

2021 Charter Amendments

Proposal No. 1 - Proposal to remove automatic proxies

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Purpose: Remove Automatic Proxies

Affected Sections: Section 3.6 (f)

Text:

WHEREAS, the DA Charter now provides for one person, one vote;

WHEREAS, the DA Charter gives one vote to both the Country Committee Chair and the Country Committee Vice Chair;

WHEREAS, the DA Charter requires for Country Committees to elect a Voting Representative for each additional vote a country is allotted;

WHEREAS, Section 3.6 (Representation and Voting) Paragraph (f) has confusing language in contradiction to how votes are allocated for a Country Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democrats Abroad Charter be amended to replace Section 3.6 (f) from the current:

No DPCA member or valid proxy holder may cast in excess of 4 votes (including proxies) of the total number of votes determined under Section 3.6 (a) and (b). Subject to the foregoing and to Subsection (f) below pertaining to Representatives, the votes of a Country Committee shall be cast by the Chair or, in the absence of the Chair, by the Vice Chair and Voting Representative(s) if any. If both the Chair and Vice Chair of a Country Committee with no Voting Representatives are present in person at a meeting, each shall have one-half of such votes. If in any vote to be decided on the basis of Country Committees, there is a division among its DPCA Voting Members (including Voting Representatives), the fractions resulting from such divisions shall be counted as fractions in the vote of the DPCA. This rule shall not apply for the selection of delegates to the National Convention or the election of DNC Members.

To the new language:

No DPCA member or valid proxy holder may cast in excess of 4 votes (including proxies). There are no automatic proxies. This rule shall not apply for the selection of delegates to the National Convention or the election of DNC Members.

Section 3.6 (f) Markup:

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