

BY-LAWS
of the
DEMOCRATS OF GREATER TUCSON
(D.G.T.)

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ARTICLE I – **Name**

The name of this organization shall be “DEMOCRATS OF GREATER TUCSON” (DGT)

ARTICLE II – **Purpose**

The purpose of DGT shall be:

- To provide a regular forum for candidates, office holders and any program which may enlighten, instruct, and in general, keep the members informed on current events and issues.
- To foster and perpetuate the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party.

ARTICLE III – **Policy**

- Section 1 – Support

DGT shall support the nominees of the Democratic Party in national, state and local elections. It shall continue to function in order to contribute to the growth and influence of the Democratic Party.

- Section 2 – Endorsements

DGT, as a body, shall not publicly endorse the candidacy of any Primary candidate, or in any other manner give its influence as an organization to the cause of any candidate or faction of the Party in any intraparty controversy.

- Section 3 – Public Comments

The foregoing shall not be construed to prevent DGT from commenting on or making recommendations on any public issue whenever decided by a vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV – **Membership – Active Members**

- Registered Democrats shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE V – **Officers, Elections, and Duties**

- Section 1 – Elected Officers

Elected officers shall include (1) President, (2) First Vice President, (3) Second Vice-President, (4) Secretary, (5) Treasurer, (6) a Representative to the Executive Committee of the Pima County Democratic Party. (7) six members-at-large.

Officers shall hold offices for one year or until their successors are elected.

- Section 2 – Appointed Officers
- Appointed officers may include (1) Sergeant-At-Arms and (2) Parliamentarian, neither of whom shall be an Executive Board member. The President, in

consultation with the Executive Board, shall make these appointments along with that of Historian.

2. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL APPOINT AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PIMA COUNTY EXECUTIVE BOARD. THE ALTERNATE WILL ATTEND THE PIMA COUNTY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IF THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND.

- Section 3 - Elections at the Annual Meeting

Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting which shall be the first meeting in December unless that date is changed by the Executive Board because of special circumstances. The new officers shall assume their positions immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

- Section 4 – Nominations

At a meeting preceding the Annual Meeting (date to be determined by the Executive Board) nominations shall be made from the floor. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. A member may nominate himself/herself. Write-ins may be made on the ballot.

- Section 5 – Voting

The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Board, three (3) tellers who shall distribute, collect and count the ballots, and report to the President. Elections shall be by an affirmative vote of a majority of those members eligible to vote who are present and voting, a quorum being present.

- Section 6 – Duties of Officers

1. **President:** Shall preside over all Membership and Executive Board meetings; preserve order and enforce By-laws; be an Ex-officio member of all committees and perform such other duties as customarily pertain to the office.
2. **First Vice-President:** Shall act in the absence of the President, shall be the Program Chairperson charged with the responsibility of providing a program for each meeting.
3. **Second Vice President:** Shall act in the absence of the First Vice-President; shall be the Membership Chairperson charged with recruiting new members and shall contact continuing members who have not paid their dues.
4. **Secretary:** Shall keep a record of actions taken at Regular, Special and Executive Board meetings; shall keep an attendance record of the Executive Board Meetings; shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents.

The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence for DGT, shall supervise the compilation of the Newsletter or all special mailings to the membership or other parties, and shall arrange for the preparation of the ballot for the annual election.

1. **Treasurer:** Shall collect dues and be responsible for the safe and timely deposit of the organization's funds; shall pay by check all bills sanctioned by the organization, shall keep accounts current; shall file timely reports to the Secretary of State; report the financial condition of DGT at each Executive Board. The Treasurer shall keep a complete roster of the membership with the assistance of the Second Vice-President for Membership.
2. **Representative of the Pima County Executive Committee:** Shall be a Precinct Committee person; shall attend meetings of the Pima County Democratic party Executive Committee; shall report to the Executive Board of DGT on the activities and decisions of the Pima County Executive Committee.
3. **Members-At-Large:** Shall be members of the Executive Board with full voting rights.
4. **Sergeant-At-Arms:** Shall assist the President in maintaining order when necessary, shall be responsible for arranging adequate and proper seating for members and guests; is not a voting member of the Executive Board.
5. **Parliamentarian:** Shall rule on parliamentary questions when requested by the. Decisions shall be governed by these By-Laws first, then by Robert's Rules of Order; is not a voting member of the Executive Board.
6. **Historian:** a member of the Executive Board, appointed by the President, to compile and keep an ongoing record of decisions made by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1 – Membership

There shall be an Executive Board composed of the elected officers and six (6) members-at-large. The immediate Past President shall be a member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall constitute the governing board of the Democrats of Greater Tucson, and shall, in addition to other duties specified in the By-Laws, act as the general managing, supervisory, and administrative body of the Democrats of Greater Tucson between meetings. The President shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Board.

- Section 2 – Meetings

The Executive Board shall meet monthly and at such times and places as the Executive Board may decide. The President, or majority of the voting members of the Board, may call a special meeting with at least 3 days' notice to the other members of the Board. No proxies shall be allowed at the Executive Board meeting.

- Section 3 – Committees

The President may from time to time appoint such other committees as the President, the membership or the Executive Board may deem necessary or advisable.

- Section 4 – Vacancies

The membership shall elect the President or First Vice-President should a vacancy occur. The Executive Board may fill any vacancies that may occur among other officers of the Executive Board.

- Section 5 – Absences

Any member of the Executive Board may be removed following three consecutive absences from regular Executive Board meetings. The Secretary will notify the member if action is to be taken.

- Section 6 – Quorum

A quorum of the Executive Board shall be a majority of the voting members.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- Section 1 – Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Democrats of Greater Tucson shall be held at the first regular meeting in December unless the date is changed by the Executive Board because of special circumstances.

- Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the Democrats of Greater Tucson shall be held upon such occasions as the President and the Executive Board may specify. Notice of each special meeting shall be given at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

- Section 3 – Quorum

If voting is required, a quorum must be present.

ARTICLE VIII – DUES

- Section 1 – Annual Dues

Annual dues shall be paid in the amount determined by the Board. The membership year begins on January 1. Membership dues for the current year must be paid by November 15 to participate and vote in any matter put before the membership and in the Annual Meeting for the election of officers of the Executive Board.

- Section 2 – Delinquent Dues

The membership Chairperson shall contact continuing members who have not paid their dues.

- Section 3 – New Members

New members paying dues on or after October 1 shall be considered members for the current year and the subsequent year. They may participate in the Annual Meeting provided they pay their dues by November 15.

ARTICLE IX – VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

- Section 1 – Eligibility

Members whose dues are paid by November 15th of the current year are eligible to vote on any matter put before the membership, to vote in the elections at the Annual Meeting, and to hold office in DGT.

- Section 2 – Delinquency Status

A delinquent member recovers eligibility and good standing for the current year at the time dues are paid, provided the dues are paid by November 15.

ARTICLE X – EXPENDITURES

- Section 1 – Expenditures

DGT may expend funds for the purpose of a specific nature or in response to a specific request as follows:

1. If for \$300 or less by the President. THE EXPENDITURES WILL BE REPORTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
2. If for more than \$300 with prior approval by the Executive Board

- Section 2 – Receipts

Receipts for all expenditures shall be submitted to the Treasurer in a timely manner.

- Section 3 – Reporting

All Executive Board decisions for expenditures of more than \$300 shall be reported to the membership at a subsequent regular meeting.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 – Amendments

This document may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present and voting provided that the amendment or amendments are submitted in writing at a prior meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE XII – QUORUM

- Section 1 – Quorum

A quorum for the conduct of general business shall be at least 25 members presided over by an officer or member of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIII – ORDER

- Section 1 – Order

These By-Laws shall govern the organization and operation of DGT. *Roberts Rules of Order* shall govern situations not covered by these Bylaws.

Passed by unanimous voice vote on July 24th, 2017 DGT meeting

Executive Board, 2017

Jeremey Lasher, President

Nick Arnold, 1st Vice President

Kathie Ramage-White, 2nd Vice President

Steve Linder, Treasurer

Paul Stapleton-Smith, Secretary

Luci Messing, Executive Committee Representative

Jackie Day, Immediate Past President

At-Large Members

Betty Bengtson

Carol Borges

Marion Pickens

Jeanne Christie

Tom Prezelski

Robert Selby