

2018 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION 16B:

**Amend Charter to Ensure Gender-Based Diversity of DPCA  
Voting Representatives**

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3.6 (f) of the Democrats Abroad Charter shall be amended by striking the phrase “If a Country Committee has more than one (1) Voting Representative, gender balance shall apply.” and inserting in its place the phrase “If a Country Committee has more than one (1) Voting Representative, a gender ratio of not more than 50% male shall apply.”

**“Section 3.6 (Voting)**

- (f) Each Country Committee shall have the option to elect non-voting Representatives, and shall be required to elect at least the minimum number of Voting Representatives necessary to enable it to cast all its votes. Such election(s) shall be held at the same time as the election of a Country Committee's Chair and Vice Chair. ~~If a Country Committee has more than one (1) Voting Representative, gender balance shall apply.~~ If a Country Committee has more than one (1) Voting Representative, a gender ratio of not more than 50% male shall apply. The term of a Voting Representative shall be the same as for Officers of the Country Committee. All Voting Representatives shall be entitled to attend all Democrats Abroad meetings during the same two (2)-year term as for the Country Committee Chair and Vice Chair offices. If a Country Committee is entitled to less than five (5) votes, the Non-Voting DPCA Representative, if any, shall have the right to speak at DPCA meetings but not to vote, except under Section 3.7 below. If a Country Committee is entitled to five (5) or more votes, the distribution of votes among the Chair, Vice Chair, and Voting Representative(s) (if any) shall be

determined by the Country Committee at the time of election, failing which by the Country Committee Chair; provided, however, that a Voting Representative shall have no less than one (1) vote nor more votes than the Country Committee Chair or Vice Chair.