

South Lake Tahoe Democratic Club
Executive Committee--FINAL
September 13, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m.-Sue's house

Attendees: Sue Chandler, Nancy Gibson, Jodi Dayberry, Allyson Tabor, Frank Riley. Absent: Norma Santiago

Agenda

1. Agenda for general meeting - Sept 20:

--The following candidates have accepted invitations to participate in the Sept 27 forum:

Wendy David, Janelle Horne, James Jones, Nick Exline, Devin Middlebrook. See list at the end of these notes. Mary Lekan has volunteered to be timekeeper.

--Each will also be invited, to the general meeting, for a quick introduction to the membership;

--Jacqueline Burns - canvassing and phone banking;

--Heads up to membership for November elections to Club Officer positions (*need to establish a nomination/election process*). Consider approaching Russ Dahl, Rob Rosett, Bob Niedermeier, Tom Makris, Bob & Kathy Cliff, Diane Verwoest, and Mary Lekan who have all showed a great deal of interest in the Club and have made things happen. Can use Survey Monkey to solicit interest and nominations from Club membership. Sue Chandler and Allyson Tabor are both interested in retaining their current positions. Jodi Dayberry and Nancy Gibson want to continue involvement but not necessarily in these Executive Committee positions. The Vice Chair position is important to resume community contact and work closely with Frank Riley, Community Liaison.

--2019 Budget – *Nancy to develop format/query on membership fees to propose at Oct mtg. She will also resurface the 2018 Budget to the Committee (Jodi, Elfriede Henniger-Smith, and Brenda Knox) on fees and review 2018 budget for 2019 recommendations.*

--Video - how to talk to republicans

2. Happy Hour – Skip October with reminder for election watch on Nov 6 at Flight Deck.

3. Recruiting executive board members – See above.

4. Planning for Candidate forum – Frank will get with Russ to help MC/lead the forum.

5. Electronic payment – Allyson is continuing her pursuit and narrowing down options for a final vote by the Executive Committee. In a related side-bar conversation, as membership grows we need to refine what administrative tasks/decisions require membership concurrence v. those that do not. The current membership attendance to general meetings remains around 35 and they are clear they want these meetings concise and within an hour, start to finish. We acknowledge that the initial few minutes of each meeting is social, with people getting snacks and reconnecting. Allowing for this, we want to insure we conclude by 7:30 p.m., while also encouraging an engaging program that holds member's attention.

6. Tax Status – Nancy: Provided handout (see enclosed) taken from research into 527 Political Organizations. *Nancy will follow up with CA Secretary of State, Political Reform Division, for next steps. Because of the deadline regarding the 501(c)(4) application, and reporting requirements we were unable to achieve, a formal request to withdraw this application was provided by Susan.*

7. Election Watch party - Flight Deck, November 6, beginning at 5 p.m.

September 27 Forum

- As of now I have had 13 people confirm to be at the forum:

County Board of Supervisors

Kenny Curtzwiler

Sue Novasel

City Council

Wendy David

Tamara Wallace

Tom Davis

Austin Sass

Hal Cole

LTCC

Mike Marini

School Board

Barbara Bannar

City Clerk

Ellen Palazzo

SLTPUD

Eric Schaefer

Nick Exline

Jim Jones

Other Topics:

Create a card for Election Watch that has names/photos of candidates on each card.

Think about a membership drive that leads up to the Academy Awards, in February:

- People can pick their favorites.
- Whoever is closest to the winning slate wins a prize.
- Other 50/50 drawings.

Adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Definition of Political Organization

A political organization subject to Code section 527 is a party, committee, association, fund or other organization (whether or not incorporated) organized and operated primarily for the purpose of directly or indirectly accepting contributions or making expenditures, or both, for an exempt function. The exempt function of a political organization is influencing or attempting to influence the selection, nomination, election or appointment of an individual to a federal, state or local public office or office in a political organization.

Exemption Requirements – Political Organizations

A political organization subject to section 527 is a party, committee, association, fund, or other organization (whether or not incorporated) organized and operated primarily for the purpose of directly or indirectly accepting contributions or making expenditures, or both, for an [exempt function](#).

A political organization must be [organized](#) for the primary purpose of carrying on exempt function activities. A political organization's primary activities must be exempt function activities. A political organization may engage in activities that are not exempt function activities, but these may not be its primary activities.

To be exempt, a political organization must file a timely [notice](#) with the IRS that it is to be treated as a tax-exempt organization.

Exempt Function

The exempt function of a political organization is influencing or attempting to influence the selection, nomination, election or appointment of an individual to a federal, state, or local public office or office in a political organization. The election of Presidential or Vice-Presidential electors is also part of the exempt function of a political organization. Activities that directly or indirectly relate to or support an exempt function are exempt function activities.

Organizational Test – Section 527 Exemption

A political organization does not need be incorporated or otherwise have formal [organizing documents](#). A separate bank account in which political campaign funds are deposited and disbursed only for [exempt function](#) purposes can qualify as a political organization. If an organization has no formal organizing documents, consideration is given to statements (such as a resolution) of the organization's members when it was formed that they intend to operate the organization primarily to carry on exempt functions. Federal or state initial registration filings (for example, Statement of Organization, FEC Form 1) made by the organization under applicable election laws, also can serve as evidence that the entity meets the organizational test.

If an organization is formally chartered or created as a [corporation](#), [trust](#), or [association](#), however, its [organizing document](#) must include a statement of purposes that limits its

purposes to those described in section 527. For example, a statement that the organization's primary purpose is to conduct one or more exempt functions would satisfy the organizational test.

TIP: Organizing as a separate entity may have benefits under state law that are beyond the scope of this website. Consult an attorney or other adviser if you have questions about choosing an organizational structure.

Definition of a Qualified State or Local Political Organization

A qualified state or local political organization is a [political organization](#) that meets the following requirements:

- The organization limits its [exempt function](#) solely for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the selection, nomination, election or appointment of any individual to any state or local political office or office in a state or local political organization.
- The organization is required under a state law to report to a state agency (and the organization does so) the information that otherwise would be required to be reported on Form 8872. The organization will meet this requirement even if the state law does not require reporting of the identical information required on Form 8872, so long as at least the following information is required to be reported under the state law and is reported by the organization:
 - - The name and address of every person who contributes \$200 or more in the aggregate to the organization during the calendar year and the amount of each contribution, and
 - The name and address of every person to whom the organization makes expenditures aggregating \$500 or more during the calendar year, and the amount of each expenditure.

However, if the state law requires the reporting of any additional information specified in Internal Revenue Code section 527(j)(3), the organization will meet this requirement only if it reports that additional information to the state agency;

- The state agency makes the reports filed by the organization publicly available;
- The organization makes the reports filed with the state agency publicly available in the manner described in Code section 6104(d); and

- No federal candidate or office holder controls or materially participates in the direction of the organization, solicits contributions to the organization, or directs any of the organization's disbursements.

(Note: The following is only required when deposits exceed, or are anticipated to exceed, \$25,000.

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Form 8871 Initial Notice

To be exempt, a political organization must give notice [electronically](#) to the Service that it is a political organization described in Internal Revenue Code section 527, unless an [exception](#) applies. An organization must file an amended notice within 30 days after the occurrence of a material change in the information reported, and a final notice upon [termination](#) of the organization. All electronic notices are filed at the IRS [Political Organizations Filing and Disclosure](#) site.

Additional information:

- [Contents of Form 8871](#)
- [Form 8871 instructions](#)
- [Publication 4216](#), *Political Organization Filing and Disclosure Filing Process User Guide*

Note: The relationship is “Connected” if the organization and that entity have (a) significant common purposes and substantial common membership or (b) substantial common direction or control. The relationship is “Affiliated” if either the organization or the entity owns at least a 50% interest in the capital or profits of the other. See Appendix A, of publication 4216, for further explanation.