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CONSTITUTION
of the
DOUGLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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ARTICLE I - NAME

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The Douglas County Democratic Party is established on behalf of all citizens registered as Democrats in Douglas County, Nebraska and is affiliated with the Democratic Party of Nebraska and the National Democratic Party.

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ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

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The object and purpose of this organization is to contribute to the growth and influence of the Democratic Party, to encourage interest among voters in the Democratic Party, to participate in political campaigns, to develop leadership, to encourage suitable candidates to run for office on the Democratic ticket, to raise and expend funds for political purposes, to increase party responsibility, to maintain and promote harmony within party ranks, and generally to exercise all rights, powers and privileges granted by the laws of the United States, the State of Nebraska and the rules of the National and State Democratic Party.

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ARTICLE III – AUTHORITY

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This Constitution supersedes any and all previous constitutions, bylaws and/or rules of the Democratic Party of Douglas County. This Constitution shall be the supreme governing document of this organization unless in violation of any election law of the State of Nebraska, any election law of the United States of America, or any charter constitution, bylaw of rule of the Democratic Party of the State of Nebraska or the National Democratic Party. This Constitution shall be effective upon adjournment of the adopting Convention.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY

Section 1. COUNTY CONVENTION

A. The Douglas County Democratic Convention, which is constituted and empowered according to state law and by the constitution and rules for the Nebraska Democratic Party, is governing body of the Douglas County Democratic Party.

B. The County Convention shall meet every two (2) years and shall: elect county party officers, consider and vote on a county platform, consider and vote on any proposed amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws; and elect delegates and alternates to the Nebraska Democratic State Convention. The County Convention may also act on other business as brought before it.

Section 2. COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A. A committee, called the Central Committee, shall exist between sessions of the Convention and shall have duties as assigned by the Convention, this Constitution or the County Bylaws. The Central Committee shall be comprised of the county party officers, representatives of the several Nebraska Legislative Districts in Douglas County and from any County Caucus Organization this Constitution or the Bylaws may provide. The representatives from the Legislative Districts shall be elected in Legislative District caucuses at each Convention. The Chair of each County Caucus Organization

1 shall be the representative on the Central Committee.

2 B. Regular meetings of the County Central Committee shall number no less than seven (7) per calendar
3 year. These meetings are to be held at a time and place agreed upon by the Central Committee.

4 C. Special meetings of the County Central Committee may be called as specified in the Bylaws.
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6 Section 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7 A. An Executive Committee shall be formed consisting of the officers of the Douglas County
8 Democratic Party. Non-voting members of this committee may be appointed as directed by this
9 Constitution or the Bylaws. The tenure of these additional members shall be for a time specific or
10 automatically terminate with the close of the next County Convention following said appointment.
11 The Executive Committee shall have such duties as are assigned by this Constitution, the Bylaws, and/or
12 the Central Committee.
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14 ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

15 Section 1. PARTY OFFICERS

16 A. Officers of the Douglas County Democratic Party shall be: Chair, Vice Chair (opposite sex of the
17 Chair), Secretary, Treasurer, African American Representative, Latino Representative and the
18 Diversity Representative (must gender balance against the African American and Latino Representatives).
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21 Section 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

22 A. The method of the election or appointment of the officers shall be: (i) at the County Convention, the
23 certified delegates shall elect from their numbers persons to serve as officers of the Douglas
24 County Democratic Party; (ii) nominations shall be made from the floor and officers shall be elected by
25 majority vote of the certified delegates; (iii) all officers shall take office immediately prior to the
26 adjournment of the Convention.

27 B. The terms of each office shall be for a period of two (2) years or until their successors are duly
28 elected.
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30 ARTICLE VI – LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

31 A. The Democrats in the County in each of the several Nebraska Legislative Districts shall be
32 represented on the Central Committee by four (4) Delegate Representatives (two (2) female, two (2) male).
33 Each Legislative District's four Delegate Representatives shall: be elected by majority vote of the certified
34 delegates to the County Convention from the respective Legislative District; reside in the Legislative
35 District that they represent; and chose a Chair and Vice Chair (opposite sex of the Chair) from among
36 themselves.
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38 B. The Legislative District Representatives may elect Alternate Legislative District Representatives
39 for each Legislative District by a majority vote. Alternate Legislative District Representatives must reside
40 in the Legislative District that they seek to sit as an Alternate Legislative District Representative. Alternate
41 Legislative District Representatives may participate in the discussions of the business conducted at the
42 Central Committee meetings. Alternative Legislative District Representatives may be considered for
43 election to the position of Legislative District Representative upon resignation or removal of an existing
44 Legislative District Representative.
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46 ARTICLE VII – COUNTY CAUCUS ORGANIZATIONS (CCO)

47 A. In order to broaden representation of minority and traditionally under-represented communities
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1 within the Douglas County Democratic Party, County Caucus Organizations are recognized and will
2 function as provided in this Constitution and/or the Bylaws.

3 B. The Democrats in the County which are members of a recognized CCO shall be represented on the
4 Central Committee by the Chair of each recognized CCO. Each CCO Chair shall be elected by a majority
5 vote of the members of the County Caucus Organization.

6 C. A Chair of a CCO may not simultaneously serve in any other elected position of the Douglas County
7 Democratic Party.

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ARTICLE VIII - BYLAWS

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11 The Douglas County Democratic Party may adopt Bylaws for the periodic and timely administration of
12 the party.

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ARTICLE IX – AMENDING THIS CONSTITUTION

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Section 1. PROVISIONAL AMENDMENT

17 A. This Constitution may be provisionally amended by the Douglas County Central Committee at any
18 regularly scheduled meeting by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of the entire Central Committee.
19 Proposed provisional amendments must be given to the entire Central Committee by the County Secretary
20 at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed provisional amendment(s) is/are to be
21 considered. Such provisional amendment(s), if so approved, shall be in force until the next County
22 Convention. Failure of the Convention to ratify such changes shall cause them to expire sine die with
23 the County Convention.

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Section 2. AMENDMENT

26 A. Proposals to amend this Constitution in part or in whole may be presented to the County Convention
27 for its consideration. Such proposals must be given in writing to the Secretary of the Convention.
28 Approval or the proposals requires a majority vote of the certified County Convention Delegates. If
29 approved, the proposals become amendments effective immediately.

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Adopted by a two-thirds vote of the County Convention of the
Douglas County Democratic Party on the 7th day of June 2008.

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35 Amended by the County Conventions of the Douglas County Democratic Party on the 5th day of June, 2010
36 and the 9th day of June 2012. Provisionally Amended by the Douglas County Central Committee on the
37 15th day of November, 2012.

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3 **BYLAWS**
4 **of the**
5 **DOUGLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**
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9 **I – COUNTY CONVENTION**
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11 **Section 1. ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION**

12 A. The County Central Committee shall fix the time and place for the County Convention in
13 accordance with state law, the constitution and rules of the Nebraska Democratic Party, and the constitution
14 and bylaws and rules of the Douglas County Democratic Party.

15 B. The Douglas County Democratic Convention shall have a temporary chair and temporary secretary
16 to convene and organize the Convention. The County Chair shall serve as temporary chair until a
17 permanent chair is duly elected. The temporary chair shall appoint a temporary secretary who shall act as
18 secretary of the Convention until a permanent secretary is duly elected.

19 C. Standing Committees of the County Convention shall consist of the Committee on Rules and
20 Permanent Organization, the Committee on Platform and Resolutions, and the Committee on Registration
21 and Credentials. These Standing Committees may have subcommittees to facilitate their work. The
22 Executive Committee shall select the Chair of each of the Standing Committees. With the advice and
23 consent of the Central Committee, the County Chair shall appoint such members of each committee as
24 deemed necessary. The duties of the Standing Committees shall be as specified in these Bylaws, and/or
25 as directed by the County Chair with the advice and consent of the Central Committee.

26 D. Temporary committees may be formed to facilitate organization of the Convention. These
27 committees shall be appointed by the County Chair or the Chair of the Convention and have duties as
28 prescribed by the appointing officer.
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30 **Section 2. DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION**

31 A. Delegates to the County Convention shall be elected according to state law and the rules of the
32 Nebraska Democratic Party. The Committee on Registration and Credentials shall prepare and file with the
33 Secretary of the County Convention the names and addresses of all delegates duly elected accredited
34 delegates.
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36 **Section 3. PERMANENT OFFICERS**

37 A. The Permanent Officers of the Convention shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair (opposite sex of the
38 Chair), a Secretary, a Treasurer and any other officers as deemed appropriate by the County Central
39 Committee or the Convention.

40 B. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the Committee on Rules and Permanent
41 Organization. In addition, nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention by any duly
42 accredited delegate. The Permanent Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the votes cast for each
43 office and shall assume office upon election.
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45 **Section 4. BUSINESS OF THE CONVENTION**

46 A. The Committee on Rules and Permanent Organization shall prepare recommendations for rules and
47 order of business to be adopted by the County Convention. The Committee shall promptly file these

1 recommendations with the Secretary of the Convention.

2 B. The Committee on Resolutions shall prepare a platform, as well as any resolutions desired, to be
3 recommended for adoption by the County Convention. The committee shall promptly file the
4 recommended resolutions with the Secretary of the Convention. Resolutions may also be presented in
5 writing from the floor of the convention.

6 C. The Convention shall consider such business as is stipulated in the Constitution, these Bylaws, the
7 Constitution and Rules of the State Democratic Party, the laws of the State of Nebraska or as is brought
8 before it by an accredited delegate to the Convention.

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10 Section 5. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CAUCUSES

11 A. Within the meeting time of the Convention, the Convention shall cause to be convened caucuses of
12 the several legislative districts of which Douglas County is any party. Membership in each legislative
13 district caucus shall be those Convention accredited delegates from that district.

14 B. Each caucus shall be convened by (i) one (1) of the Legislative District Representatives to the
15 Central Committee, if a delegate, or, (ii) if a Representative is not a delegate, by any member of the
16 caucus. The caucus shall elect a Chair and Secretary. The Chair shall (i) preside at the caucus, (ii) poll
17 the delegation as directed by the County Convention Chair; and (iii) announce the results of such polling
18 to the Convention. The Secretary shall take minutes of the caucus and furnish any reports required by the
19 caucus Chair or the Convention Secretary or Chair.

20 C. Each caucus shall conduct such business as directed by the Convention Chair, the County
21 Constitution, these Bylaws, or the Rules and Constitution of the State Democratic Party, the laws of the
22 State of Nebraska, or as brought before it by its members.

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24 Section 6. COUNTY CAUCUS ORGANIZATIONS (CCO)

25 A. Before the convening of the County Convention, but on the same day of the County Convention,
26 the recognized CCO shall meet for the purpose of conducting elections for the positions of County Caucus
27 Chair and County Caucus Secretary.

28 B. The CCO must have at least 10 members present at the County Convention for the purpose of
29 elections and recertification of their Caucus. If a CCO does not have the minimum number of members
30 to facilitate a recertification, the CCO may recertify per the Constitution and Bylaws of this organization.

31 C. The Secretary of the CCO will report the election results to the County Convention and
32 the election of the CCO shall be ratified by the certified delegates of the County Convention.

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II – COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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36 Section 1. OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

37 A. The officers of the Central Committee shall be the County Party officers elected as the County
38 Convention. These officers shall hold the same office on the Central Committee.

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40 Section 2. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

41 A. The duties of the Legislative District Representatives are (i) to attend all meetings and other
42 functions of the Douglas County Central Committee; (ii) to be responsive to the registered Democrats in
43 that Legislative District; (iii) to establish (a) a precinct organization; (b) Legislative District caucuses;
44 (c) fundraisers and meetings for the Democratic Party and its candidates; and (iv) to be responsible for
45 assuring that the Democratic Party position on issues is known to the State Senator of the Legislative
46 District represented.

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48 Section 3. COUNTY CAUCUS ORGANIZATIONS (CCO)

1 A. The following “County Caucus Organizations” (CCO) are recognized and shall have one (1) member
2 on the Central Committee once the CCO is certified as directed by these Bylaws: (i) African-American, (ii)
3 Latino, (iii) Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual- Transgender (LGBT),(iv) Women, (v) Disability, (vi) Labor,
4 (vii) Veterans and (viii) Young Democrats.

5 B. For a CCO to be certified, each CCO must meet the following criteria; (i) must have ten or more
6 active members, (ii) must hold monthly meetings each month prior to each scheduled Central Committee
7 meeting, (iii) must be recommended by the Rules and Organization Committee and (iv) must be approved
8 by the Central Committee.

9 C. In order to remain a recognized and certified CCO in good standing, the CCO must; (i) hold regular
10 meetings of its membership each month prior to the Central Committee meeting, (ii) support Democratic
11 candidates for election, (iii) recruit Democratic candidates for public office from their Community, (iv)
12 maintain attendance requirements by the Caucus Chair, (v) make reports to the Central Committee on the
13 CCO’s activities and (vi) promote the Douglas County Democratic Party within in their Community.

14 D. Additional County Caucus Organizations – A new CCO may be formed and organized by (i)
15 fulfilling the criteria for such formation and organization as stipulated by the Committee on
16 Rules and Organization of the County Party, (ii) apply for recognition as a CCO to the Committee on Rules
17 and Organization, (iii) received a recommendation by the Committee on Rules and Organization to the
18 Central Committee and (iv) by a majority vote the by Central Committee.

19 20 Section 4. COMMITTEES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

21 A. The Central Committee has two (2) types of committees: Standing Committees and Special
22 Committees.

23 B. Standing Committees shall be permanent between County Conventions. The chair and members of
24 each standing committees shall be appointed by the County Chair with the approval of the Executive
25 Committee, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

26 C. Standing Committees shall consist of, but not limited to, the Finance and Audit Committee, the
27 Committees on Rules and Organization, the Fundraising Committee, and the Candidate Search Committee.
28 The Central Committee may establish other standing committees.

29 1. The Finance and Audit Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer. Membership shall consist
30 of the Vice Chair and three (3) other members of the Central Committee. The committee shall: (i)
31 Formulate an annual budget for approval by the Central Committee; (ii) negotiate for professional
32 accounting and/or auditing services from a list of Democratic Certified Public Accountants or from a list
33 of Democrat Accountants who had at least a bachelor’s degree in accounting from an accredited university
34 and who have been engaged in the practice of accounting for a minimum of five (5) years in a lump sum
35 fee or gratis; (iii) receive any audit and report such to the Central Committee; (iv) assist the Treasurer in the
36 performance of the Treasurer’s duties; and (v) perform such duties as assigned by the County Chair or the
37 Central Committee.

38 2. The Committee on Rules and Organization shall be chaired by the Vice Chair. The membership
39 of the committee shall consist of the Secretary and three (3) members of the Central Committee. The
40 committee shall: (i) assure that the members of the Central Committee are properly credentialed; (ii) that
41 the Central Committee properly follows the Constitution, these Bylaws, and any superior authority; (iii)
42 assist the Chair in the proper organization of the Central Committee; and (iv) perform such duties as
43 assigned by the County Chair or the Central Committee

44 3. The Candidate Search Committee shall be composed of the County Chair, Central Committee
45 members and other interested Democrats. The committee shall: (i) seek Democratic candidates for any
46 elective office in the county; and (ii) seek candidates for vacancies which may occur in any elective office
47 in the county. Additionally, the committee shall have duties assigned by the County Chair or the Central
48 Committee.

1 4. The Fundraising Committee shall be chaired by an appointee of the County Chair. Membership
2 shall consist of the entire Executive Board and ten (10) members of the Central Committee. The
3 Committee shall: (i) assist in the planning and execution of all fundraising activities by the Party; (ii) create
4 a fundraising plan utilizing the GEM Program, events, individual asks and call time to support the annual
5 budget developed by the Finance and Audit Committee; and (iii) perform such tasks as assigned by the
6 County Chair or the Central Committee.

7 D. Special committees may be appointed by the County Chair as deemed necessary. Membership on
8 these committees may not be restricted to members of the Central Committee.
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10 Section 5. SPECIAL MEETINGS

11 A. Unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or these Bylaws, special meetings shall be at the call
12 of the County Chair or by petition of any seven (7) elected members of the Central Committee. Unless
13 otherwise specified in the Constitution or these Bylaws, notification of a special meeting shall be sent to
14 the members of the Central Committee as least five (5) days prior to the meeting.
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16 Section 6. QUORUM

17 A. A quorum to conduct business of any meeting of the Central Committee shall be forty percent (40%)
18 of the elected members in good standing. A quorum of any standing or special committee shall be a
19 majority of the members of that committee.
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21 III – COUNTY OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

22 Section 1. COUNTY CHAIR

23 A. The County Chair shall: (i) serve as chief executive officer of the Douglas County Democratic Party;
24 (ii) direct the daily activities of the Executive Director; (iii) serve as the party spokesperson and
25 representative of the County Party at all official party functions; (iv) state the position of the Douglas
26 County Democratic Party on issues with the advise and consent of the Central Committee; (v) preside over
27 all meetings of the Central Committee, fundraisers and other events sponsored by or performed under the
28 auspices of the national, state or other component of the Democratic Party; (vi) and appoint any non-voting
29 members of the Executive Committee to assist in the administration of county party affairs with the advice
30 and consent of the Central Committee.
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32 B. The County Chair shall be an ex-officio member of any committee of the Douglas County
33 Democratic Party.
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35 Section 2. COUNTY VICE CHAIR

36 A. The County Vice Chair shall be of the opposite sex of the County Chair.

37 B. The County Vice Chair shall: (i) serve as Chair in the absence of the Chair and in such capacity
38 possess all powers accorded to the Chair; (ii) serve as the representative of the County Chair at the County
39 Chair's direction; (iii) chair the Committee on Rules and Organization; (iv) serve on the Finance and
40 Audit Committee; (v) and be responsible for parliamentary procedures and order by serving as, or
41 delegating someone to serve as, a parliamentarian and/or Sergeant-at-Arms as required. Such delegation
42 requires approval of the Central Committee.
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44 Section 3. COUNTY SECRETARY

45 A. The County Secretary shall: (i) be responsible for the production, filing and maintenance, and
46 delivery of all party records with the exception of those maintained by the Treasurer; (ii) be responsible
47 for the monitoring of attendance and the official declaration of any vacancies of the Central Committee;
48 (iii) be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the office equipment and postal service of the

1 County Party; (iv) maintain a master copy of the Constitution and the Bylaws; (v) and distribute the
2 Constitution, Bylaws, and other appropriate materials to new members of the Central Committee.

3 B. The Secretary shall provide notice of regular and special meetings of the Central Committee as
4 required by the Constitution or Bylaws. The Secretary shall ensure that minutes of regular and special
5 meetings of the Central Committee are provided to Central Committee members at least seven (7) days
6 prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Central Committee.
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8 Section 4. COUNTY TREASURER

9 A. The County Treasurer shall: (i) be responsible for the receiving, depositing in an FDIC-Insured
10 financial institution, and accounting of all funds, cash, negotiable instruments and assets accruing to the
11 interest of the Douglas County Democratic Party; (ii) provide a continuous written, itemized monthly report
12 of all such assets to the Central Committee; (iii) be responsible for preparing all instruments and records of
13 expenditures and liabilities; (iv) provide a continuous written, itemized monthly report of all revenue,
14 expenditures and liabilities to the Central Committee; (v) and be responsible for reconciliation of assets and
15 liabilities determined in a written monthly report to the Central Committee and combining the requirements
16 as noted above.

17 B. The Treasurer shall also provide a written, itemized report containing the above elements to the
18 County Convention to cover the period since the previous County Convention.

19 C. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the timely preparation and delivery of all required reports to
20 the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, the Federal Election Commission, the Internal
21 Revenue Service or other authorized agency as may be required by law.
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23 Section 5. AFRICAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE

24 A. The African American Representative must meet the following additional credential;
25 be a blooded member of a recognized racial minority defined as Black (all as defined in 48 C.F.R. Chapter
26 1, Part 19, subpart 10.001) and shall not also serve simultaneously as the African American Caucus Chair.

27 B. The African American Representative shall be the organization's liaison to the African American
28 Community and shall strengthen the relationship between the Party and this Community.

29 C. The African American Representative shall work with the Chair of the African American Caucus
30 and leaders of the African American Community to form the AAC-DCDP Coalition. This Coalition
31 shall focus on the working together on the concerns and goals of the African American community in
32 Douglas County.

33 D. The African American Representative shall have duties as assigned to them by this Constitution, the
34 Bylaws or County Chair.
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36 Section 6. LATINO REPRESENTATIVE

37 A. The Latino Representative must meet the following additional credential; be a blooded member
38 of a recognized racial minority defined as Hispanic (all as defined in 48 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Part 19, subpart
39 10.001) and shall not also serve simultaneously as the Latino Caucus Chair.

40 B. The Latino Representative shall be the organization's liaison to the Latino community
41 and shall strengthen the relationship between the Party and this Community.

42 C. The Latino Representative shall work with the Chair of the Latino Caucus and leaders of the Latino
43 Community to form the LC-DCDP Coalition. This Coalition shall focus on the working together on the
44 concerns and goals of the Latino Community in Douglas County.

45 D. The Latino Representative shall have duties as assigned to them by this Constitution, the Bylaws or
46 County Chair.
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48 Section 7. DIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE

- 1 A. The Diversity Representative must meet one of the following additional credentials; be a blooded
2 member of a recognized racial minority defined as Asian-Pacific, Asian-Indian or Native American
3 (all as defined in 48 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Part 19, subpart 10.001) or a member of a religious minority as
4 being non-Christian and including agnostics and atheists or a member of the Disability or LGBT
5 Communities. This member's primary credential may not be as a member of a blooded racial minority
6 defined as African American or Latino and may not also serve simultaneously a the Chair of any CCO.
7 B. The Diversity Representative must gender balance the collection of the African American and Latino
8 Representative.
9 C. The Diversity Representative shall be the organization's liaison to the widely diverse community of
10 Douglas County and these underrepresented communities of Douglas County and shall strengthen the
11 relationship between those communities and the Party.
12 D. The Diversity Representative shall work with the Chairs of all the CCO and leaders of
13 various community organizations to form the DC Diversity Coalition. This Coalition shall focus on the
14 working together on the concerns and goals of diversity throughout our community in Douglas County.
15 E. The Diversity Representative shall have duties as assigned to them by this Constitution, the Bylaws or
16 County Chair.

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18 Section 8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 19 A. The members of the Executive Committee shall be the Officers of the Party.
20 B. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be: (i) take actions as directed by the County
21 Convention, the Constitution or these Bylaws; (ii) hire and supervise any employees of the Party; (iii) and
22 act in accordance with the wishes of the County Central Committee.
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24 IV - VACANCIES
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26 Section 1. COUNTY OFFICERS

- 27 A. Vacancies in the office of any county officer shall be deemed to exist when declared by the County
28 Secretary at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Central Committee for any of the following reasons: (i)
29 three (3) cumulative unexcused absences within the period between County Conventions; (ii) resignation;
30 (iii) change of party affiliation; (iv) change of resident to outside Douglas County; or (v) removal from
31 office.
32 B. A vacancy in the position of County Chair shall automatically be filled by the Vice Chair.
33 However, the Vice Chair may, within ten (10) days of assuming the office of Chair notify the Executive
34 Committee that he or she does not wish to accept or continue in the position of Chair. In such case, the
35 Chair vacancy shall be declared and shall be filled in the manner as set forth in Section C below. The Vice
36 Chair shall then continue to serve as Chair until a new Chair is elected and then return to office of Vice
37 Chair upon election of Chair. The office of Vice Chair shall not be filled during this time period.
38 C. Vacancies in the position of Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, African American Representative,
39 Latino Representative and Diversity Representative shall be filled at the next regularly scheduled meeting
40 of the County Central Committee following the announcement of the vacancy in the following manner: (i)
41 announcement of said vacancy shall be sent to all Central Committee members at least seven (7) days prior
42 to action on said vacancy; (ii) by nomination of the remainder of the Executive Committee and/or
43 nomination by any member of the Central Committee; (iii) by a majority vote of those present and voting of
44 the Central Committee certifying such nominee to be elected to office effective immediately.
45 D. An officer who has three (3) unexcused absences shall be ineligible for the election to that office for
46 one (1) year, or until the next County Convention.
47 E. The County Chair, or the Chair's designee, shall have the authority to grant an excused absence.
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1 Section 2. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

2 A. Vacancies in any position of Legislative District Representative shall be deemed to exist when
3 declared by the County Secretary at a regularly scheduled meeting or the Central Committee for any of the
4 following reasons: (i) three (3) cumulative unexcused absences within the period between County
5 Conventions; (ii) resignations; (iii) change in party affiliation; (iv) residence change to outside the
6 Legislative District; or (v) removal from office.

7 B. A Legislative District Representative who has three (3) unexcused absences shall be ineligible for
8 election to the Central Committee for one (1) year or until the next County Convention.

9 C. Vacancies shall be filled at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Central Committee
10 following the announcement of said vacancy in the following manner: (i) announcement of said
11 vacancy shall be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the vacancy is known; (ii) by
12 nomination of the remaining district representatives of the district in which the vacancy occurs and/or
13 nomination of the Executive Committee; (iii) a majority vote of those present and voting of the Central
14 committee certifying such nominee to be elected as Legislative District Representative effective
15 immediately.

16 D. The County Chair, or the Chair's designee, shall have the authority to grant an excused absence.
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18 Section 3. County Caucus Organization Chair

19 A. Vacancies in the position of any County Caucus Chair shall be deemed to exist
20 when declared by the County Secretary at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Central Committee
21 for any of the following reasons: (i) three (3) cumulative unexcused absences within the period
22 between County Conventions; (ii) resignations; (iii) change in party affiliation; (iv) removal from
23 office.

24 B. Vacancies shall be filled at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Central Committee
25 following the announcement of said vacancy in the following manner: (i) announcement of said
26 vacancy shall be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the vacancy is known; (ii) by
27 a majority vote of the membership of the County Caucus in which a minimum of 10 members are
28 in attendance and (iii) a majority vote of those present of the Central Committee certifying such
29 election to be elected as Caucus Chair effective immediately.

30 C. The County Chair, or the Chair's designee, shall have the authority to grant an excused
31 absence.
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33 V – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE
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35 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

36 A. Upon petition of twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the Central Committee or 25
37 registered Democrats residing in the legislative district, a meeting of the Central Committee to consider
38 removal of a Representative of the Legislative District shall be called. The grounds for removal shall be
39 violation of the Constitution, these Bylaws and/or conviction of a felonious crime against the State of
40 Nebraska and/or the United States of America. A three-fourths (75%) majority of those members in good
41 standing of the Central Committee present shall be required to affect a removal, which shall be effective
42 immediately.
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44 Section 2. OFFICERS

45 A. Upon petition of twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the Central Committee, a meeting
46 to consider removal of an officer of the County Party shall be called. The grounds for removal shall be
47 violation of the County Constitution, these Bylaws and/or conviction of a felonious crime against the
48 State of Nebraska and/or the United States of America. A three-fourths (75%) majority of those members

1 in good standing of the Central Committee present shall be required to affect a removal, which shall be
2 effective immediately.

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4 Section 3. County Caucus Chair

5 A. Upon petition of twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the Central Committee or 10
6 members of the CCO of which the Caucus Chair is a member, a meeting to consider removal of a
7 Chair of a CCO shall be called. The grounds for removal shall be violation of the County
8 Constitution, these Bylaws and/or conviction of a felonious crime against the State of Nebraska and/or the
9 United States of America. A three-fourths (75%) majority of those members in good standing of the
10 Central Committee present shall be required to affect a removal, which shall be effective immediately.

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12 VI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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14 A. The rules contained in the current Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the
15 parliamentary authority in all matters not covered by the Constitution or Bylaws of the Douglas County
16 Democratic Party as long as they are not in conflict with the Constitutions, Rules, Bylaws or Procedures
17 of the State or National Democratic Parties.

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20 VIII – AMENDING THESE BYLAWS

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22 A. These Bylaws may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of the elected members of the entire
23 County Central Committee, or by a majority vote of the certified delegates to the County Convention.
24 Said adoptions or amendments shall be effective upon approval.