

## CONSTITUTION OF ANSONIA INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

### Article I

The name of this organization shall be: ANSONIA INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS.

### Article II – Purposes

The purposes of the Organization shall be:

- A) To provide an independent, effective Democratic Organization in Part A of the 67th Assembly District, State of New York.
- B) To help shape, in concert with similarly inclined Democratic organizations, democratic procedures, and progressive programs of and for the Democratic Party.
- C) To build enrollment in the Democratic Party.
- D) To support Democratic candidates for public and party office who possess the character, integrity, intelligence, compassion and commitment to progressive values to be effective and dedicated public servants.
- E) To eliminate services, favors or contributions to a political party as a factor in the making of an appointment or assignment by a public officer; and to eliminate the practice of permitting party officers to exert control over such appointments or assignments.

Article III – Governance: The Membership shall have the final authority on all matters of political and public policy within the Organization. The Membership expects its resolutions to inform the decisions made by the District Leaders, and other elected officials closely affiliated with the club, while not controlling those decisions.

### Article IV – Membership

Section 1 – Members: There shall be two types of membership:

- A) Voting Members: Any person who is a registered voter enrolled in the Democratic Party in the State of New York or who intends to enroll as such, and who does not cast votes at another local Democratic Club or similar organization in the State of New York, may become a member upon payment of the annual dues prescribed for such members in the Bylaws. Such members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote.
- B) Honorary Members: Honorary members shall be selected by the President with the approval of the General Membership and shall enjoy the right to participate in all the activities of the Organization but shall have no vote and shall not be entitled to hold any office in the Organization.

Article V – Meetings: The Organization shall hold regular Meetings of the General Membership, as specified in the Bylaws.

Article VI – Officers: The General Membership shall elect Officers to lead the Organization and to administer its affairs, as specified in the Bylaws.

Article VII– Executive Committee: There shall be an Executive Committee which shall serve as the governing body of the Organization between meetings of the General Membership, as specified in the Bylaws.

A) The Executive Committee shall initiate, direct, and supervise the policies, management, and procedures of the Organization, and in pursuance of these functions may make such rules and regulations as are consistent with this Constitution and any Bylaws provided, and as are deemed necessary and proper.

B) All decisions of the Executive Committee as to political policy must be submitted to the Membership for ratification.

Article VIII – Voting: Votes shall be taken on decisions of the Organization as specified in the Bylaws.

Article IX – Amendments:

A) Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee, or by written petition signed by twenty-five (25) Members, or twenty-five percent (25%) of the Membership, whichever is less, and submitted to the Recording Secretary.

B) The substance of the change to be effected by such proposed amendment or amendments must be included in the notice of the aforesaid meetings. The notice of the second meeting shall further state that final action will be taken upon amendment or amendments to this Constitution.

C) To become effective, any amendment so proposed must be approved and adopted thereafter by a two-thirds majority of the Members present at two (2) consecutive meetings of the Organization which shall be at least one (1) week apart.

D) Said amendment or amendments shall become effective as part of this Constitution upon the date final approval and adoption, or on such other date as the amendment shall specify.