



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS

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Summary:

The Hillsborough County Young Democrats (HCYD) support a revision of the Florida Democratic Party (FDP) charter and bylaws to adjust the composition of the State Executive Committee so that instead of one committeeman and one committeewoman holding the combined weighted votes for the county, additional committeepersons are elected such that the total number of committeemen and committeewomen from each county equals the number of weighted votes for that county. Adding additional committeepersons to the State Executive Committee will allow more individuals to participate in State Executive Committee meetings, increasing the number of opportunities for younger Democrats to provide input in FDP business and in the elections of the FDP chair and Democratic National Committee (DNC) delegates.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, FDP charter and bylaws currently establish the election of the FDP chair and DNC delegates to occur during meetings of the State Executive Committee;

WHEREAS, the number of votes within the State Executive Committee is a weighted value determined by the number of Democrats in each county, and that this weighted vote is carried equally by a committeeman and a committeewoman from each county;

WHEREAS, the DNC Rules & Bylaws Committee issued a letter to the FDP stating that this weighted voting system was counter to the DNC bylaws and needed to move to a "one person, one vote" structure, stating that the weighted voting system currently implemented by the FDP has lead to "significant underrepresentation of Hispanics and youth;"

WHEREAS, FDP charter and bylaws allow the State Executive Committee to establish the rules that determine the availability of absentee voting;

WHEREAS, HCYD believe that FDP should take actions to encourage the engagement of younger professional Democrats in the party, who lead busy lives but can provide tremendous value to the FDP;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, HCYD support a revision of the FDP charter and bylaws to address the issues of adequate representation due to the weighted vote structure. We propose that the composition of the State Executive Committee is updated so that each county elects an even number of committeemen and committeewomen that equal the number of votes per county as determined in Article II, Section 5 of the FDP charter.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, HCYD encourag revision of the FDP charter and bylaws to explicitly establish availability of absentee voting within the State Executive Committee, increasing access for voting of all elected committeemen and committeewomen.
