

1 Denton County Conservative Coalition

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5 **Article 1** – The name of the organization shall be Denton County Conservative Coalition, a.k.a.
6 D3C. The organization’s address will be 2560 King Arthur Blvd. Suite 12456 Lewisville, TX
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9 **Article 2 – Mission Statement/Objectives**

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11 **Section A. – Mission Statement**

12 The D3C mission is to provide an environment for conservative issues and ideas to be promoted
13 effectively to elected office holders and citizens. It seeks to impact government on all levels
14 through conservative activism.

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16 **Section B. - Objectives**

- 17 • To promote an informed electorate through political education and outreach;
18 • To increase the effectiveness of citizens in the cause of good government.
19 • To recruit, identify and work for the election of conservative candidates using a vetting and
20 endorsement process.

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22 **Article 3 – Principles**

- 23 1. The United States is an exceptional nation, from our founding to present-day. The United
24 States is the greatest country history has ever known.
25 **2. The federal government should balance its budget. (#)**
26 **3. All life is precious from fertilization to death and should be protected. (#)**
27 4. Current immigration law should be strictly enforced and the federal government should
28 use resources to enforce national security.
29 **5. Our Freedoms are protected by the Bill of Rights. (#)**
30 **6. Marriage is between one man and one woman. (#)**
31 **7. Those who make, interpret, and enforce the law, only by the intent as it was**
32 **originally written shall use the Constitution. (#)**
33 **8. The United States military should be strong, prepared, well-funded and in a perpetual state**
34 **of world-class readiness.**
35 **9. Freedom in the workplace is essential and each Texan should have the right to work and**
36 **should not be compelled to join and/or pay dues to a union.**
37 **10. Americans are overtaxed and as such government (especially at the federal level) should**
38 **focus on reducing spending rather than raising taxes.**
39 **11. Americans should be required to produce a government issued photo identification**

40 before casting a ballot in any election.

41 **12. Only U.S. Constitutional Laws should be considered in an American courtroom. (#)**

42 **13.** Domestic energy independence should be achieved using all possible means; (increased
43 drilling, large pipeline projects, clean coal technology, natural gas expansion, responsible
44 fracking, conservation, alternative fuels etc.).

45 **14.** Current federal entitlements are unsustainable over the long term, and they must be
46 reformed or we will risk government insolvency.

47 **15.** Parents should have increased educational choices for their children.

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49 **Article 4 – Officers and their election Section A. Officers**

50 The officers of this Organization shall be President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President
51 (Membership), Treasurer and Recording Secretary. All officers and any appointed committee
52 Chairs shall be registered voters with a consistent voting history.

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54 **Section B. Duties of Officers**

55 **President** – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Organization and of the Executive
56 Committee, shall appoint chairs of all standing and special committees with the majority
57 approval of the Executive Committee, shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees
58 except the Nominating Committee, and shall have general supervision of the work of the
59 Organization.

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61 **First Vice-President** – The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President
62 whenever the President is absent or otherwise unable to serve and such other duties as the
63 President may designate. They shall work together to attain the goals and objectives of the
64 Organization.

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66 **Second Vice-President** – The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President
67 and the First Vice-President whenever the President or the First Vice-President are absent or
68 otherwise unable to serve and shall perform such other duties as the President may designate.
69 They shall serve as Chair of the Membership Committee and keep an up-to-date roster of the
70 membership of the Organization.

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72 **Treasurer** – The Treasurer shall be responsible to file the proper reports with the appropriate
73 authorities and to ensure proper procedures are followed regarding disbursement of funds. They
74 shall be responsible for keeping financial records of the organization. The Treasurer will be the
75 Chair of the PAC Committee. Disbursement of funds will require the signatures of two officers
76 of the Organization.

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78 **Recording Secretary** – The Recording Secretary shall keep and provide membership a factual
79 and unbiased written record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Organization and the
80 Executive Committee and shall perform such additional duties as may be required of the office.

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Section C. Term of Office:

The term of office for officers and committee chairs shall be from January 1st through December 31st, exempting the first year of the Organization’s existence. All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve (1) one year and no officer or chair may serve in the same position for more than (2) two consecutive terms. The annual meeting shall be held in **January** of every year. Officers are expected to attend all called meetings and any executive committee meetings.

Section D. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and the Immediate Past President, who shall serve as advisor.

Section E. Nominations and Elections of Officers

Except for the first year the Organization is in operation, a nominating committee of not less than 3 shall be appointed at least three months prior to the annual meeting with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Chair of this Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Organization and shall report, based upon the recommendations of this Committee, one nominee for each office. Notice of these recommendations shall be sent to the membership one-month prior the annual meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. If there is more than one nominee for an office, the vote will take place by paper ballot.

Article 5 – Membership

To be considered a member of D3C, a person must:

- Agree with the six (6) mandatory principles (**noted by (#)**) and a total of 12 the 15 principles of the D3C;
- Be a registered voter of Denton County, if eligible; if under the age of 18, young conservatives may be a full member of the Organization if they are in ninth grade or higher.
- Membership to be renewed yearly at the annual meeting every January. The annual dues will be valid from January to December.
- Each member shall recommit to the Principles of D3C annually when renewing their dues.

Article 6 – Meetings

The organization will meet as needed during the calendar year. All meetings will be scheduled between the 1st and 10th day of the month. Notice for these meetings shall be sent electronically at least 30 days before a regularly scheduled meeting. The Executive Committee with a minimum of 72-hour notice may call additional meetings. Notice shall be sent electronically. Any business must be conducted with a quorum present. A quorum will consist of 15 members present.

Article 7 – Endorsement Process

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There will be a vetting process led by a standing committee of not less than 7 members. The President will appoint the committee chair that will qualify membership. Questionnaires will be sent to all candidates and the standing committee will conduct a personal, videoed interview. The completed questionnaire will be sent to members of D3C electronically. The unedited videotape of the personal interview shall be made available to the members of D3C electronically or through DVD.

In order for a candidate to be endorsed by the Organization, at least 2/3rds of the votes cast in that race must vote in favor of endorsement. From April 24, 2015 forward, no member shall be eligible to vote for candidate endorsement unless they have been a member for at least 90 days prior to said vote. No endorsement will be made in any race where a candidate has not submitted a completed questionnaire.

Article 8 – Parliamentary Authority

Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, or the latest edition thereof, shall govern all proceedings, except where inconsistent with the bylaws of this Organization.

Article 9 – Amendments

Amendments to the D3C Bylaws require a 2/3rds vote of members present provided there is a quorum, and will be considered at the annual meeting in January or until such time a revision is needed.

End of Articles

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Respectfully Submitted



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