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**Rules of the Democratic Party of Montgomery County
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PREAMBLE

We, the Democratic voters of Montgomery County, represented through lawfully elected County Committeepersons in regular assembly, grateful for the blessing of free, popular government, in order that our Party may best serve the people under orderly and regular procedure, do ordain and establish these Rules. These Rules are intended to be consistent with the Rules of the Democratic Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the latter shall govern in the event of any inconsistency.

All meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party of Montgomery County are open to all registered Democrats, regardless of race, color, creed, gender, national origin, age, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status.

RULE I **ORGANIZATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Section 1: The representative and authoritative bodies of the Democratic Party of Montgomery County shall consist of:

- (a) The County Committee
- (b) The County Executive Committee
- (c) The Area Committees, and
- (d) The Municipal Committees.

Section 2: The County Executive Committee shall be subordinate to the County Committee; each Area Committee shall be subordinate to the County Executive committee; and each Municipal committee shall be subordinate to the Area Committee for the Area in which it is located.

Section 3: Only duly registered and enrolled Democratic electors shall be eligible to serve as members or officers of any of the committees provided in Section 1 of this rule.

- (a) Members of the County Committee shall be an enrolled Democratic elector in the election district which he or she represents, and shall have actual and physical residence and not merely legal residence in said election district.
- (b) Members of the County Executive Committee shall be an enrolled Democratic elector in Montgomery County, and shall have actual and physical residence and not merely legal residence in Montgomery County, but need not be members of the County Committee from their respective election districts.
- (c) Members of the Area Committees shall be an enrolled Democratic elector in the Area which he or she represents, and shall have actual and physical residence and not merely legal residence in said Area, but need not be members of the County Committee from their respective election districts.

(d) Members of the Municipal Committees shall be an enrolled Democratic elector in the Area which he or she represents, and shall have actual and physical residence and not merely legal residence in said municipality, but need not be members of the County Committee from their respective election districts.

Section 4: No person shall be eligible to serve as a member or officer of any Democratic committee as provided in Section 1 of this rule who:

- (a) holds a political appointive office of profit under an administration, whether city, school district (except teachers), county, state or national, opposed to the Democratic Party (except positions of a judicial character or those appointed by the courts or notaries public or commissioners of Deeds or those whose original appointment to said position was made by a Democratic administration or attained through a merit system or who are currently protected through a merit system or a collective bargaining contract). This paragraph shall not be construed to prevent a member of any Democratic committee from serving on boards or commissions of any administration, or serving as solicitor for any county or local administration.
- (b) has entered into an agreement with opponents of the Democratic Party to support such opponents;
- (c) by voice, public support, financial support or otherwise has, within two years, supported a candidate in an Election opposed to the duly endorsed and/or nominated candidate of the Democratic Party who has been endorsed by a minimum of sixty (60%) percent of the qualified electors of MCDC or any subordinate body in that election (except for candidates who cross-file for an office in which cross filing is permitted by law). Should no candidate be endorsed for a particular office in an Election, then individual Committee persons are free to advocate for the election of the candidate of their choosing.

Section 5: No person shall be eligible as candidate for the office of Chair or Vice-Chair of the County Executive Committee, or as a member of the State Committee, who has been a registered member of any other political party at any time during the two years preceding the Primary Election.

Section 6: Any member or officer of any Democratic Committee of the Democratic Party of Montgomery County shall be removed from membership or office if found to be in violation of this Rule.

- (a) Only registered Democratic voters residing in an Area may lodge a complaint against a member of a Democratic Committee from that Area of disqualification under this Rule.

- (b) Complaints against any member of any Democratic Committee shall be in writing and state with specificity the alleged violations of this Rule. Written complaints shall be submitted to the Area Leader for the Area concerned. The Area Leader shall conduct an initial investigation of the facts underlying the complaint, and, as soon practicable thereafter, but not to exceed two (2) months, the Area Leader shall forward the complaint to the County Executive Committee with a recommendation for disposition. In the event an Area Leader is accused of a violation of this Rule, the written complaint shall be submitted directly to the Chair.
- (c) In case any member or officer of any Democratic Committee is accused of being disqualified under any of the provisions of this Rule, such member or officer is entitled to a hearing by the County Executive Committee. The County Executive Committee may, by majority vote, remove from office or from Membership the person so accused found to be in violation of this Rule. If the person so accused is a member of the County Executive Committee, he shall not be entitled to vote.
- (d) If any member is removed, the vacancy so created shall be filled in the manner provided by these rules, but not before the accused found to be in violation of this Rule has exhausted the right to appeal.
- (e) If any officer of any Area is removed, the vacancy so created shall be filled in the manner provided by the rules of that Area, but not before the accused found to be in violation of this Rule has exhausted the right to appeal.
- (f) A ruling of the County Executive Committee under this Rule may be appealed by the member or officer so affected to the State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania if such appeal is made in writing to the Chair of the County Executive Committee and State Executive Committee within thirty (30) days from the date on which such ruling is handed down. Appeals under this rule shall be held in accordance with the rules of the Democratic Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 7: The County Committee, the County Executive Committee, the Area Committees, and the Municipal Committees are authorized and empowered to create and establish advisory and auxiliary committees within their jurisdictions.

RULE II
COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section 1: Two County Committee Members shall be elected by the qualified Democratic electors of each election district in the County. County Committee Members shall serve from the day following the date of election as certified by the Montgomery County Board of Elections until the day following the next Primary Election in a regularly scheduled gubernatorial year, or until their successors are duly elected, or appointed in accordance with these Rules, and certified by the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

- (a) Election to the County Committee shall occur during the Primary Election in each year in which the Governor is to be elected in a regularly scheduled election.
- (b) County Committee members elected by write-in votes are required to receive a minimum number of votes equal to the number of signatures required on nomination petitions to qualify as a candidate for the County Committee on the Primary Election ballot. Write-in candidates that do not receive the minimum number of votes required shall be summarily stricken from the County Committee list after the Primary Election.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of County Committee Members, Area Leaders, Area Representatives, and Municipal Chairs, to:

- (a) participate in meetings of the County Committee, and in meetings of the members thereof from their respective Areas and Municipalities;
- (b) increase the enrollment of Democratic electors in their voting districts;
- (c) see that at least one nomination petition shall be properly circulated and filed for each public office for which nominations are to be made at each Primary Election in their respective election districts;
- (d) organize political activity in their election districts thoroughly and effectively to the end of achieving a maximum Democratic vote at the polls and Democratic majorities in the elections;
- (e) champion and work for Democratic principles and integrity within the Party and the administration of government, and
- (f) actively and meaningfully support the duly endorsed and/or nominated candidate in an Election who has been endorsed by a minimum of sixty (60%) percent of the qualified electors of MCDC or any subordinate body, and

(g) do all things necessary and proper to effectuate these Rules.

Section 3: Area Leaders, Area Representatives, and Municipal Chairs, if not otherwise duly elected members of the County Committee, shall have all privileges of otherwise duly qualified members at all meetings of the County Committee, including the power of vote (with one vote to be shared by those who serve as co-Area Leaders or co-Municipal Chairs).

Section 4: The following persons, if not otherwise duly elected members of the County Committee, shall nevertheless be ex officio members of the County Committee: (a) the officers of the County Committee; (b) Montgomery County members of the Democratic National Committee, (c) Montgomery County members of the State Committee, and the State Executive Committee; and (d) all elected Democratic County, State, and National governmental officials who are residents of Montgomery County or who represent residents of Montgomery County. Such members shall have all privileges of otherwise duly qualified members at all meetings of the County Committee, except if not otherwise duly qualified members of the County Committee, that of the power of vote.

Section 5: Any County Committee Member who is absent from, or not represented by a proxy, for three (3) consecutive meetings of the Area and/or Municipal Committee in which the Member resides may be removed from the County Committee at the discretion of the Area/Municipal Leader for the Member's Area with consent of the County Chair. Any Member so removed may appeal for reinstatement to the County Executive Committee within thirty (30) days from notice of removal. The County Executive Committee may, by majority vote, reinstate a Member removed under this Rule for good cause. There shall be no right to appeal the County Executive Committee's determination.

County Committee Officers

Section 6: The officers of the County Committee shall be the County Chair, Executive Vice Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. No person shall hold more than one office at a time on the County Committee. The officers of the County Committee shall all be enrolled Democratic electors of Montgomery County but need not be members of the County Committee from their respective election districts.

Section 7: All County Committee officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the organization meeting specified in Rule V, Section 8. The election upon any motion may be by voice vote, acclamation, printed ballot or voting machine.

Section 8: All elected officers of the County Committee shall serve from the time of their election until their successors are duly elected.

Section 9: County Committee Officers may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the entire County Committee.

Duties of County Committee Officers

Section 10: It shall be the duty of the County Chair, except as otherwise provided in these Rules, to notify the members of the County Committee and the Executive Committee of all

meetings, to preside at same, to enforce the Rules of the Democratic Party and in all other respects to serve as the primary executive and authoritative head of the Party in Montgomery County.

The County Chair shall serve as a full voting member of the State Committee in accordance with the Rules of the Democratic Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 11: In the absence of the Chair at any meeting of the County Committee or the Executive Committee, it shall be the duty of the (1) Executive Vice Chair or the (2) First Vice-Chair to preside over the meeting. In the absence of both the Chair, Executive Vice Chair, and the First Vice-Chair, then the Second Vice-Chair shall preside. In the event that the Chair fails to issue a call for a Special Meeting of the County Committee or Executive Committee upon petition in accordance with Rule VI, it shall be the duty of the Executive Vice Chair or First-Vice-Chair to issue the call within three (3) days after the time specified in Rule VI has lapsed. In the event that either the Executive or the First Vice Chairs fails to issue a call for a Special Meeting of the County Committee or Executive Committee upon petition in accordance with Rule VI, it shall be the duty of the Second Vice-Chair to issue the call within three (3) days after the Executive Vice Chair or the First Vice Chair fails to issue a call for a meeting.

Section 12: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds received by the County Committee, shall keep a detailed account thereof, shall make disbursements at the direction of the County Chair, or majority vote of the Executive Committee or the County Committee, by check. Checks shall be signed by the County Chair and counter-signed by the Treasurer, or another officer of the County Committee authorized in writing by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall report all receipts and disbursements to the County Committee at any time when such report is requested by the Executive Committee.

Section 13: The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee; shall have custody of the minute books and shall produce them at all meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee; and shall also bring to any meeting of the County Committee or Executive Committee a copy of these Rules and a current copy of ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER (Revised). The Recording Secretary shall certify to the Chair of the State Committee the name(s) of the person(s) elected County Chair. This certification shall be made within thirty (30) days of the election of the County Chair.

Section 14: The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for and conduct correspondence pertaining to resolutions and other business of the County Committee. The Corresponding Secretary shall also report to the County Committee at its stated meetings such correspondence as has been received and shall correspond on behalf of the County Committee upon specific instruction from the County Committee, the Executive Committee or the County Chair only.

Section 15: Any retiring officer of the County Committee or Executive Committee, who may have in custody or control any monies, property, or documents of any nature belonging to or

under the jurisdiction of the County Committee or Executive Committee, shall preserve and turn same over intact to his or her successor promptly upon retiring from office or, if there be no successor at that time, to the County Chair or to such person as the Executive Committee shall designate.

RULE III
COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: There shall be an Executive Committee which, except as otherwise provided herein, shall exercise the powers of the County Committee between meetings of the County Committee. The Executive Committee shall also act in an advisory capacity to the County Chair and shall perform such other duties as provide in these Rules.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall include in its membership Area Leaders and Area Representatives, as hereinafter provided in Rule IV, and the following persons who shall be members of the Executive Committee, ex officio: (a) the officers of the County Committee; (b) Montgomery County members of the Democratic National Committee, (c) Montgomery County members of the State Committee, and the State Executive Committee; and (d) all elected Democratic County, State, and National governmental officials who are residents of Montgomery County. Such ex officio members shall have all privileges of otherwise duly qualified members at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

Section 3: Each member of the Executive Committee, including ex officio members, shall be entitled to one vote except for the Chair who shall be entitled to vote only in case of a tie.

Section 4: Votes by the Executive Committee at any meeting thereof, upon any motion, shall be by voice vote, acclamation, roll call or printed ballot.

RULE IV
AREA AND MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

Section 1: As soon as practicable after the Primary Election in each year in which the Governor is to be elected in a regularly scheduled election, but within the time limit specified in Section 6 of this Rule, the members of the County Committee duly elected thereafter from each Area shall meet and elect an Area Leader and the number of Area Representatives designated in these Rules from among the registered Democratic voters in such Area. The Area Leader and Area Representatives need not be members of the County Committee.

Section 2: For purposes of organization, the County Committee shall be divided into Areas. Each Area shall be represented on the Executive Committee by the Area Leader and the number of Area Representatives allocated to each Area. The current division of Areas and Area Representatives allocated to each Area is attached hereto at Appendix A, and may be revised in accordance with Section 3 of this Rule without amendment to these Rules.

Section 3: A Reorganization Committee shall be authorized and empowered to reorganize the Areas and the distribution of Area Representatives for each Area by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at a duly called Executive Committee meeting. The members of the Reorganization Committee shall be appointed by the Chair. Recommendations of the Reorganization Committee to change the Areas of the County Committee or the allocation of Area Representatives for each Area shall become effective only upon approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 4: Each Area shall adopt rules or bylaws to perform the obligations and duties under these Rules in a manner not inconsistent with the State Committee and County Committee Rules and may elect such other officers as provided for in the rules or bylaws for the Area.

Section 5: The members of the County Committee from each Township and Borough, in their capacity as a Municipal Committee, may elect a Municipal Chair for each Township and Borough, or members of the County Committee from two (2) or more contiguous municipalities within the same Area may elect a joint Municipal Chair for several municipalities. Municipal Chairs shall be elected as soon as practicable following the Spring Primary in each year in which the Governor is to be elected, but within the time limit specified in Section 6 of this Rule. A Municipal Chair or joint Municipal Chair need not be a member of the County Committee, but must be a registered Democratic voter of one of the election districts comprising the Municipal Committee. Each Municipal Committee may adopt rules or bylaws not inconsistent with the Rules of the State, County and Area Committees, and may elect such other officers as may be provided for in their rules or bylaws or in those of the Area.

Section 6: If the election of Area Leader or Area Representative as provided for in Sections 1 this Rule, is not accomplished by the seventh day following the County Reorganization meeting specified in Rule V, Section 8, the County Chair shall call a meeting of the appropriate Area Committee and shall designate a County Committee Officer to chair the meeting and conduct an election.

- (a) Upon election of an Area Leader or Leaders, it is the responsibility of the Area Leader(s) to notify the County Executive Committee of the names of the officers and Area Representatives of the Area, and the names of the municipal chairs within the Area.
- (b) Moreover, the Area Leader(s) shall also notify the Executive Committee of any changes among those individual names in Section 6, Paragraph a.
- (c) The Area Leader(s) shall keep current and maintain an accurate list of the names of all committee people serving in that capacity within the Area and will present those names to the County Executive Committee from time to time and/or upon request of the Chair or the County Executive Committee.

Section 7: The County Executive Committee is authorized and required to examine all rules and bylaws and any amendments thereto for all Area Committees and all Municipal Committees. No such rules or bylaws or amendments thereto shall be effective unless approved by the County Executive committee or by a special committee appointed for such purpose by the County Chair in accordance with Rule V, Section 8.

RULE V **REGULAR MEETINGS**

Section 1: Every meeting of the County Committee and Executive Committee shall be held at a time and place designated by the County Chair in the call for the meeting. Notice of any meeting shall be posted by first class mail to every member of the County Committee or

Executive Committee, as the case may be, at least five (5) days in advance of said meeting. Committee Members may affirmatively elect to receive notice of meetings by e-mail. Requests to receive e-mail notifications in lieu of first class mail shall be in writing.

Section 2: Only registered Democrats shall be admitted to meetings of the County Committee, Executive Committee, Area Committees, and Municipal committees except by special consent obtained at such meeting by affirmative vote of a majority of qualified members present. The County Chair shall appoint from the membership of the County Committee a Doorkeeper, a Sergeant-at-Arms, and such Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms as the Chair deems necessary to enforce this Rule and preserve order at each meeting of the County Committee.

Section 3: Any Member of the County Committee other than an ex officio member defined in Section 4 of Rule II, unable for good cause to attend a meeting of the County Committee, may, by written proxy, appoint as a substitute any Democratic elector residing in the Member's election district, who is not already a member of the County Committee from said election district.

Section 4: Any Area Leader or Area Representative, unable for good cause to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, may by written proxy, appoint as a substitute any Democratic elector resident in his or her respective Area.

Section 5: Any qualified substitute who attends a meeting in accordance with Sections 3, 4, or 5 of this Rule may attend any adjourned session thereof and participate fully therein.

Section 6: Every proxy shall be printed or written in ink and shall be signed by the member issuing same and shall be attested by the signature of a witness.

Section 7: Credentials for admission that may be demanded at any meeting of the County Committee include a Member's Certificate of Election and a proof of personal identification. In addition, a qualified substitute who attends a meeting in accordance with Sections 3, 4, or 5 of this Rule must be accompanied by a proper proxy.

Section 8: In each year in which the Governor is to be elected in a regularly scheduled election the County Committee shall meet for organization not later than two days preceding the organization meeting of the State Committee, or not later than the sixth (6th) Wednesday following the Primary Election, whichever comes first.

However, if the County Election Board fails to certify the election of members of the County Committee in time to hold the meeting within such time limits, the organization meeting shall be held within twenty (20) days of such certification. The organization meeting of the County Committee shall be held in a hall large enough to accommodate the entire Committee membership. Organization of the County Committee shall consist of the election of Officers in the manner provided in these Rules.

RULE VI **OTHER MEETINGS**

Section 1: The County Chair may from time to time call the County Committee or Executive Committee to a Special Meeting at which no business may be transacted outside the terms of reference stated in the Call. Proxies shall be permitted at such meetings in accordance with Section 3 of Rule V. Committee Members may affirmatively elect to receive notice of meetings by e-mail. Requests to receive e-mail notifications in lieu of first class mail shall be in writing.

Section 2: It shall be mandatory upon the County Chair to call a Special Meeting of the County Committee within twenty (20) days upon receipt of a written petition signed by not less than one-hundred (100) members of said Committee with a minimum of ten (10) signatures from a minimum of eight (8) separate areas, provided that such petition shall specify the purpose for which the meeting is desired. It shall be mandatory upon the County Chair to call a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee within ten (10) days upon receipt of a written petition signed by not less than five (5) members of the Executive Committee, provided that such petition shall specify the purpose for which the meeting is desired

Section 3: Each Area Leader shall call at least five (5) regular meetings per year of the members of the County Committee from the Area at such intervals as will enable such members to perform their duties properly, and to call a special meeting of such members within (10) days after receipt of a written petition signed by not less than one third of the members thereof. If an Area Leader fails to call a meeting as aforesaid, the County Chair or any officer of the County Committee designated by the County Chair may issue the call and conduct the meeting.

Section 4: Any ten (10) members of the County Committee from a particular Area shall have the right to petition the County Chair to remove their Area Leader or any of the Area Representatives for failure, as specified in such petition, to perform their duties properly; to abide by the rules or bylaws of the State Committee, County Committee, or Area; or for any other conduct detrimental to the Democratic Party. The County Chair, on receipt of such petition, shall call a meeting of the members of the County Committee from such Area by written notice of not less than ten (10) days, which notice shall contain the text of the petition, for the purpose of determining whether or not the Area Leader or Area Representative should be removed. A majority vote of the members of the Area Committee shall be required to remove an Area Leader or Area Representative.

Section 5: Any member of the County Committee unable for good cause to attend a meeting called in accordance with this Rule may, by written proxy, appoint as a substitute any Democratic elector residing in his or her election district who is not already a member of the County Committee from said election district. Such substitute may attend any adjourned session of such meeting and participate fully therein. Every proxy shall conform to the requirements of Section 6 of Rule V.

RULE VII **QUORUM**

At any meeting of the County Committee a quorum shall consist of a majority of its voting members. At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the aggregate of the Area Leaders and Area Representatives. At any other meeting, unless there are other rules or bylaws to the contrary, a quorum shall consist of a majority of voting members.

RULE VIII **VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS**

Vacancies

Section 1: In case a vacancy occurs on the County Committee through resignation, disqualification, or any other cause, the County Chair shall fill such vacancy as soon as possible; provided however that no vacancy shall be filled between the date herein fixed for the election of Members of the County Committee and the next election of County officers. It shall be mandatory upon the County Chair to enforce Rule I in filling all vacancies.

Section 2: In the event of any vacancy in the office of Area Leader or Area Representative, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided by the Area bylaws, or, in absence of any such provision, by these Rules.

Section 3: Should the office of County Chair become vacant for any cause, a new County Chair shall be elected promptly by the Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term. At such election, the Executive Committee shall fill any unexpired term in any office created as a result of the election to fill the vacancy in the office of County Chair, and shall fill any unexpired term in any consequent vacancy in any other office.

Section 4: Except as provided in Rule VIII, Section 3 above, should any office of the County Committee, other than that of Chair, become vacant, said office shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the County Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Appointments

Section 6: The County Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint such committees as may be considered necessary or desirable. The County Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may designate the sizes and terms of service for such Committees and shall appoint the Chairs thereof. All members of such Committees shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair. A current list of active committees is attached hereto at Appendix B, and may be updated as necessary without amendment to these Rules.

Nominations

Section 7: Within two weeks prior to the first day fixed by law for the circulation of nomination petitions preceding a Primary Election, the County Chair shall call the County Committee for the purpose of ensuring that qualified candidates appear on the Democratic ballot for nomination for public office or election to party office at the ensuing

Primary Election in the County at large. Within the same period the County Chair shall call a meeting of the members of the County Committee and of the Area Leaders and Area Representatives from each Congressional, Senatorial, and Legislative district which comprises less than the entire area of Montgomery County, but includes voting districts in more than one Area, for the purpose of ensuring that qualified candidates appear on the Democratic ballot for nomination at the ensuing Primary election. The County Chair shall cause nomination petitions for the candidates thus selected to be circulated and filed with the proper authorities.

- (a) The County Committee shall have the sole responsibility to ensure qualified candidates appear on the Democratic ballot preceding a Primary Election for the offices of Congress, State Senate and State House of Representatives within Montgomery County, and all Montgomery County-wide offices including court of common pleas. If, in the event, State Committee fails or chooses not to endorse State wide candidate or candidates, the County Committee may, if it chooses, consider those candidacies for endorsement.
- (b) Area Committees shall ensure qualified candidates appear on the Democratic ballot preceding a Primary election for all local municipal offices and school boards, and district judges. Rules for determining candidates for local public office in Districts which are entirely included within one Area are to be determined by the members of the County Committee residing in the Area through the Area rules or By-laws.

Endorsements

Section 8: Rules for selecting and recommending candidates for public office in Districts which are entirely included within one Area are to be determined by the members of the County Committee residing in the Area through the Area rules or By-Laws. There shall be only one endorsement for any one office or elected position in any Election. Endorsements may only be made by qualified electors of the MCDC or any subordinate body and must be voted on by a minimum of sixty (60%) of the qualified electors otherwise able to vote for a candidate for any General or Special election. Any endorsement properly made shall be binding on Committeepersons and subordinate bodies of the MCDC.

- (a) Endorsements under the purview of the Area committees as described in Section 6, paragraph (b) of this Rule are bidding on Committeepersons serving within the said Area.
- (b) If the County Committee chooses or votes to either not endorse any candidate for any particular race or chooses or vote to affirmatively have no endorsement or votes for an open primary, then the decision of the County Committee shall be binding on area and municipal committees who shall not be permitted to endorse for any such election.
- (c) There shall be only one endorsement for any one office or elected position in any Election to include races for more than one of the same office. By way of illustration, for Council, Supervisor, Common Pleas and like races which contain multiple available positions to appear on the ballot, there shall be only one endorsement per race or position.

Section 9: If the nomination of any office to be voted upon throughout the County, or if any party office, election to which was made throughout the County in a Primary Election, shall become vacant for any cause after a Primary Election, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee duly assembled upon the call of the County Chair.

The County Chair and Recording Secretary shall certify said action to the proper authorities, or, if the Rules of the Democratic Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provide that the nomination shall be made by the Democratic State Executive Committee, then the Executive Committee shall make an appropriate recommendation to the State Executive Committee.

Section 10: If the nomination for any office other than Representative in Congress, Senator in the General Assembly, or Representative in the General Assembly, to be voted upon in any political subdivision lying wholly or partly within a portion of the County, or if any party office, election to which was made in such political subdivision in a Primary Election, other than a member of the County Committee, shall become vacant for any cause after a Primary Election, such vacancy shall be filled by majority vote of the members of the County Committee for the election districts comprising such political subdivision duly assembled upon call of the Area Leader if one Area is involved, or the County Chair if more than one Area is involved. The said Area Leader, County Chair, or any officer of the County Committee designated by the County Chair, shall make such certification of said action as may be required to the proper authorities.

RULE IX
RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section 1: All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the parliamentary procedure published in ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER (Revised), except where such procedure is inconsistent with these Rules or the Rules of the Democratic State Committee and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 2: Unless altered or suspended by majority vote of members present at any meeting, the Order of Business of the County Committee or the County Executive Committee shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order by Chair
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Officers (if appropriate)
6. Communications
7. Reports of Committees
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

RULE X
PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING RULES

These Rules may be amended at any meeting of the County Committee by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed (or if authorized by email) to all members at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which such action is taken. These Rules may also be amended at any meeting of the Executive Committee provided that written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all members of the Executive Committee at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which such action is taken; and further provided that any amendment adopted by the Executive Committee shall not be effective until thirty (30) days after written notice of such adoption, together with the text of such amendment, is mailed to all members of the County Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE

These Rules are adopted, amendments and text corrections to Rules originally adopted December 17, 1959, and amended from time to time, the last Amendment occurring May 17, 2018.

Signed:

Joe Foster
Chair

Attest:

Olivia Brady
Recording Secretary

APPENDIX A

In accordance with Rule IV, Section 3, the Montgomery County Committee shall be divided into fifteen (15) Areas represented on the Executive Committee as follows:

Area 1	Pottstown Borough	Upper Pottsgrove Township
	Lower Pottsgrove Township	West Pottsgrove Township

Area 1 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and two Area Representatives.

Area 2	East Greenville Borough	Red Hill Borough
	Green Lane Borough	Marlborough Township
	Pennsburg Borough	Upper Hanover Township

Area 2 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and one Area Representative.

Area 3	Souderton Borough	Lower Salford Township
	Telford Borough (within Montgomery County)	Salford Township
	Franconia Township	Upper Salford Township

Area 3 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and one Area Representative.

Area 4	Collegetown Borough	Lower Providence Township
	Royersford Borough	Skippack Township
	Trappe Borough	Upper Providence Township
	Limerick Township	Worcester Township

Area 4 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and four Area Representatives.

Area 5	Hatfield Borough	Montgomery Township
	Lansdale Borough	Towamencin Township
	North Wales Borough	Upper Gwynedd Township
	Hatfield Township	

Area 5 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and four Area Representatives.

Area 6	Horsham Township	Upper Dublin Township
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Area 6 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and two Area Representatives.

Area 7	Bryn Athyn Borough	Lower Moreland Township
	Hatboro Borough	Upper Moreland Township

Area 7 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and two Area Representatives.

Area 8	Rockledge Borough	Abington Township
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Area 8 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and three Area Representatives.

Area 9	Jenkintown Borough	Springfield Township
	Cheltenham Township	

Area 9 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and four Area Representatives.

Area 10	Conshohocken Borough	Whitemarsh Township
	Plymouth Township	

Area 10 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and two Area Representatives.

Area 11	East Norriton Township	West Norriton Township
	Norristown Borough	

Area 11 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and two Area Representatives.

Area 12	Bridgeport Borough	West Conshohocken Borough
	Upper Merion Township	

Area 12 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and one Area Representative.

Area 13	Narberth Borough	Lower Merion Township
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Area 13 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and four Area Representatives.

Area 14	Ambler Borough	Whitpain Township
	Lower Gwynedd Township	

Area 14 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and one Area Representative.

Area 15	Lower Frederick Township	Douglass Township
	New Hanover Township	Schwenksville Borough
	Perkiomen Township	Upper Frederick Township

Area 15 shall be represented on the Executive Committee of the County by an Area Leader and one Area Representative.

APPENDIX B

In accordance with Rule VIII, Section 6, the Executive Committee has approved the establishment of the following committees:

- I. By-Laws Committee
- II. Finance Committee
- III. Newspaper Committee
- IV. Party Building Committee
- V. Reorganization Committee
- VI. Voter Registration Committee
- VII. Technology Committee