



## 2022 Clark County Democratic Party Dispute Resolution Committee Election Rules

### Purpose

Per Article VII, Section 10(a) of the Clark County Democratic Party By-laws, the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be comprised of (5) five members elected at-large by the newly seated Clark County Central Committee (CCCC) at a meeting held immediately following the conclusion of the county convention to serve a term of (2) two years beginning as of the date of their election and ending upon the adjournment of the next regularly scheduled County Convention or until their resignation, removal, or the election of their successors.

The election of the 2022 - 2024 Dispute Resolution Committee will take place on **Saturday, April 30, 2022**

### Candidate Eligibility

All candidates must live within Clark County, Nevada and be a registered Democrat for at least 90 days prior to election.

Candidates must be a current member of the Clark County Democratic Central Committee (CCDP) in good standing.

Candidates may not be a member of the Elections Committee. If an individual on the committee wishes to run for an elected office, one must resign before filing a declaration of candidacy.

Per Article VII, Section 10(a) of the Clark County Democratic Party By-laws, current Executive Board members shall not be eligible to serve on this committee. Individuals who have served on the Executive Board within the past (24) twenty-four months of their election shall not be eligible to serve on the committee.



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### Filing Process

Declaration of Candidacy Forms **will be available online at the following link on the CCDP website:**

<https://www.clarkdems.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CCDP-Candidate-Declaration-Form.pdf>

**Forms must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, April 29, 2022. You may submit forms to [elections@clarkdems.com](mailto:elections@clarkdems.com) or by mail or hand delivery to the following address:**

Clark County Democratic Party  
2310 Paseo del Prado  
Suite A120  
Las Vegas NV 89102

Candidates are encouraged to promote transparency and demonstrate a commitment to the office they wish to serve by completing a Declaration of Candidacy.

It is the responsibility of each candidate to confirm that the CCDP has received his or her Declaration of Candidacy form.

### Publication

The primary source for election and candidate information shall be the Clark County Democratic Party website at [www.clarkdems.com](http://www.clarkdems.com).

All Declaration of Candidacy forms submitted within the prescribed time frames will be released to the Central Committee Membership prior to the election.

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Candidates interested in removing their names from the ballot must do so by withdrawing their candidacy prior to the commencement of the CCCC meeting

### Nomination Process and Candidate Speeches

Candidates who have filed a Declaration of Candidacy will be vetted for eligibility before being announced to the CCDP Central Committee. Party affiliation and residency of all candidates will be verified using the Democratic Party's Voter Activation Network (VAN).

Candidates who have been successfully vetted will be formally nominated at the Central Committee Meeting on **Saturday, April 30, 2022**.

The Chair will call for the attendance and determine that a quorum of at least 15% of the voting membership is in attendance at the Central Committee Meeting before conducting any election business.

Each Candidate will be allotted a total of **two (2) minutes** to address the CCDP Central Committee. Speaking order will be in alphabetical order by last name.

The allotted time may be used for nominating speeches, seconding speeches and candidate speeches at the discretion of each candidate. Only confirmed members of the CCDP in good standing may address the Central Committee on behalf of a candidate. The total allotted time for each candidate shall not be extended.

#### Nominations from the Floor:

- i. Nominations shall be taken from the floor at the Central Committee Meeting only if less than five (5) eligible candidates file to serve on the Dispute Resolution Committee by the close of the filing deadline.
- ii. Individuals who self-nominate or who accept a nomination at the Central Committee Meeting shall be allotted time to address the CCDP Central Committee as described above.



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- iii. Individuals who self-nominate or who accept a nomination at the Central Committee Meeting must submit a signed Declaration of Candidacy immediately upon nomination.
- iv. Candidates who are nominated on the floor at the Central Committee Meeting must be vetted.

## **Credentials Committee**

The CCDP Chair, with approval of the majority of the CCDP e-board, shall designate a credentials committee prior to the commencement of the election.

The Credentials Committee will resolve all election disputes concerning eligibility to vote, and such resolutions will occur upon a majority vote of the Committee.

Individuals serving on the Credentials Committee must be a confirmed member of the CCDP Central Committee in good standing and must agree to serve for the entire time voting is underway.

All decisions of the Credentials Committee are final.

## **Tellers Committee**

The Tellers Committee shall be assigned by the Chair of the CCDP to assist in elections at the same time as the Elections Committee is determined. Should the chair of the CCDP be a candidate, the Elections Chair will assign the Tellers Committee.

Tellers must be members of the CCDP Central Committee in good standing, may not be a candidate for office, and must be prepared to work throughout the entire Election Meeting, to count the votes and distribute ballots as directed by the Elections Chair.

Tellers who choose to run for an office must notify the Elections Chair and resign their position on the committee before declaring their candidacy.



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### Voter Eligibility

Only current members of the CCDP Central Committee in good standing may vote in the election.

Proxy votes are not permitted. Members must be present to vote.

Attendees who believe they are central committee members but are not listed on the roster of committee membership will be referred to the Credentials Committee for their membership status to be determined.

### Election Process

The election shall be conducted by non-secret digital ballot, with the validity of each CCCC member's vote verified by name and electronic credentialing or declared void.

Per Article VII, Section 10(a) of the Clark County Democratic Party By-laws, Dispute Resolution Committee members shall be elected by a plurality of the CCCC members present and voting.

Voters may vote for up to five individuals for the Dispute Resolution Committee.

The top five (5) vote-getters shall be elected to the Dispute Resolution Committee.

If there is a tie for the fifth-highest vote-getter, the winner shall be chosen by a draw of cards, with aces being high. The suit preference shall be clubs (lowest), followed by diamonds, hearts, and spades (highest). The Chair of the Tellers Committee shall call for the drawing of cards, in alphabetical order of the tied candidates.

The Elections Chair shall announce the results.



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### Challenges

Challenges must be brought no later than Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM PDT.

The Rules and Bylaws Committee of the CCDP, with the assistance of the Teller's Committee, shall determine the outcome of any challenge to the elections within 48 hours and take any necessary and appropriate action no less than thirty (30) days but not more than forty-five (45) days after the date of the challenge.

In the absence of a challenge, results are final once they have been announced, and the ballots shall be destroyed after May 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM PDT.