

A RESOLUTION

to Amend the Rules of the Democratic Party of the State of New York to Provide Candidates for Party Leadership Positions an Opportunity to Share Information About Their Candidacy With NYSDC Members In Advance of Elections

March 4, 2019

WHEREAS Officers of the New York State Democratic Committee (“NYSDC”), members the Executive Committee, and members of the Democratic National Committee (“Party Leadership Positions”) are elected by the duly elected Members of the NYSDC;

WHEREAS individuals running for Party Leadership Positions currently have no means to share information about their candidacy with Members of the NYSDC in advance of elections;

WHEREAS providing Members of the NYSDC with information about candidates for Party Leadership Positions in advance of elections enables them to make an informed decision with their vote;

WHEREAS Article I, Section 4 of The Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States directs Democrats to “establish standards and rules of procedure to afford all members of the Democratic Party full, timely and equal opportunities to participate in decisions concerning the selection of candidates, the formulation of policy, and the conduct of other Party affairs;” and

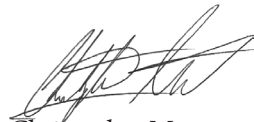
WHEREAS the Unity Reform Commission, established at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, recommends in its December, 2017 report that “state parties must have an open and transparent path to leadership that depends on member engagement and not engagement by leadership alone;”

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Rules of the Democratic Party of the State of New York shall be amended to include a procedure inspired by the Rules of the Democratic Party of the State of Massachusetts, providing candidates for Party Leadership Positions the opportunity to have a one page statement of their candidacy shared with all Members of the NYSDC in advance of the election. The following text shall be inserted in Article III, Section 14, as Subsection (a):

Section 14: Nominations Procedures for Party Leadership Positions

(a) Any person seeking to be elected as an Officer, an Executive Committee Member, or a Democratic National Committee Member, who provides written notice of their candidacy to the State Chair or Secretary fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which such election is held may include with said notice a one page statement of the individual’s candidacy, which shall be distributed to State Committee members with the official meeting notice materials.

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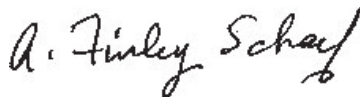
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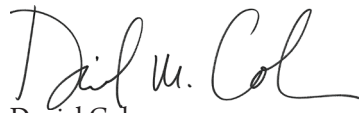
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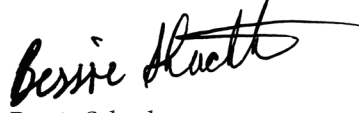
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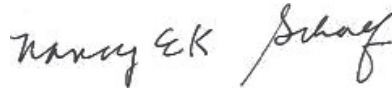
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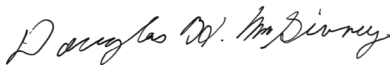
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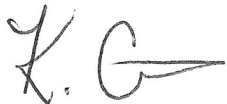
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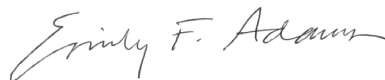
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