

1st Amended
BYLAWS
of the
FOUNTAIN HILLS DEMOCRATIC CLUB

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the ***Fountain Hills Democratic Club***.

ARTICLE II. MISSION STATEMENT

- To promote the Democratic community in Fountain Hills;
- To support Democratic values, goals and activities;
- To encourage and support Democratic candidates.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The Fountain Hills Democratic Club (the Club) shall be comprised of registered voters who subscribe to the mission of the Club, and who qualify as Members in Good Standing.

3.2 The Member in Good Standing (Member) shall be a registered voter and be current with respect to his or her dues and obligations to the Club.

3.3 Each Member shall be eligible to serve as an Officer on the Board of Directors (Board) of the Club. Only a Member is eligible to vote for Club Officers, or any other matters to come before the Club.

3.4 Members shall meet not less than once a month at a place and on a date selected by the Board, except the Board may choose to suspend a regular meeting for a month or more when it is deemed necessary.

3.5 Junior non-voting Club Membership is available to high school students under 18 years of age. Dues will not be required.

ARTICLE IV. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Discrimination in membership and in the conduct of Club affairs on the basis of gender, race, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic identity or disability is prohibited. All efforts shall be directed to bringing underrepresented groups into the Club.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1 The management of all money, property, and affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board. The Board shall exercise the powers and authority expressly conferred upon it pursuant to these Bylaws.

5.2 The Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Events Chair, and Civic Engagement Chair.

5.3 The Board shall be responsible for all Club programs, agendas, speakers at the membership meetings, and for setting the amount of the annual dues.

5.4 The Board shall have the authority to establish one or more committees to carry out functions designated by the Board.

5.5 The Board shall have the power to recommend to the Members that an Officer be removed from office. Such person may be removed by a majority vote of two-thirds of the membership present and voting at a scheduled meeting.

5.6 The majority of the Board shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

5.7 The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board. In the event that the President is absent, the Vice President shall preside. If neither the President nor Vice President is able to preside at the meeting of the Board, a quorum of those present shall elect a temporary chair.

5.8 The Board shall meet prior to each membership meeting, at a place and date selected by the President or by a majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE VI. TERM OF OFFICE, ELECTION, AND ANNUAL MEETING

6.1 The Annual Meeting shall be the November meeting.

6.2 At least two months prior to the Annual Meeting at which an election of Officers shall be held, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee of no fewer than three Members. The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of the nominees at the Annual Meeting, having first verified that the nominees are Members in Good Standing and that they are willing to serve as Officers. In addition, nominations of Members in Good Standing may be accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting. If practicable, the Nominating Committee shall attempt to preserve gender balance among the candidates.

6.3 No person shall be eligible for election as an Officer unless duly nominated at a meeting of the Members. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall preside over the election of the Officers at the Annual Meeting. After nominations have been made, on motion and seconded, the nominations shall be closed. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

6.4. In the event of a vacancy on the Board, an election shall be held as soon as practicable at a scheduled membership meeting to fill the vacancy. Members present may nominate Members in Good Standing pursuant to Section 3.2. The person elected shall serve the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

6.5 The Club officers shall serve for a term of two calendar years, beginning January 1 of the year following the election at the Annual Meeting. The President, the Recording Secretary, and the Events Chair shall be elected in the odd-numbered years, and the Vice President, the Corresponding Secretary, the Civic Engagement Chair, and the Treasurer shall be elected in the even-numbered years.

ARTICLE VII. Officers

7.1 President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and all meetings of the Club. The President in concert with the Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club. As instructed by the Board, the President shall represent the Club at all public meetings, at all appropriate district and regional meetings of the Democratic Party and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office. The President may, from time to time, designate another Officer or Member to attend regional, district, or other party meetings.

7.2 Vice President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President at the request of the President or because of the absence or disability of the President and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board or the President and shall be in charge of public relations and publicity.

7.3 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all monies of the Club, shall maintain a Club checking account, shall keep financial records and maintain a list of Members in Good Standing, shall disburse the funds of the Club as requested by the Board, and shall perform other duties incident to the office. The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each meeting of the Board and at each meeting of the membership. The accounting records shall be audited annually. The Treasurer must secure the approval of the Board for any expenditure of Club funds in excess of \$100.

7.4 Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of all business meetings of the membership and meetings of the Board and shall forward minutes of all meetings to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution to the membership. The Recording Secretary shall serve as the Club Historian and shall make such other reports and perform such other duties as are incident to the office.

7.5 Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence to the Board and the membership, and shall maintain informational records of Members, provide notices of all meetings of the Club to the membership and to the Vice-President for public relations and publicity purposes, and shall make such other reports and perform such other duties as are incident to the office.

7.6 Events Chair. The Events Chair shall be in charge of organizing and coordinating all Club events, including programs, locations, speakers, and hospitality, and shall supervise the Board-appointed Chair of the Standing Sub-Committee on Community Outreach as established in 7.9(a) of these Bylaws.

7.7 Civic Engagement Chair. The Civic Engagement Chair shall be in charge of the political activities of the Club, subject to the approval of the Board, including coordination with the Democratic Legislative District for Fountain Hills and Scottsdale and the recruitment of campaign volunteers, and shall provide information to the Board on future activities in furtherance of the Mission Statement as set forth in Article II of these Bylaws.

7.8 Authorization of Sub-Committee Chairs. Except for the President, each Officer shall with the approval of the Board appoint Sub-Committee Chairs as is deemed necessary for the efficient performance of the respective Board positions.

7.9 Standing Committees. Committees having a continuing existence and function.

7.9(a) Community Outreach Sub-Committee. The Community Outreach Sub-Committee shall be a standing committee authorized to develop and coordinate Club activities, as well as to identify non-political community events in which the Club might participate, in order to encourage positive relationships with the Fountain Hills community.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

The membership may alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws of the Club by a vote of two-thirds of those Members in Good Standing present and voting at a regular meeting of the membership of the Club. Notice of a proposed amendment to these Bylaws shall be given at a regular meeting of the membership held at least one month prior to the vote to amend.

Adopted by resolution of the Fountain Hills Democratic Club

On the _____ day of _____, 2018

(Signature)_____ (Signature)_____

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President

Recording Secretary