**Michigan’s 6th Congressional District**

**BYLAWS**

**Approved by District Committee 20 March 2025**

A. **Preamble**

We, the members of the Board of the Michigan Democratic Party’s Sixth Congressional District Committee, do hereby establish and adopt these rules of the Michigan Democratic Sixth Congressional District (hereafter referred to as “6th CD”).

B. **Purpose**

The purpose of the District Committee is to provide fair and equitable leadership and oversight for the work of the Michigan Democratic Party 6th CD.

C. **Membership**

A member of the 6th CD shall be any current member of the Michigan Democratic Party (hereafter referred to as “MDP”) residing within the District. A financial contribution is not required to be made to remain a member of the MDP. Membership is effective on the date that the membership form is postmarked, received in person at State Party Headquarters, received online, or received by fax machine at the State Party and must be renewed annually.

D. **Voting Privileges**

In order to vote at any Convention, Caucus, or meeting of any unit of the 6th CD at any level, a person must be a member of the MDP for at least thirty (30) days prior to that Convention, Caucus, or meeting. A Party member must be a qualified and registered elector in order to vote on nominations for public office.

Precinct delegates, Democratic elected officials, and Democratic nominees to partisan offices are exempt from the thirty (30) day advance membership requirement. However, Precinct Delegates, Democratic elected officials, and Democratic nominees to partisan offices must be a member of the MDP in order to vote at any Convention, Caucus, or meeting. Former members of the MDP whose membership has lapsed in the thirty (30) days preceding any Convention, Caucus, or meeting may renew their membership on the day of the Convention, Caucus, or meeting and shall be permitted to vote on that date.

E. **Precinct Delegates**

Positions shall be apportioned, and delegates elected in accordance with Michigan statute and the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party.

F. **Meetings**

The regular membership meetings of the 6th CD shall be on the day of the month at the location and time designated in the meeting notice. At least seven (7) days’ notice shall be given of the date, time and place of the meeting. Notice shall be given by email and may also be given by phone or text message, or postal mail if a working email address is not available. The 6th CD District Committee shall meet at least four (4) times a year. A quorum shall exist at a District Committee meeting when one third (1/3) of the District Committee members are present.

Subject to the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party and these Bylaws, all meetings shall be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of Order (latest edition).

G. **Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the 6th CD may be called by a majority of the members of the District Committee, respectively. At least seven (7) days’ notice shall be given of the date, place, time, and purpose of the special meeting. Notice shall be given by email, and may also be given by phone, text message, or postal mail if a working email address is not available.

Subject to the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party and these Bylaws, all meetings shall be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of Order (latest edition).

H. **Elections**

6th CD Officers and District Committee Members shall be elected in compliance with MDP bylaws.

The 6th CD District Committee may fill a vacancy in any of its offices or membership. The 6th CD District Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in nominations as prescribed by law.

I. **Budgeting**

The 6th CD District Committee shall have final approval of the annual and election budgets as presented by members of the District Committee and shall regularly review receipts and expenditures at its meetings as reported by the Treasurer.

J. **Resolutions**

A resolution is a 6th CD statement of position. Statements of positions as to candidates for public office and ballot questions, however, are considered endorsements in accordance with Article K.

Resolutions at Convention: A resolution may be adopted at a convention. The procedure for handling resolutions at a convention shall be set forth in the call to the convention. If a proposed resolution is not circulated with the call to the convention, the proponent of the resolution shall provide enough copies so that each person in attendance may have one.

Resolutions adopted by District Committee: A resolution may be adopted by the District Committee. If a quorum is present, adoption shall be by simple majority.

Resolutions by regular or special meeting of the 6th CD membership: A resolution may be adopted by a regular or special meeting of the 6th CD membership. If the resolution is proposed for a regular or special meeting of the 6th CD membership, the proposed resolution shall be included in the notice of the meeting of the 6th CD membership. Adoption shall be by simple majority, but if the written notice required by the rules of the Michigan Democratic Party is not given, the resolution may still be introduced, but requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to be adopted.

K. **Endorsements**

The 6th CD shall not make endorsements in any Democratic Party primary or caucus that is contested or may be contested. After the primary or caucus, the 6th CD may endorse any Democratic candidate who seeks its endorsement, subject to the provisions of this article.

A candidate seeking an endorsement must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party before an endorsement is made. For judicial candidates only, this subsection is subject to any applicable state law or canon of judicial conduct which limits a judicial candidate's membership in a political party.

The 6th CD may endorse a candidate in a non-partisan race, either judicial or non-judicial, and may endorse ballot questions. The number of candidates endorsed shall not exceed the number of candidates to be elected to a given office. 6th CD shall not consider any endorsement of non-partisan candidates prior to the deadline for filing for that office.

A candidate or supporter or opponent of a ballot question may make a request for endorsement to the 6th CD Chair, or to any member of the District Committee. If a request for endorsement is made to any other member of the 6th CD District Committee, that member shall promptly send the request to the 6th CD Chair. The Chair or the Chair’s designee shall make best efforts to contact both a supporter and an opponent of the ballot question, and shall document, in writing, all efforts undertaken to contact both.

If a request for an endorsement has been received for a non-partisan office, the 6th CD Chair, or the Chair’s designee, shall contact, via e-mail, any other declared candidates for that office and give those candidates an opportunity to seek the 6th CD’s endorsement. If the 6th CD Chair does not have a working e-mail address for a declared candidate, the Chair or the Chair’s designee shall make best efforts to contact the candidate, and shall document, in writing, all efforts undertaken to contact the candidate.

Endorsements shall be made via vote of the general membership. Endorsements shall be made at a general membership meeting of the 6th CD, provided that written notice of the endorsement vote has been given to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting. 6th CD members will receive voting credentials upon entering the general membership meeting. Endorsement votes shall take place as follows:

1. Any candidate for a race in which endorsements are being considered will be given a reasonable and equal amount of time to address the membership. A candidate may designate a surrogate to speak on the candidate’s behalf. If endorsement for a ballot question is being considered, exactly one supporter and exactly one opponent of the ballot question will be given a reasonable amount of time to address the membership. A reasonable amount of time must be allocated for members to ask questions of

candidates, and/or of supporters or opponents of ballot questions. Following discussion, members shall vote on endorsement.

2. If two or fewer candidates are running for a single office, any candidate who receives a majority vote of 6th CD members present shall receive the 6th CD’s endorsement. For a ballot question, any position (i.e., support or oppose) which receives a majority vote of 6th CD members present shall receive the 6th CD’s endorsement.

3. For all endorsements, the following procedure shall be followed:

a. In advance of the vote, 6th CD members will be given blank index cards in a number equal to the number of seats, or in the case of a ballot question, positions, available.

b. As each candidate’s name is called out, in alphabetical order, members shall hold a card up for that candidate. Those cards shall be collected and placed in an open box labelled for that candidate. In the case of a ballot question, members shall hold a card up for the position as it is called out, and those cards shall be collected and placed in an open box labelled for that position.

c. Following the conclusion of voting, all cards shall be counted, in the view of the general membership, and candidates or ballot question positions shall be ranked according to the number of votes received. The candidates or ballot question positions with the highest number of votes that correspond to the number of seats or ballot question positions available will receive the 6th CD’s endorsement.

An endorsement does not imply that a financial contribution will be made.

A copy of this article of the bylaws shall be sent to any candidate or supporter of a ballot question requesting an endorsement.

L. **Changes or Amendments**

Proposals for changes or amendments to these bylaws shall first be referred to the District Committee that shall report its recommendations to the next regular District Committee meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

These bylaws may be adopted by a vote of the District Committee. If a quorum is present, adoption shall be by simple majority. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of 6th CD membership, present at a meeting, provided that a written notice setting forth the proposed amendment has been given to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.