

2018 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION 2:

**Amend Charter to limit\* involvement of DPCA or DNC members in Super PACs**

*Sponsor: Quaide Williams, Chair Germany*

*Introduced: March 15, 2017*

*Previously submitted as: 2017 Charter Resolution 3 (SuperPACs)*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democrats Abroad Charter shall be amended as follows:

1. Section 2.4(c) shall be re-classified as Section 2.4(d).
2. A new Section 2.4(c) shall be inserted prior to the new Section 2.4(d). The text of the new section 2.4(c) shall read as follows:

"To prevent conflicts of interest and ensure commitment to fiduciary duties owed to the DPCA, any DPCA member, including DNC representatives, who (i) serves on the board of a Super PAC with similar goals and responsibilities as the DPCA or, (ii) in their capacity as a member of the DPCA or the DNC, raises money for a Super-PAC, shall be deemed to have resigned from the DPCA and/or their DNC position. The only exceptions are Super PACs founded to support a particular candidate."

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*Amendment proposed by the 2017 Bylaws Committee*

*Introduced: May 12, 2017*

The Committee moves to amend [this proposition] by replacing it with the following language:

WHEREAS, DPCA members should disclose any position on the board or other governing body of and any involvement in fundraising on behalf of super PACs if they hold or run for a DPCA office, and

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\* Edited by 2018 SBC for clarity and brevity.

WHEREAS, such membership, when combined with actions taken which are clearly and objectively detrimental to Democrats Abroad, should be grounds for removal from office, subject to the due process procedures outlined in (new) Section 2.4(d).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democrats Abroad Charter be amended as follows:

1. Section 2.4(c) shall be reclassified as Section 2.4(d).
2. A new Section 2.4(c) shall be inserted prior to the new Section 2.4(d). The text of the new Section 2.4(c) shall read as follows:

“If a DPCA officer fails to disclose potential conflicts of interest as required by Section 4.3(b) and such officer is later found to have taken any action that is detrimental to the DPCA or its goals, the failure to disclose may constitute good and sufficient cause for removal from office pursuant to Section 2.4(d).”

3. Section 4.3 (Nominations) shall be reclassified as Section 4.3(a).
4. A new Section 4.3(b) shall be inserted after the new Section 4.3(a). The text of the new Section 4.3(b) shall read as follows:

“To enhance transparency and ensure that the DPCA is aware of potential conflicts of interest, all candidates for office must disclose whether they currently (i) serve on the board or governing body of and/or (ii) raise funds for a super PAC with goals and/or responsibilities similar to those of the DPCA. The obligation to disclose such potential conflicts of interest shall continue for as long as a DPCA officer is in office, regardless of whether the potential conflict of interest arises before or after such officer’s election.”

5. The second sentence of the final paragraph of Section 7.2 shall be deleted and replaced by the sentence below. The first and third sentences of the final paragraph of Section 7.2 shall not be changed:

“Elected members of the DNC need not be members of DPCA, but they shall be subject to the disclosure obligations in Section 4.3(b) and to the removal provisions in 2.4(c).”