



## Stamford Democratic City Committee

### The Local Organization of the Democratic Party

As the local elected body of the Democratic Party in Stamford, the Stamford Democratic City Committee (SDCC) is dedicated to electing Democrats at all levels of government. We play an integral role in recruiting and developing the Democratic leaders of tomorrow, and we're committed to supporting and promoting Democratic values and ideals.

### Duties of a City Committee Member and Alternate

- **Attend and participate in monthly DCC meetings** - be an active participant in the work of our local Democratic Party. (1 general meeting and 1 committee meeting)
- **Promote the Democratic message in Stamford** - serve as the Democratic liaison within your district to help organize Democratic efforts, listen to constituent concerns, communicate current political messages, and support community activism.
- **Identify, recruit, and endorse qualified Democrats for office and City boards/commissions** - always be looking to engage people to serve in elected or appointed positions. Understand the various roles available and help encourage direct involvement in the Party and the community. Work toward training and building a talented bench of strong, diverse candidates and leaders.
- **Support our endorsed candidates** - participate in and help coordinate campaigns and elections. Volunteer for canvassing and phone banking. Attend rallies, find volunteers and work on GOTV and Election Day efforts.
- **Provide resources to the Democratic Party** - fundraise for the Party by organizing and attending events.
- **Register Democrats to vote** - proactively register new voters in the community to grow the Democratic Party.
- **GET DEMOCRATS ELECTED**

### DCC Standing Committees

- The DCC operates using a committee system. Items are assigned to each of the standing committees - Screening, Appointments, Fundraising, Rules, and Community Outreach, Education & Training. Other committees may be added as needed.
- Standing committees meet monthly or as needed on a day/time that is convenient for the committee members. These meetings may happen over Zoom.
- Each DCC member and alternate is assigned to serve on one committee. Members and alternates are welcome to attend other meetings and may participate in deliberations.

## **Alternates**

The Democratic City Committee is composed of 20 alternates, 1 per DCC district. Alternates serve the same 2-year term as the regular DCC members.

### **Qualifications and Election of Alternates**

- Must be a registered Democrat for at least 1 year preceding their election.
- Must be a resident of Stamford for at least 1 year preceding their election.
- Reside in the district from which they are elected.
- The two DCC Members nominate one alternate for their district. Alternates are voted onto the committee by a majority vote of the members.
- If after 3 months no alternate is nominated by the DCC members from that district, anyone from the floor can nominate.

### **Role of the Alternate**

- Alternates may always participate in discussion at DCC meetings, and they serve on standing committees.
- Alternates may vote at general DCC meetings if they are seated by the Chair to fill in for an absent member.
- If the member in their same district is not present at a general meeting, the alternate is seated in their place unless the member appoints a proxy. If an alternate is not needed to fill in for their own district, they may be seated in place of absent members in other districts.

## **How to Run to Become a DCC Member (Term - March 2024-2026)**

The Democratic City Committee is composed of 40 voting members. There are two members from each of the twenty municipal districts. Each electing two representatives every two years.

### **Qualifications to Serve**

- Must be a registered Democrat for at least 1 year preceding the election.
- Must be a resident of Stamford for at least 1 year preceding the election.
- Reside in the district from which they are elected.

### **Election Process**

- Candidates must file a consent form with the Stamford Registrar stating intent to run for the DCC within a district. Consent period is January 9- January 16, 2024.
- If just 2 candidates consent to run within the same district, they will be automatically elected to the 2024 DCC.
- If more than 2 candidates consent to run in the same district, a primary process will follow:
  - Candidates must collect the required number of signatures (5%) of the registered Democrats in their district (ranges from approximately 60-100 signatures).
  - If running with a partner in the district, the total number of signatures can be counted together.
  - Petitions are obtained from the Stamford Registrar of Voters beginning January 17 and are due back by 4:00 PM on January 31, 2024.
  - Once signatures are obtained and verified, candidates are placed on the ballot and a primary election will be held on March 5, 2024.
  - The 2 candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the DCC.
  - If only two candidates obtain the required signatures from a district, then they are deemed elected to that district beginning in March.
- An Organizing Meeting of the newly formed 2024 SDCC will take place within one week of the primary, to elect the SDCC Executive Board.