

To: Members of the SDCDP Executive Board
From: Members of the SDCDP Central Committee &
Presidents of Chartered San Diego County Democratic Clubs
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The undersigned members of the Central Committee, along with Presidents of Democratic Clubs throughout the County, are requesting Ms. Taylor, Chair of the San Diego County Democratic Party, establish an Audit Committee, pursuant to SDCDP's Policies and Procedures (Ref: Section IX, C (1) below).

C. Ad Hoc Committees

The following are examples of committees that may be created at the discretion of the Executive Board. Nothing contained herein is intended to limit the committees that may be created or to require that a committee operate exactly as defined in this section.

1. Audit Committee
 - a. Be chaired by an appointee of the Chair of This Committee.
 - b. Arrange for an audit of the fiscal affairs of This Committee.
 - c. Present the results of that audit, together with recommendations relating to the fiscal affairs of This Committee, to the Executive Board within ninety (90) days after the end of the preceding fiscal year.
 - d. Present the findings of the audit at the following meeting of This Committee.
 - e. Be composed of the appointed Chair and one member from each Area to be chosen by that Area, although nothing shall prevent said Committee from appointing additional members by majority vote, where special expertise is required.

There isn't a more urgent time for the local Democratic Party to establish an Audit committee so that it may fulfill its due diligence prior to the upcoming March primary and November elections. Local press is reporting, daily, campaign finance irregularities and violations perpetrated by a Democratic consultant and an elected official who are members of this Committee, and closely affiliated and connected to the San Diego County Democratic Party.

Complete fiscal transparency will be a key factor in avoiding repercussions and attack ads from political opponents in upcoming elections. It also will be imperative for the Audit to be conducted by an independent agency not linked, in any manner, to the local Party.

We the undersigned, as members of the Central Committee and as Presidents of Chartered San Diego County Democratic Clubs, request Chair Taylor call for the creation of an Audit Committee immediately after the November 2023 State Democratic Convention, and no later than the next regularly scheduled Central Committee meeting in November, so members from each area can designate a member to assist with the audit.