

2019 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION #18:

Limit 1 Proxy; Loosen to Whom Voter May Proxy To

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WHEREAS, DA's proxy rules should reflect the intent 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 and affordable for DPCA Voting Members to attend DA global meetings, regional meetings and monthly regional calls 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 on-line, 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;

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 and shall name the person to whom the proxy is given. Proxies 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 submitted to 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 to any DPCA Voting Member;

(ii) A DNC Member (elected by region) to: a DPCA Voting Member of the same Region;

(iii) A DNC Member (elected at the global level) to: any DPCA Voting Member;

(iv) A DPCA international officer to any DPCA Voting Member.”

[...]

(g) No person may hold or exercise more than one (1) proxy.