

Proposal # 1 – Proposed Amendment - Ex-officio Delegates delegates

Amend Article IV Party Conventions, Subsection 12.a A. General Rules governing party conventions, 12. Ex-officio Delegates. a. By inserting ,*Precinct Chairs* to allow Democratic Precinct Chairs to serve as ex-officio voting delegates at state party conventions.

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<p>Article IV, Party Conventions</p> <p>A. General Rules Governing Party Conventions</p> <p>12. Ex-Officio Delegates</p> <p>b. There shall be no automatic ex-officio delegates included in convention delegations at any level, except that members of the Democratic National Committee, Officers and Members of the SDEC, Democratic County Chairs and former Texas State Democratic Chairs shall serve as ex-officio voting Delegates to all conventions held by the Texas Democratic Party.</p>	<p>Article IV, Party Conventions</p> <p>A. General Rules Governing Party Conventions</p> <p>12. Ex-Officio Delegates</p> <p>b. There shall be no automatic ex-officio delegates included in convention delegations at any level, except that members of the Democratic National Committee, Officers and Members of the SDEC, Democratic County Chairs ,<i>Precinct Chairs</i> and former Texas State Democratic Party Chairs shall serve as ex-officio voting delegates to all conventions held by the Texas Democratic Party.</p>	<p>Article IV, Party Conventions</p> <p>A. General Rules Governing Party Conventions</p> <p>12. Ex-Officio Delegates</p> <p>b. There shall be no automatic ex-officio delegates included in convention delegations at any level, except that members of the Democratic National Committee, Officers and Members of the SDEC, Democratic County Chairs ,<i>Precinct Chairs</i> and former Texas State Democratic Party Chairs shall serve as ex-officio voting delegates to all conventions held by the Texas Democratic Party.</p>

Proposed by: Carroll G. Robinson, State Chair, Texas Coalition of Black Democrats and Sharon Berry, Vice-Chair Texas Coalition of Black Democrats & County Party Chair, Houston County.

Rationale: To motivate, inspire, acknowledge and express appreciation to Precinct Chairs statewide for all their hard-work and invaluable service on the frontline of voter interaction to grow and mobilize voter turnout in support of Democratic candidates and our county parties and TDP.

Additionally, Precinct Chairs are publically elected party officials.

Rules Committee Recommendation:

Proposal # 2 – Proposed Amendment - Ex-officio Delegates

Amend Article IV Party Conventions, A. General Rules Governing Party Conventions, 12. Ex-officio Delegates. b. By inserting *local, county*, to encourage and incentivize local and county democratic elected officials to attend Democratic Conventions at all levels.

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Rationale: To more fully include and utilize the talent, expertise and insight of local and county Democratic elected officials in the development of the TDP platform, messaging strategy and passage of substantive policy resolutions.

Additionally, as the elected officeholders closest to their voters, local and county Democratic elected officials have invaluable talents and assets to assist with voter registration, education and get out the vote.

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