



Report of the 4th Congressional District Resolutions, Constitution, and Bylaws Committee

Resolutions are an integral part of the Democratic Party. They allow every Democrat – from the broke college student who signed up at a voter registration drive for the free pizza, to the stressed-out mother who just wants her kids to have a well-rounded education, to the senior citizen who marched in Selma and Washington D.C. back in the 1960s – to have a voice in their party’s platform. In Oklahoma’s Fourth Congressional District, we count ourselves fortunate to have input from a variety of demographics. The resolutions within this report were submitted from three of our eight active counties, but reflect suggestions from male, female, and non-binary delegates; from folks in their 20s and folks in their 80s; and from those in the state capital of Oklahoma City to those in the rural southwestern part of our state.

Of equal importance to our functions are the Oklahoma Democratic Party’s Constitution and Bylaws. These governing documents provide us with the structure to run an efficient, organized political party at every level of governance, from the precinct to the state. With that said, they are intended to be living documents, updated as the need arises. The committee received multiple proposals to amend both documents from three of our eight active counties; however, two of those counties did not submit resolutions. Therefore, we are pleased to report that five out of eight active counties, a majority, participated in the resolutions, constitution, and bylaws changes reflected in this report.

Attached you will find the resolutions, constitutional amendments, and bylaws amendments that were submitted to the committee. All committee members reviewed and provided input on their content, and without their valuable feedback, the creation of this report would not have been possible. The final report was prepared by the chair, and any errors, omissions, or grammatical oddities are their responsibility only.

Some resolutions or amendments submitted contained noble suggestions, but due to various reasons, were not recommended for adoption by the committee. Those are listed at the end of this report with a brief explanation from the chair on each one.

The committee recommends that Resolutions Nos. 1 through 6 and Proposals Nos. 1 and 2 below be adopted by the convention, and the chair of the committee so moves.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis Darling	CD-4 Vice Chair	Committee Chair
Jayne Shelton	Cleveland County Vice-Chair	Committee Vice-Chair
Kati Cain	CD-4 Convention Secretary	Committee Member
Desa Dawson	Oklahoma County Delegate	Committee Member
Christopher Ezeobele	Carter County Chair	Committee Member
Gary Harris	Pontotoc County Vice-Chair	Committee Member
Shykira Smith	Comanche County Chair	Committee Member

**Resolution No. 1 of the ODP Fourth Congressional District (CD-4)
Proposing Support for the Banning of Civil Asset Forfeiture**

This resolution was proposed by Gary Edmondson of Precinct 14, Stephens County; was adopted by Stephens County; and was revised by the CD-4 Resolutions Committee.

WHEREAS the United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land according to the Oklahoma State Constitution, and

WHEREAS the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution states that “[t]he right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated...”, and

WHEREAS the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution states that “[n]o person shall... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...”, and

WHEREAS the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution states that “[n]o State shall... deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...”, and

WHEREAS “civil asset forfeiture” is a process in which individuals who are suspected of criminal activity can have their assets seized by and forfeited to law enforcement, regardless of whether criminal activity is proven or even charged, and

WHEREAS in an effort to bypass laws restricting civil asset forfeiture, law enforcement agencies have begun seizing property as “evidence” which is then forfeited after a period of time, and

WHEREAS we believe that the principles in the United States Constitution should apply to the concept of civil asset forfeiture, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party supports the abolition of civil asset forfeiture in the absence of a criminal conviction, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party supports the strengthening of laws regarding property seized as evidence to ensure that such property is timely returned to the accused or their representative.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2023 by the ODP Fourth Congressional District Convention.

CD-4 Chairperson

CD-4 Secretary

**Resolution No. 2 of the ODP Fourth Congressional District (CD-4)
Proposing a Change in the Ballot Emblem for the Oklahoma Democratic Party**

This resolution was proposed by Benjamin Alpers of Precinct 323, Cleveland County; was adopted by Cleveland County; and was revised by the CD-4 Resolutions Committee.

WHEREAS the White Rooster became a national Democratic Party symbol in the 1840s, when it was associated with the party’s support for slavery and its westward expansion, and

WHEREAS during the 20th century, long after the national party abandoned it, the White Rooster remained the symbol of many all-white state Democratic parties in the South, when it was associated with those parties’ commitment to Jim Crow and white supremacy, and

WHEREAS following the civil rights revolution of the 1960s, the Democratic parties of many southern states abandoned the symbol of the White Rooster, in recognition of their abandonment of their former support for Jim Crow, and

WHEREAS the Oklahoma Democratic Party has long since renounced its own ugly history of support for Jim Crow in the early decades of our state’s history, and

WHEREAS 26 O.S. § 6-106 states: “Each political party shall have the right to select an emblem to be used in designating its candidates on the ballot; provided, however, that no party shall be allowed to use the coat of arms or seal of Oklahoma or of the United States, or the respective flags thereof. Until changed by resolution of a political party, in state convention, the emblem of the Democratic party shall be a rooster and that of the Republican party an eagle. Change in a party emblem shall be authorized by the Secretary of the State Election Board only after receipt of written notice of the change by the Secretary from the state central committee of a party.”, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party adopts as its ballot emblem the donkey, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Central Committee Secretary is directed to transmit written notice of this change to the Secretary of the State Election Board within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this resolution by the Oklahoma Democratic Party State Convention.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2023 by the ODP Fourth Congressional District Convention.

CD-4 Chairperson

CD-4 Secretary

**Resolution No. 3 of the ODP Fourth Congressional District (CD-4)
Supporting the Right of the People to Legislate by Popular Vote and
to Rescind in the Same Manner Harmful Laws Passed by the States Legislature**

This resolution was proposed by Gary Harris, Vice Chair of Pontotoc County; was adopted by Pontotoc County; and was revised by the CD-4 Resolutions Committee.

WHEREAS the right of Oklahoma voters to gather signatures by petition in order to bring proposed laws or Constitutional Amendments to a vote of the people, or to rescind in the same manner laws passed by the Oklahoma legislature, is an important instrument of direct democracy embedded in the Oklahoma Constitution since Statehood, and

WHEREAS this ballot initiative and referendum process empowers citizens to act directly when elected officials, whether due to pressure by outside lobbyists, their own self-interest, or sheer inertia, prove unable or unwilling to enact measures enjoying widespread popular support, and

WHEREAS important measures in the public interest have been passed by referendum, including retirement pensions for teachers (1942), auto license registration and renewal by mail (1978), an Oklahoma Ethics Commission (1990), marijuana by medical prescription (2016), and expansion of federally funded Medicaid benefits (2020), and

WHEREAS there are coalitions forming with the goal of bringing to the ballot other measures worthy of consideration by voters, and

WHEREAS Oklahoma voters exercise this right judiciously, having approved fewer than half of the ballot measures brought to a popular vote, and

WHEREAS Oklahoma already imposes strict rules on the petition process for bringing measures to the ballot, including a short time window (90 days) for gathering petitions and a rigorous process for validating petition signatures, and

WHEREAS bills have been filed in both chambers of the Oklahoma legislature to impose unnecessary and burdensome restrictions on the initiative and referendum processes, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party wholeheartedly supports the right of the people to petition for, and enact by referendum, legal statutes, and Constitutional amendments, and to “veto” by popular vote measures passed by the State legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Party opposes measures to undermine the initiative and referendum process by any means whatsoever, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Party opposes abuse of the “emergency clause” by attaching it to bills when there is no threat to public health and safety, with the intent of making the resulting laws immune to challenge by popular referendum, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Party commends and supports the efforts of nonpartisan political organizations to defend the initiative and referendum process.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2023 by the ODP Fourth Congressional District Convention.

CD-4 Chairperson

CD-4 Secretary

**Resolution No. 4 of the ODP Fourth Congressional District (CD-4)
Supporting the Elimination of Straight-Ticket Voting on Oklahoma Ballots**

This resolution was proposed by Billie Floyd, delegate from Pontotoc County; was adopted by Pontotoc County; and was revised by the CD-4 Resolutions Committee.

WHEREAS “straight-ticket voting” or “straight-party voting” refers to the practice of marking the box of one party on a ballot, which is treated as a vote for every candidate with that party affiliation, and

WHEREAS many states, including our neighbor Texas in 2020, have recently eliminated straight-ticket voting, and

WHEREAS according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, Oklahoma is one of only six states to still utilize straight-ticket voting as an option, and

WHEREAS straight-ticket voting discourages voters from engaging in candidate and issue research and increases voter apathy, and

WHEREAS straight-ticket voting causes confusion among the electorate by making voters think they cannot vote for other candidates if they select the straight-ticket option, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party supports elimination of the straight-ticket voting option from all Oklahoma ballots, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party calls upon the Oklahoma Legislature to enact such legislation as to effect the elimination of straight-ticket voting in Oklahoma.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2023 by the ODP Fourth Congressional District Convention.

CD-4 Chairperson

CD-4 Secretary

**Resolution No. 5 of the ODP Fourth Congressional District (CD-4)
Regarding the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority**

A version of this resolution was proposed by Charles and Lyntha Wesner of Cleveland County and was adopted by Cleveland County. A different version of this resolution was proposed by Rep. Annie Menz (D-OK 45) directly to the CD-4 Resolutions Committee. The resolution below reflects both versions but relies largely on the language from Rep. Menz.

WHEREAS The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has shown that it has no regard for transparency, public comment, or accessibility, and

WHEREAS The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority participates in “cross-pledging” which is the practice of selling bonds for a new toll road, then using those funds to pay off debts on existing toll roads, leading to a vicious and unsustainable circle, and

WHEREAS The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority consistently fails to properly notify real property owners whose property lies within the path of a proposed turnpike, and

WHEREAS The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority plans new toll roads without regard for natural resources such as wildlife, watersheds, aquifers, and rare minerals among others, and

WHEREAS The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has never undergone a special audit by the Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party admonishes the lack of transparency displayed by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party states its strong opposition to construction of any new toll roads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party hereby proclaims that all infrastructure should belong to The People, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party supports the practice of regular special audits of the OTA to be performed by the State Auditor and Inspector.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2023 by the ODP Fourth Congressional District Convention.

CD-4 Chairperson

CD-4 Secretary

Resolution No. 6 of the ODP Fourth Congressional District (CD-4)
Supporting the Full Funding of the Internal Revenue Service

This resolution was proposed by Travis Darling, CD-4 Vice Chair and Resolutions Chair, directly to the CD-4 Resolutions Committee.

WHEREAS the Internal Revenue Service provides a valuable benefit to the operation of federal, state, and local governments, but is hampered in its ability to effectively execute its duties due to a lack of staffing, and

WHEREAS the lack of staffing is due to willful underappropriation of funds by a recalcitrant Congress, and

WHEREAS the Democratic Party has made efforts to address this systemic issue as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, providing an additional \$80 billion over 10 years toward compliance and auditing efforts directed at high-earning individuals, along with operations support and business systems modernization, and

WHEREAS the Congressional Budget Office estimates that federal government revenues will increase by approximately \$200 billion, for a net gain of \$120 billion, as a direct result of this funding increase, and

WHEREAS House Republicans have already passed legislation to repeal the funding increase, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party opposes any cuts to funding for the Internal Revenue Service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Democratic Party supports funding increases for the Internal Revenue Service to a point where returns on further funding would be negligible.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2023 by the ODP Fourth Congressional District Convention.

CD-4 Chairperson

CD-4 Secretary

**Proposal No. 1 of the ODP Fourth Congressional District (CD-4)
Proposing An Amendment to the Oklahoma Democratic Party Bylaws
Regarding the Dates and Times of Precinct Committee Meetings**

A version of this proposal was submitted by Gary Edmondson of Precinct 14, Stephens County, and was adopted by Stephens County. A version of this proposal was submitted by Jayme Shelton, Vice-Chair of Cleveland County, and was adopted by Cleveland County. The two proposals were consolidated and revised by the CD-4 Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

WHEREAS holding precinct committee meetings and county conventions separately is an organizational, logistical, and financial burden for many county Democratic Parties, and

WHEREAS consolidating meeting dates will minimize delegate fatigue by not requiring them to be present for meetings on multiple dates, and

WHEREAS the current meeting time for Precinct Committee Meetings, on the third Thursday in March, is during the spring break period for many schools, colleges, and universities, and

WHEREAS procuring a meeting space is difficult during the current meeting time as these locations are often closed, and

WHEREAS providing flexibility on the meeting date would ease a burden on County Central Committees without compressing the timeline of further organizational meetings, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the CD-4 Central Committee shall submit to the State Constitution and Bylaws Chair the attached Amendment No. 1 to the Oklahoma Democratic Party Bylaws, amending the delegate requirement found in Bylaw 1.A., to be considered at the upcoming State Convention.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2023 by the ODP Fourth Congressional District Convention.

CD-4 Chairperson

CD-4 Secretary

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY BYLAWS
BY THE 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED**

RESOLVED by the Oklahoma Democratic Party in Convention assembled, with 2/3rds of its Convention members present and voting in the affirmative, that the Oklahoma Democratic Party Bylaws are amended as follows:

- By striking within Bylaw 1, Section A, the clause “, with ten (10) or fewer total delegates,”.
- By adding within Bylaw 1, Section A, after the clause “the third Thursday in March at 7 p.m.”, the clause “or any day within +/- seven (7) days of the required meeting date”.

CURRENT TEXT: A. “The Precinct Committees shall meet on the third Thursday in March at 7 p.m.; however, the County Central Committee of a county, with (10) or fewer total delegates, may vote to call precinct meetings on the same date specified in Bylaw 1: §B, for the County Convention at a time prior to the County Convention, and shall mail a call for both the precinct and county meetings on the date required for precinct calls in Bylaw 2.”

PROPOSED TEXT: A. “The Precinct Committees shall meet on the third Thursday in March at 7 p.m. or any day within +/- seven (7) days of the required meeting date; however, the County Central Committee of a county may vote to call precinct meetings on the same date specified in Bylaw 1: §B, for the County Convention at a time prior to the County Convention, and shall mail a call for both the precinct and county meetings on the date required for precinct calls in Bylaw 2.”

Respectfully submitted,

4th Congressional District Chair

4th Congressional District Vice-Chair

4th Congressional District Secretary

**Proposal No. 2 of the ODP Fourth Congressional District (CD-4)
Proposing An Amendment to the Oklahoma Democratic Party Constitution
Regarding Officer Requirements in Counties with Multiple Congressional Districts**

This proposal was submitted by Travis Darling, CD-4 Vice Chair and Constitution and Bylaws Chair, directly to the CD-4 Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

WHEREAS five (5) of Oklahoma’s seventy-seven (77) counties lie in multiple congressional districts, and

WHEREAS when one such county central committee is comprised of officers from one congressional district, the other congressional district(s) within that county suffer from lack of representation, and

WHEREAS officers from a county may be required to attend and be delegates to a congressional district convention in a congressional district they are not resident in, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the CD-4 Central Committee shall submit to the State Constitution and Bylaws Chair the attached Amendment No. 1 to the Oklahoma Democratic Party Constitution, amending the officer requirements for counties with multiple congressional districts, to be considered at the upcoming State Convention.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2023 by the ODP Fourth Congressional District Convention.

CD-4 Chairperson

CD-4 Secretary

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONSTITUTION
BY THE 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED**

RESOLVED by the Oklahoma Democratic Party in Convention assembled, with 2/3rds of its Convention members present and voting in the affirmative, that the Oklahoma Democratic Party Constitution is amended as follows:

- By adding to the end of Article III, §2.A. the following sentences: “Counties that are split between multiple congressional districts must elect one additional officer from each congressional district within their county which does not have the largest number of registered Democratic voters in that county. That officer will serve as a liaison to their congressional district for that county.”
- By striking from Article II, §5.A.1 the phrase “which has the largest number of registered Democratic voters in that county” and replacing it with “in which they are registered to vote”.

CURRENT TEXT (ARTICLE II §5.A.1.): “County Convention Officers from counties that are in more than one congressional district shall be delegates to the Congressional District Convention of the congressional district which has the largest number of registered Democratic voters in that county.”

PROPOSED TEXT (ARTICLE II §5.A.1.): “County Convention Officers from counties that are in more than one congressional district shall be delegates to the Congressional District Convention of the congressional district in which they are registered to vote.”

CURRENT TEXT (ARTICLE III §2.A.): “Each County Convention shall elect a county chair, vice-chair – who shall be of a different gender than the chair – a secretary, and two (2) affirmative action officers – each of a different gender.”

PROPOSED TEXT (ARTICLE III §2.A.): “Each County Convention shall elect a county chair, vice-chair – who shall be of a different gender than the chair – a secretary, and two (2) affirmative action officers – each of a different gender. Counties that are split between multiple congressional districts must elect one additional officer from each congressional district within their county which does not have the largest number of registered Democratic voters in that county. That officer will serve as a liaison to their congressional district for that county.”

Respectfully submitted,

4th Congressional District Chair

4th Congressional District Vice-Chair

4th Congressional District Secretary

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The following resolution was submitted to the CD-4 Resolutions Committee but was not recommended for adoption to the CD4 Convention.

Resolution of the Cleveland County Democratic Party
Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party
Resolution Opposing Racial Violence

Resolution submitted by: Mary C. Newcome-Hatch
Cleveland County Precinct 211
Congressional District 4th

WHEREAS: our Nation and The State of Oklahoma suffers from lasting racism; and

WHEREAS: hatred and bigotry manifest themselves in harmful acts against Oklahomans and our guests

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oklahoma Democratic Party opposes attacks, hatred, and bigotry against all marginalized people, including people of color, Black, Hispanic, Asian American, Pacific islander, Jewish, Muslim, and Native American communities and repudiate the attacks, hatred, and bigotry in every form.

Comments from the Chair: While this is certainly a laudable sentiment, it violates guideline #1 from the ODP regarding resolutions: “Your resolution must NOT already be included in the DNC Party Platform.” The Preamble to the Democratic Party Platform currently includes the following:

“We will give hate no safe harbor. We will never amplify or legitimize the voices of racism, misogyny, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim bigotry, or white supremacy. Democrats will protect and promote the equal rights of all our citizens—women, LGBTQ+ people, religious minorities, people with disabilities, Native Americans, and all who have been discriminated against in too many ways and for too many generations. We commit ourselves to the vision articulated by Frederick Douglass of “a Government founded upon justice, and recognizing the equal rights of all.”

The following resolution was submitted to the CD-4 Resolutions Committee but was not recommended for adoption to the CD4 Convention. Portions of it were incorporated into the recommended Resolution #5.

Resolution of the Cleveland County Democratic Party
Regarding Toll Road Proposal ACCESS Plan

Resolution submitted by: Charles and Lyntha Wesner
Cleveland County Precinct 325
Congressional District 4th

WHEREAS: protection of the Garber Wellington aquifer is critical to the quality of drinking water for three central Oklahoma cities: Del City, Midwest City, and Norman,

WHEREAS: every public policy by the Norman City Council, since the creation of Lake Thunderbird in the 1960s with the help of US taxpayers' funds, has focused on the water quality protection of this Lake, and

WHEREAS: the proposed ACCESS Plan by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) would seriously threaten the water quality of both the aquifer and the Lake,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oklahoma Democratic Party requests that the toll road proposal ACCESS Plan by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority should be abandoned.

Comments from the Chair: This issue has inflamed passions in Oklahoma, Cleveland, and McClain Counties. It is an important issue. However, it violates guidelines 3 and 4 from the ODP regarding resolutions: "Your resolution must be a new addition or a contradiction to the National Platform. ... Your resolution must not be a complaint, suggestion, bylaws, or constitution change."

The following resolution was submitted to the CD-4 Resolutions Committee but was not recommended for adoption to the CD4 Convention.

Resolution of the Pontotoc County Democratic Party

Regarding the Posting of the Constitution at every Courthouse, Federal and State

Submitted by Mike Faulkner, delegate from Pontotoc County, and adopted by Pontotoc County.

WHEREAS there seems to be great confusion amongst both the electorate and the elected as to the actual text of the federal and state constitutions, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that legible copies of both the Federal and State constitutions be posted in the entry way of every courthouse in Oklahoma.

Comments from the Chair: Much like the previous resolution, this violates guidelines 3 and 4 from the ODP regarding resolutions: "Your resolution must be a new addition or a contradiction to the National Platform. ... Your resolution must not be a complaint, suggestion, bylaws, or constitution change."

The following proposal was submitted to the CD-4 Constitution and Bylaws Committee for consideration but was not recommended for adoption.

Proposal No. X of the ODP Fourth Congressional District (CD-4)
Proposing an Amendment to the Oklahoma Democratic Party Bylaws
Naming Oklahoma City as the Site of All State Conventions

This proposal was submitted by Gary Edmondson of Precinct 14, Stephens County and was adopted by Stephens County.

WHEREAS Oklahoma City is the state capital, and

WHEREAS the Oklahoma Democratic Party is headquartered in Oklahoma City, and

WHEREAS Oklahoma City is centrally located within the state, affording travel opportunities as equal as possible for state delegates, and

WHEREAS the State Central Committee is the natural body to organize and host a State Convention, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the CD-4 Central Committee shall submit to the State Constitution and Bylaws Chair the attached Amendment No. 1 to the Oklahoma Democratic Party Bylaws, amending the Bylaws to fix Oklahoma City as the site of all future State Conventions, to be considered at the upcoming State Convention.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2023 by the ODP Fourth Congressional District Convention.

CD-4 Chairperson

CD-4 Secretary

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. X TO THE ODP BYLAWS

RESOLVED by the Oklahoma Democratic Party in Convention assembled, with 2/3rds of its Convention members present and voting in the affirmative, that the Oklahoma Democratic Party Bylaws are amended as follows:

- By striking Bylaw 1, Sections D through H (which are currently mislettered), and replacing them with the following: “Location of State Convention. The State Central Committee, by use of a convention site planning subcommittee, shall determine a suitable location of the Biennial State Organizing Convention, to be held either physically within Oklahoma City or virtually.”
- Relettering Bylaw 1 as necessary.

CURRENT TEXT: “D. Location of State Convention. The State Central Committee shall determine the location of the Biennial State Organizing Convention from among bids submitted by the State Chair and ODP Staff, County Central Committees, and/or Congressional District Central Committees. Any bid to host shall:

- E.1. Identify a site for the convention meeting; whether physical or virtual
- E.2. Identify a site for possible fund-raising events; both physical and virtual
- E.3. Name a convention site planning committee;
- E.4. Provide options for delegate lodging;
 - E.4.i. Should the convention meet virtually, delegates will determine their own lodging.
- E.5. Provide a line-item budget for convention expenses; and
- E.6. Provide a workable plan for the State Convention.

E. Any bid to host the State Convention shall be submitted to the State Central Committee in writing no less than thirty (30) days prior to the State Central Committee Meeting at which the location of the State Convention will be determined.

F. The State Central Committee shall determine, by a majority vote, the location of the State Convention no later than six (6) months prior to the meeting date set forth in these Bylaws.

G. Any County Central Committee(s) and/or Congressional District Central Committee(s) that is/are selected to host the State Convention will work in conjunction with the ODP state officials and staff to host the State Convention.

H. Should the Convention(s) be virtual, any bid submitted to the State Central Committee shall include the software/site to be used along with access information needed to host such a meeting.

H.1. Software/site should be capable of hosting the needed number of delegates for the convention in question.

H.2. Software/site should be capable of functions needed for the execution of Convention agendas.

PROPOSED TEXT: “D. Location of State Convention. The State Central Committee, by use of a convention site planning subcommittee, shall determine a suitable location of the Biennial State Organizing Convention, to be held either physically within Oklahoma City or virtually.”

Respectfully submitted,

4th Congressional District Chair

4th Congressional District Vice-Chair

4th Congressional District Secretary

Comments from the Chair: The committee discussed this extensively during a business meeting. We concluded that this amendment, while made with good intentions, would place an undue burden on the State Central Committee and would restrict their flexibility to respond to unusual situations regarding the State Convention. For that reason, we felt that the current bid system, while flawed, is still a better approach than a fixed site.