

2018 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION 7:

**Amend Charter to ensure representation for DA members living outside of Country Committees.**

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WHEREAS a significant number of general members of Democrats Abroad live in countries which do not have a recognized DA Country Committee, or do not have the conditions for forming a DA Country Committee;

WHEREAS the organizing potential for Democrats Abroad depends not only on increasing our numbers and effectiveness where we are locally organized, but also in places where we are not already locally organized;

WHEREAS improving representation and inclusion is a core democratic principle which we should strive to apply to our own organization, where possible and practical;

BE IT RESOLVED to amend the Charter as follows:

**“Article One: Name; Purpose**

[...]

General Membership in Democrats Abroad is open to all citizens of the United States of voting age (or who will be such before the next Federal election) living outside the US who by joining declare their support for the principles and aims of the Democratic Party of the United States of America. Membership is free, voluntary, and can be canceled by the member at any time for any reason. ~~who have declared themselves to be Democrats. Members of Democrats Abroad may also be members of a local Democratic Country Committee or organizing committee existing in the respective country or defined geographic area in which such member resides or works.”~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to amend the Charter as follows:

**“Section 5.7 (Non-Country Committee Representative Members-At-Large)**

General members ~~Individuals residing in territories not having a recognized Democrats Abroad~~ of Democrats Abroad residing in territories without ~~not having~~ a Democrats Abroad Country Committee shall have the same benefits and privileges as other general members within DA.

All such Non-Country Committee (NCC) general members may, at the discretion of their Regional Vice Chair, elect from their number within the Region an NCC Representative to represent their interests to the DPCA, including at meetings of the DPCA. The NCC Representative shall be a member of the DPCA; shall hold one (1) whole vote; shall serve two year terms; and shall be limited to two consecutive terms.”