

Constitution of The Young Democratic Chapter of Jefferson County, Colorado

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be “Jefferson County Young Democrats” (“JYD”).

ARTICLE II – Purposes

The purposes of this organization shall be: to stimulate in young people an active interest in governmental affairs, to increase the efficiency of popular government, to foster and perpetuate the ideals and principals of the Democratic Party, to help acquaint voters with current political issues and candidates, and to provide for our people through its administration the highest degree of justice, social welfare and happiness.

ARTICLE III – Affiliation

This organization shall be the official youth organization of The Jefferson County Democratic Party and affiliate and become a part of the Colorado Young Democrats.

ARTICLE IV – Policy

Section 1. This organization shall support nominees of the Democratic Party in national, state and municipal elections. It shall endeavor to maintain permanent contact with Young Democrats throughout Jefferson County, and it shall function continuously in order that it may contribute continuously to the growth and influence of the ideals of the Democratic Party.

Section 2. This organization shall be influenced and guided by the policies of the Jefferson County Democratic Party Platform, Colorado Democratic Party Platform and the Democratic National Committee Platform.

ARTICLE V – Membership

Section 1. There may be two classes of membership: active and honorary.

Section 2. There shall be no membership fee required for membership in the Jefferson County Young Democrats.

Section 3. Any citizen registered in Jefferson County between the ages of eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) who professes and demonstrates allegiance to the principles of the Democratic Party shall be eligible for active membership.

Section 4. Any person who is not eligible for active membership shall be eligible for honorary membership provided they have rendered service of outstanding character in the advancement of the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party.

ARTICLE VI – Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Jefferson County Young Democrats shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2.

a). The duties of the President shall be: to preside at all meetings, represent the Jefferson County Young Democrats officially, prepare the agenda for all meetings, and appoint standing committee Chairs with the consent of the membership.

b). The duties of the Vice-President shall be: to preside in the absence of the President, to preside when the President wishes to take part in the discussion, and to take over any of the President's duties at the President's request.

c). The duties of the Secretary shall be: to keep the record of the minutes of all meetings, regular and special, and to present such minutes at the next meeting; to carry out the Jefferson County Young Democrats correspondence, including, but not limited to mail, email and online social networks; to maintain the official Jefferson County Young Democrats website; to assist the President in planning the agenda; to preside in the absence of the President and Vice-President until a President Pro-tem is elected; to take care of filing all Jefferson County Young Democrats reports and records to be handed to the next years officers; to keep a complete and current record of offices and members.

d). The duties of the Treasurer shall be: to collect all money, including donations and special assessments; to pay all Jefferson County Young Democrats bills from the Jefferson County Young Democrats treasury; to keep the books balanced each month; to coordinate finances with the Jefferson County Democratic Party; and to be prepared to give an accurate financial report whenever called upon to do so.

Section 3. The officers of the Jefferson County Young Democrats shall be elected annually by a majority vote of all regular members present and entitled to vote at the first regularly scheduled meeting in February, and shall hold office for one year.

Section 4. Officers of the Jefferson County Young Democrats may be recalled upon the circulation of a petition for Re-Call with signatures of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the regular membership eligible to vote and shall be presented to the assembled membership for validation. Upon validation the

officer's position shall be considered vacant and may be filled thereafter. In occurrence of a vacancy, the vacancy may be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII - Executive Committee

Section 1.

- a). There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the elected Jefferson County Young Democrats Officers.
- b). The Executive Committee shall constitute the governing board of the Jefferson County Young Democrats and shall, in addition to other duties specified in this Constitution, act as the general managing, supervisory, and administrative body for the Jefferson County Young Democrats.
- c). Actions of the Executive Committee may be overruled by a majority of the regular membership eligible to vote.
- d). Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such times and places, and upon such occasions, as the Executive Committee members may decide, or as the President or any other two officers may specify upon at least two days notice.

Section 2. The President may from time to time appoint such other committees as the Jefferson County Young Democrats, the Executive Committee or the President may deem necessary or advisable.

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings

Section 1. Regular annual meetings of the Jefferson County Young Democrats shall be the first regularly scheduled meeting in February at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate.

Section 2. Regular meetings shall be held on the date designated each month by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Jefferson County Young Democrats shall be held upon such occasions and at such time, place and on such date as the President or the Executive Committee may specify or as one-fourth (1/4th) of regular eligible membership may designate.

Section 4. Notices of each regular and special meeting shall be sent via email as an official means of communication at least five days prior to all meetings.

Section 5. A quorum to do business shall consist of three-fourths (3/4ths) of the executive committee.

ARTICLE IX - Voting Qualifications

Only active members in good standing shall vote in the election of officers and on all other Jefferson County Young Democrats matters. Active members in good standing are those who have attended at least two Jefferson County Young Democrats meetings in the previous twelve (12) months.

ARTICLE X - Permanent Standing Committees

Permanent standing Committees shall consist of the Finance Committee, Membership Committee, and Fundraising Committee.

ARTICLE XI - Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3rds) affirmative vote of the members in good standing eligible to vote at any meeting, provided: no proposed amendment is be considered or voted upon unless notice of the regular or special meeting is given at least two weeks in advance; and notice contains a brief statement describing the general nature of the proposed amendment.

Section 2. Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) will prevail when not in conflict with this Constitution, however it may be overruled by acclamation of the members in good standing present to vote.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall interpret this Constitution and may be overruled by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the active members in good standing present at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE XII - By-Laws

The Jefferson County Young Democrats may adopt such by-laws as from time to time it shall deem necessary.

By-laws shall be adopted when approved by majority vote of the members in good standing present at the regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting called by official means of communication stating the purpose for which the meeting is called, and shall be numbered numerically.

CONSTITUTION VERIFICATION

WE CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS THE CONSTITUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS ADOPTED AT A MEETING HELD ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND AND NINE.

1. _____
President

2. _____
Vice-President

3. _____
Secretary

4. _____
Treasurer

5. _____
Charter Member

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Charter Member

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Charter Member