during Executive Board voting items.

Section 4.2: Executive Board Composition

The Executive Board shall meet monthly at a minimum and be comprised of the following officers:

1. President
2. Executive Vice President
3. Vice President of Administration & Finance
4. Vice President of Marketing
5. Vice President of Political Affairs
6. Immediate Past President

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Section 4.3: Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Board Officers

1) President

- a. Serve as the Chief Executive of the Long Beach Young Democrats. They will share access and responsibility for the Long Beach Young Democrats funds and bank accounts with the Vice President of Administration and Finance and the selected Treasurer.
- b. Act as one of the official representatives to other groups and the media. They may negotiate on behalf of the LBYD.
- c. Provide direction for the agenda. They shall work with all Executive Board Officers to fulfill everyone's respected duties fully, as well as ensure the sustainability of LBYD.
- d. Carry out the mandates and directives of the Executive Board.
- e. The President shall appoint the special committees as needed given provided those appointment do not conflict with the responsibilities and duties of the Executive Board.
- f. The president shall preside as chair of all meetings.
- g. In the event of a tie the President is allowed to cast a vote that breaks the tie.
- h. Has the authority to call Emergency meetings when deemed necessary.
- i. The President serves as the official voting member of Long Beach Young Democrats at all Young Democrats of America and California Young Democrats meetings. The President may appoint any Executive Board Officer to be a proxy in their place to attend events conducted by the Young Democrats of America, and California Young Democrats. This proxy may be removed by a simple majority of the Executive Board.
- j. They must provide guidelines and materials for the immediate successful transition to a newly elected President and their Executive Board.

2) Executive Vice President

- a) In the event of the absence or temporary incapacitation of the President, the Executive Vice President shall exercise all powers of the President. The Executive Vice President shall serve on all appointed or associate positions given to the club through its charter.
- b) Create a membership plan designed to recruit new members to LBYD within a month of being elected, which will be primarily targeted at students, young professionals, and local activists – especially those between ages of 16 to 35; and subject to the simple majority approval of the Executive Board.
- c) Maintain an accurate roster of Active Members with up to date contact information in conjunction with the Vice President of Administration.
- d) They will work with the Vice President of Administration and Finance to collect membership dues from anyone from the general body who has not paid their membership dues in full.
- e) Advise the Executive Board and those in attendance of the General Membership Meeting on LBYD activities and events.
- f) Check in with the Treasurer to overlook budgets for projects and events to recruit new members and allies. Projects and events must be approved by Executive Board.
- g) They also will work with the Vice President of Marketing to promote projects and events.

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- h) They must provide guidelines and materials for the immediate successful transition to the newly elected President and their Executive Board. These materials include but are not limited to outreach documents, membership signup lists, and other related files.

3) Vice President of Administration & Finance

- a. Record minutes of all Long Beach Young Democrats meetings and proceedings.
- b. Make available all minutes from Long Beach Young Democrats meetings and proceedings in seven (7) days or less.
- c. Keep and preserve any records, files, and/or documents.
- d. Must file chartering documentations with either the LACDP or CDP.
- e. Keep an official calendar for Long Beach Young Democrats and participate with the President and Vice President of Marketing in updating the Long Beach Young Democrats websites.
- f. Holds responsibility of contacting all Executive Board Officers to any official meeting and distribute information about their whereabouts in cases of absences.
- g. Maintain official budget, detailing projected revenues and expenditures, to be presented to the Executive Board within a month after taking office. This is to be done in conjunction with the President.
- h. Must file the California Form 410: Statement of Organization prior to CA State Secretary deadline.
- i. Along with the President, maintain an official Long Beach Young Democrats bank account and process all expenditures, reimbursements, and money requests in a timely manner.
- j. Present fiscal update at General and Executive Board Meetings. Maintain up to date and accurate copies of all financial records.
- k. Along with the Executive Vice President, they are responsible for collecting dues from new and renewing members.
- l. In the event of a vacancy, the President shall assume all duties, until a Vice President of Administration is elected.
- m. They must provide guidelines and materials for the immediate successful transition to the newly elected President and their Executive Board. These materials include but are not limited to bank records.

4) Vice President of Marketing

- a. Propose a communications plan within a month of being elected, subject to the simple majority approval of the Executive Board.
- b. Announce and publicize all official meetings and events at least two weeks prior via communications outlets utilized by LBYD.
- c. Announce any relevant information, resources and articles on LBYD's communications outlets.
- d. Maintain and update the official Long Beach Young Democrat's web pages and social media outlets when needed.
- e. Coordinate with the appropriate Executive Board Officers to promote any and/or all candidates and legislation relevant to the city and neighboring cities on the Local, State, and

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Federal level via our communications outlets. This type of promotion is not an official endorsement of the LBYD's Organization. For Endorsements, see Article IX.

- f. They must provide guidelines and materials for the immediate successful transition to the newly elected President and their Executive Board. These materials include but are not limited to the website access information and related files.
- g. Conduct an annual brand and communication strategic session for Executive Board members.

5) Vice President of Political Affairs

- a. Propose and implement an action plan to monitor candidates and legislation on the local, state, and federal level.
- b. Present regular monthly reports on candidacies and legislation relevant to Long Beach Young Democrats.
- c. Serves as the designated Executive Board Officer who drafts and implement annual political affair plans for LBYD, including but not limited to: endorsement questionnaires, letters related to candidates and legislation, and any other relevant political matters. They must also reach out to candidates and ballot measure campaigns endorsed by LBYD.
- d. They will make recommendations to the Vice President of Administration about monetary contributions to officially endorsed candidates and ballot measure campaigns.
- e. They will work with the Vice President of Marketing to promote all Long Beach Young Democrats officially endorsed candidates and ballot measure campaigns.

Section 4.4: Regular Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be conducted monthly. Meetings may be held and/or attended in person, via teleconference, over the internet, or by any other electronic means. Each Executive Board Member shall be given notice of meetings at least 48 hours prior to an official meeting. It is the responsibility of each Executive Board Member to attend these meetings and give prior notice if unavailable.
2. A quorum of the Executive Board (in person or by proxy) shall be required before any official action can be taken, and participation via speakerphone at in person meetings shall be counted toward that quorum. The activities are at the discretion of the current president. Quorum is half of the Executive Board, plus 1 member.

Section 4.4: Mandatory Meeting Attendance

Members of the Executive Board shall regularly attend all mandatory meetings. If an Executive Board Member misses five or more general or executive meetings in a year, they will be reviewed for dismissal at the upcoming Executive Board Meeting.

Section 4.5: Emergency Executive Board Meetings

The President may call an Emergency Executive Board Meeting ahead of time when deemed necessary. Emergency Executive Board Meetings may be held and/or attended in person, via teleconference, over the internet, or by any other electronic means. Each Executive Board Officer shall be given notice of such

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meetings at least 24 hours prior to the Emergency meeting. A quorum of the Executive Board (in person or by proxy) shall be required before any official action can be taken.

Section 4.6: Voting

Executive Board action shall be constituted by a simple majority vote. Each Executive Board Member shall have one vote in official meetings of the Executive Board. The current President does not have to cast a vote unless needed. An Executive Board Member may proxy their vote to another Executive Board Officer by notifying the President and Vice President of Administration and Finance prior to, or if necessary, during the meeting in question. Appointed positions by the President or the other Executive Board Members do not have voting privileges.

Section 4.7: Encouraged Executive Board

Executive Board Members are encouraged to regularly attend all conventions and events related to the California Young Democrats, the California College Democrats, the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, and the California Democratic Party.

Section 4.8: Executive Committee Composition

The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly at minimum and be comprised of all members of the Executive Board with the addition of the following officers:

- 1) College Young Dems Representative
- 2) Community Relations Officer
- 3) Correspondence Officer
- 4) Parliamentarian
- 5) Political Outreach Officer
- 6) Social Media Officer

Section 4.9: Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

1) College Young Dems Representative

- a. Oversee and serve as a liaison between LBYD and Long Beach college campuses, as well as the College Young Dems chapters.

2) Community Relations Officer

- a. Inform club members of about different community activities such as community events, town halls, marches and rallies.

3) Correspondence Officer

- a. In coordination with the Vice President of Administration & Finance, maintains and prepares general membership meeting minutes.
- b. Coordinates with the Social Media and VP Marketing on sending regular updates to the general membership.

4) Parliamentarian

- a. In accordance with the president shall advise on the rendering of opinions and rulings when appealed to from the membership regarding LBYD Bylaws and matters of Robert's Rules of Order.

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- b. Maintain copies of these parliamentary records and provide them to the State Secretary and to any officer, club or member(s) as requested.

5) Political Outreach Officer

- a. In accordance with the Vice President of Political Action, organize and conduct the endorsement process and build relations with key political figures for LBYD members.
- b. Research campaign opportunities and organize campaign invasions when the full membership agrees to support particular candidates or issues.

6) Social Media Officer

- a. In coordination with the Vice President of Marketing, develops a strategic digital presence for LBYD.
- b. Manages the day-to-day postings on platforms including, but not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Section 4.10: Oath of Office

Each Executive Committee Member is required to take the official Long Beach Young Democrats Oath of Office. Breaking the Official Oath of Office will subsequently qualify an Executive Committee Member for grounds of dismissal.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

Section 5.1: Election Meeting

Elections shall be held during the General Membership Meeting held in July.

Section 5.2: Election Procedures

1. **Method of Nominations:** Nominations will be made on the floor at the official General Membership Meeting for the election of the Executive Committee Members in June.
2. **Method of Voting:** Method of voting shall be made by the discretion of the outgoing Executive Board. You must be an active member of the Long Beach Young Democrats prior to the July elections meeting to vote in the elections process.
3. **Simple Majority Vote:** The candidate must receive a simple majority vote 50% + 1 by Active Members to be declared the winner. If no such winner is declared, then the top two vote getters will go through another round of discussion. After discussion, a vote will be placed between these two candidates again. The candidate who receives the simple majority vote will then be declared the official winner.
4. **Vote Counting:** Votes cast in the regular annual elections of Executive Committee Members will be counted according to the following provisions with only one vote per person. Votes cast by Active Members will be counted as one vote.
5. **Special Election Procedure:** In the case that a special election is needed, notice shall be given out at least one week in advance by phone calls or emails to Active Members. Special election procedures shall then be the same as regular election procedures. In the case of a vacancy in office, it shall be filled by a simple majority vote.
6. **Runoff Election:** The top two vote getters shall have a special election with only those two candidates being voted on.

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Section 5.3: Removal of Officers

A petition of more than 2/3 (66%+1) of the total number of Active Members must be collected to call for a recall election. The offense must be in writing and submitted by an Active Member to the Vice President of Administration. A recall election shall be held at the next regular general meeting after presentation of the recall petition and shall be conducted as a special election. The recall will require a favorable vote of 2/3 (66%+1 of the present active membership) to pass.

Section 5.4: Special Requirement to Serve as President of LBYD

Members of the LBYD shall only be eligible to run for the position of President upon the completion of at least one full term in any other officer position.

ARTICLE VI: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 6.1: Time/Date of General Membership Meetings

The time, date and place of regular General Membership Meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board after the annual board elections and should be set within two months.

Section 6.2: Monthly Basis

General Membership Meetings shall take place every month.

Section 6.3: Special General Membership Meetings

Special General Membership Meetings shall require 24 hours in advance notice through phone calls or emails. The President, in approval with the Executive Board has the ability to call a special meeting.

Section 6.4: Quorum

Quorum for regular and special meetings shall be at least six (6) Executive Committee Members present.

Section 6.5: Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised

Rules of procedure for the Long Beach Young Democrats shall be Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

ARTICLE VII: FINANCES

Section 7.1: Fiscal Operating Year

The fiscal/operating year shall follow the calendar year of January 1st to December 31st.

Section 7.2: Membership Dues

- a. Membership dues shall be established by a consensus of the present Executive Board serving in that year before any new general body membership meetings.
 - i. As of 21 November 2023, dues are established thusly:
 1. Student/Low Income: \$15 per year.
 2. General: \$30 per year
 3. Lifetime: 5x General membership dues. (\$150)

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- b. Membership dues shall be considered due on the first day of January of each calendar year.

Section 7.3: Bank Account

LBYD, pursuant to its charter obligation, shall maintain a bank account for the official conducting of business.

Section 7.4: Usage

All monies of LBYD shall be deposited in, and disbursed from, this bank account following procedures outlined by the President and Vice President of Administration of the LBYD.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 8.1: Standing Committees

Fundraising, Programming, and any other Special Committees are temporary amenities. The Executive Board can create any sort of Special Committee, by approving such with a simple majority vote. The Executive Board can also dismantle those Special Committees after their purpose is served with simple majority vote.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 9.1: Proposal of Amendments

Proposed constitutional amendments or agenda changes by either an Executive Committee Member or Active Member must be motioned and seconded for discussion.

Section 9.2: Approval of Amendments

Approval by 60% of the voting members present at regular General Membership Meetings shall pass a proposed change. The change shall be put into effect immediately.

ARTICLE X: ENDORSEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Section 10.1: Requirements

Sub-Section 10.1.1: Procedural

Long Beach Young Democrats may endorse a Democrat for any publicly or party elected office as well as any legislation campaign (which includes: ballot initiatives, measures, advisory petitions or any other such actions). Long Beach Young Democrats may also rescind any endorsement, should elected officials or candidates for office renege on sworn statements affirming the below platform planks. Any endorsement made in a partisan electoral race where political party affiliation is disclosed must go to a registered Democrat in accordance with the California Democratic Party's charters without exceptions. Any candidate seeking an endorsement must be a registered Democrat no later than the day of receipt of their endorsement questionnaire. Long Beach Young Democrats may also adopt resolutions supporting various causes, advocacy campaigns, or ideological positions in the form of a resolution.

Sub-Section 10.1.2 - Policy Platform Planks

Sub-Sub-Section 10.1.2.1 - Black Lives Matter

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1. All candidates seeking the endorsement of Long Beach Young Democrats for local and county-level races will commit to publicly calling for, and working to secure, public community roundtables between local community-based and identity-based organizations in the candidates' respective city or district, including those with law enforcement leaders, within 6 months of assuming their new term.
2. All candidates seeking the endorsement of Long Beach Young Democrats who have direct oversight of police contracts will commit to calling and advocating for regular independent, third party reviews of their law enforcement department's "use of force" techniques and policies. The results of the findings should be made available to the public.
3. All State candidates seeking the endorsement of Long Beach Young Democrats will commit to supporting legislation that mandates that all municipal, county, and state law enforcement entities be subject to a Civilian Oversight Commission that will issue regular findings and reports of police involved shootings and use of force incidents, including recommendations for disciplinary action.
4. All candidates seeking the endorsement of Long Beach Young Democrats will commit to support legislation that improves public access to law enforcement disciplinary records, including but not limited to discipline stemming from improper uses of force.
5. All candidates seeking the endorsement of Long Beach Young Democrats, regardless of incumbency, will sign a statement to uphold the above requirements and reaffirm that Black Lives Matter.

Section 10.2: Process

The Vice President of Political Affairs will be the Chair who leads in discussion with all candidate and measure campaigns, and shall work with the President to finalize draft resolutions. All Executive Board Members will be present during an Executive Board Meeting to discuss candidate or measure campaign questionnaires, for resolutions, a quorum is required. Only candidates who have submitted a questionnaire for endorsement by the specified deadline may be considered. After finalizing any and all details, the Executive Board will make nominations and will need quorum for approval to make an official Long Beach Young Democrats endorsement or to approve a resolution. Resolutions may also be proposed from the floor in a general membership meeting, but may only be acted on at a later meeting. For the purposes of timeliness, the membership may act, subject to $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of endorsement-eligible members present, on a resolution at the same meeting in which it is proposed. The Long Beach Young Democrats will not endorse more than the number of individuals allowed to be elected into that public office seat.

Section 10.3: Calculation of Voting Active Members

Active Members in good standing must sign in electronically or on an appropriate sign in sheet and only the number of signatures can be used to determine the percentage for an endorsement or for purposes of voting on resolutions by those who attend a General Membership Meeting. You must be an active member of the LBYD prior to the endorsement meeting to vote in the endorsement process.

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Section 10.4: Official Endorsement by General Membership Body

Active Members must be given 72-hours' notice of General Membership Meetings discussing any sort of endorsement or resolution by LBYD. The recommendations will be made known for that General Membership Meeting agenda. Active Members must approve those endorsement recommendations made by the Executive Board by a 60% vote, and for resolutions by majority vote. There will be an official "NO ENDORSEMENT" for any candidate or measure campaign that does not meet this 60% threshold.

Section 10.5: Final Official Endorsements for Candidate and Measure Campaigns

In the event the endorsement recommendations made by the Executive Board is not adopted by members in the General Membership meetings, then a motion by those in attendance is allowed for discussion on endorsing eligible candidates or measure campaigns that were not previously recommended by the Executive Board.

Whichever candidate or measure campaigns receives 60% approval by Active Members in attendance of the General Membership Meeting, shall receive the LBYD official endorsement.

ARTICLE XI: OATH OF OFFICE

Section 11.1: Purpose

Upon the election and/or appointment(s) of (a) new Executive Committee Member(s), they will sign and recite, to those present at a General Membership Meeting, the Oath of Office symbolizing and officiating the transfer of power. The Oath of Office will also be a way to hold Executive Committee Members accountable for their duties as specified by Long Beach Young Democrats' Constitution.

Section 11.2: Executive Board Officer Oath Procedure

The Oath will be administered and recited by the outgoing President, following the election.

1. The Oath of Office is to be administered during a meeting witnessed by those in attendance of a General Membership Meeting.
2. Executive Committee Members Elect will recite the Oath.

Section 11.3: Specially Elected Executive Board Officer Oath Procedure

After the special election is made to fill the vacancy of an Elected Committee Member, the current President will administer and recite the Oath to officiate the Executive Committee Member Elect in their new position.

1. The Oath of Office is to be administered during a meeting witnessed by those in attendance of a General Membership Meeting.
2. Executive Committee Members Elect will recite the Oath.

Section 11.4: The Oath of Office

The Official Oath of Office for new Long Beach Young Democrats Executive Committee Members shall be recited and affirmed to as the following:

"I, (insert name here), affirm to uphold the Constitution of the Long Beach Young Democrats, and work to promote and defend Democratic ideals and policies. Through my office, I shall

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endeavor to raise up the voices of the marginalized and secure equal rights and justice for all. To the best of my abilities, my actions shall advance equity in my community and show my commitment to actively promote and celebrate diversity.”

AMENDMENT LOG

Saturday, February 13, 2016

President: Abigail Mejia

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

President: James A. Ahumada

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

President: James A. Ahumada

Tuesday, June 10, 2020

Parliamentarian: Connor A. Lock

President: Christopher Chavez

Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

President: Dorian Bonner

Parliamentarian: Connor A. Lock