

2018 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION 18:

**Amend Charter Proxy Rules**

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WHEREAS, DA's proxy rules should reflect the spirit of 1 person 1 vote and be consistent with Democratic National Party proxy rules;

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 8(g) of the DNC Bylaws states that when proxy voting is permitted, proxies may be "general or limited, and either instructed or uninstructed... and transferable if so specified. No DNC member may at any one time hold or exercise proxies for more than one other DNC member..."

WHEREAS, it is now much easier for any DPCA Voting Member/Representative to attend DA annual global meetings, regional meetings, monthly regional calls, as well as global and national committee meetings due to DA's improved expanded use of WebEx and other video conferencing tools, to DA's schedule of rotating the location of the global meetings among the regions and Washington, DC, and to the development of the DA Travel Fund. In particular, use of two-way video conferencing allows for robust participation even when not able to attend in person;

WHEREAS, it is still not possible for every DPCA Voting Member to attend every meeting, whether in person or by WebEx, so proxy voting is important to ensure that all votes count and are counted;

WHEREAS, when proxies are allowed, proxy voting rules should be clear and as simple as possible.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 3 of the DA Charter be amended as follows:

**"Section 3.7 (Capacity to Vote and Proxies)**

- (c) Voting by proxy shall be permitted, subject to the limitations set out in this Charter. Proxies shall be in writing; shall name the person to whom the proxy is given; may be either general or limited to specific issues; may be either instructed or

uninstructed, and transferable or non transferable. Proxies given as described below shall be notified to and received by the International Secretary at least three (3) days before the relevant meeting.”

[...]

“(e) General proxies may be given by:

- (i) A Country Committee Chair, Vice Chair, or Voting Representative to: a member of Democrats Abroad within the same Country Committee or a any DPCA member ~~of the same Region~~;
- (ii) DNC member (elected by Region) to: a DPCA member of the same Region;
- (iii) DNC member (elected at large) to: any DPCA member;
- (iv) DPCA officer to another DPCA member.”

[...]

“(g) No person may hold more than ~~four (4) proxies~~ one (1) proxy.”