

JANUARY 2017

**PCO REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF BYLAW CHANGE PER SECTION
10.08.03 – “MEMBER SPONSORED CHANGE”**

Whereas:

1. All 3 LDs in Clark County offer “open membership” and voting rights to non-PCOs, as do the Women Democrats, Young Democrats and Washington State Democrats Progressive Caucus and all have successfully done so for many years; and
2. Many Clark County Democrats contribute in multiple ways including volunteer hours, office work, candidate/campaign work, walking precincts, financial contributions, serving in party leadership roles, serving on committees but for a variety of reasons are unable to serve as an elected, appointed or acting PCO and they have no voting rights and are therefore being disenfranchised; and
3. In the true spirit of our party which is inclusiveness and encouraging participation in our party; and
4. Clark County precincts may range in size from three voters to over 1,500 voters and are disproportionate in representation of our population if used as the only criteria to allow voting on county party business;

Therefore:

We the undersigned PCOs strongly advocate for open membership by changing the CCD bylaws as shown to allow any Clark County Democrat meeting the criteria of declaring themselves to be a Democrat and paying dues set by the CCD body (or receive a waiver due to inability to pay) a full vote on party business, endorsements and any action not covered otherwise by RCW, state charter/bylaws or our bylaws.

REPLACE SECTION 3.0 OF BYLAWS 2016-03 WITH THE FOLLOWING SECTION:

3.1 Membership:

- 3.1.1 All elected and appointed Democratic Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) registered to vote in Clark County shall be members
- 3.1.22 All locally elected Democratic partisan officials in both County government and the Legislature with districts inside Clark County and residing in Clark County shall be members.
- 3.1.3 Any other registered voter residing in Clark County who declares himself/herself a Democrat and pays annual membership dues shall be a member.
- 3.1.4 Members who are not PCOs are allowed to fully participate in the Clark County Democrats except for those duties limited to PCOs by State statute or by the charter and bylaws of the Washington State Democratic Party.

3.2 Term of Membership

- 3.2.1 Membership in the CCDCC runs from February to February of the following year.
- 3.2.2 The membership shall establish the amount of annual dues no earlier than the January meeting of each calendar year for that calendar year.
- 3.2.3 Dues will be paid at the time of joining and will be renewable by February of each year. Hardship waivers for members unable to pay may be approved by the executive committee.
- 3.2.4 New paying members joining after the November general election each year will be considered members from the completion of the current year and through the following membership year.
- 3.2.5 New non-PCO members may participate in discussion at the first regularly scheduled Clark County Democrats meeting after they join, but may not vote until they have been members in good standing for 30 days.
- 3.2.6 Renewing members may vote at all meetings, so long as their membership is current.
- 3.2.7 This revised section shall become applicable after annual dues have been established, and operational procedures put in place for collecting, waivers, and tracking