

A RESOLUTION

to Amend the Rules of the Democratic Party of the State of New York to Require Advanced Notice of Intent to Run for Party Leadership Positions

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 the current practice of announcing candidates for Party Leadership Positions by reading a list of said candidates at the meeting during which the election is held does not allow adequate time for Members of the NYSDC to make an informed decision with their vote;

WHEREAS individuals seeking Party Leadership Positions who are able to demonstrate the support of at least 10 current Members of the NYSDC deserve the opportunity to run for those positions;

WHEREAS the logistical complexities of holding elections for Party Leadership Positions are minimized when the candidates are known in advance of said elections;

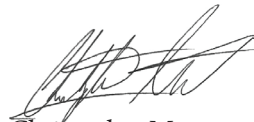
WHEREAS Article I, Section 4 of The Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States directs Democrats to “establish standards and rules of procedure to afford all members of the Democratic Party full, timely and equal opportunities to participate in decisions concerning the selection of candidates,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

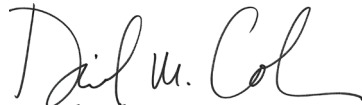
THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Rules of the Democratic Party of the State of New York shall be amended to include a procedure inspired by the Rules of the Democratic Parties of the States of California and Hawai’i, requiring candidates for Party Leadership Positions to notify the party in writing of their intent to run 15 days advance of the meeting, including the signatures of at least 10 Members of the NYSDC, and requiring the party to include a list of all candidates in the official meeting notice that goes out 10 days before the meeting. The following text shall be inserted in Article III, Section 14, as Subsection (b):

(b) Any person seeking to become a candidate for election as an Officer, Executive Committee Member (excluding the 8 At-Large Executive Committee seats), or Democratic National Committee Member shall file a nomination paper with the State Chair or Secretary at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which such election shall occur. The nomination paper shall include the candidate’s preferred name, position sought, County, Assembly District, and signature, and be signed by not less than ten (10) current members of the State Committee. A list of all candidates who meet the filing deadline and signature requirement shall be included with the official notice of the meeting at which said election shall occur. In the event that no qualifying nomination papers have been filed for a position by the filing deadline, nominations for said position may be made from the floor.

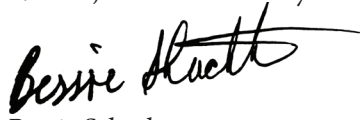
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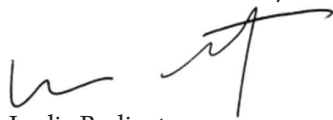
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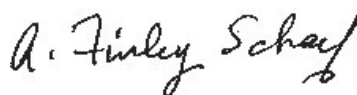
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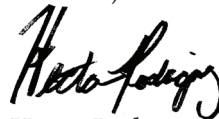
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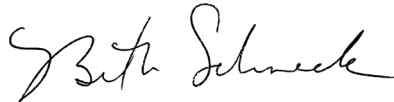
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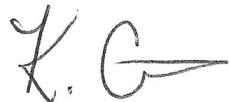
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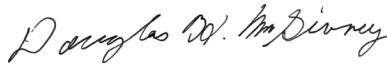
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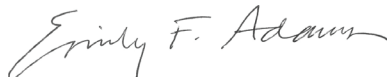
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