

**ARIZONA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BYLAW SUBMISSIONS
Arizona State Committee Meeting September 23, 2017**

BYLAW FOR TRANSPARENCY IN BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Purpose to be achieved and reasons supporting the change (ADP Bylaws Article XII, Section 2 B)

The recent digital finance contract and other vendor contracts are all done behind closed doors with decisions made by a small, never-changing group of people. This practice cannot stand. Perceived Favoritism or Nepotism cannot continue. Awarding a contract to the firm in which the chair's husband's partner is the principal officer is unacceptable. "No bid contracts" are not the Democratic Party open process. We were assured that ALL ADP vendors are in-state companies but some firms and the direct mail company used are NOT Arizona companies. Neither is the digital finance contractor.

Regular budget audits will avoid debacles like the Christmas furlough when ADP employees did not receive paychecks but vendors were paid. This goes against every employment principle Unions have fought for since the early 1800's. Flashing a budget up on a screen for a few minutes does not allow anyone to review anything and ask pertinent questions.

The Finance Committee should chance after every State Committee election to ensure an open process and an infusion of new ideas into the committee. The ADP must submit to an audit after every campaign cycle to ensure the actual expenses and incomes were accurate, and to protect incoming and outgoing officer's records
To make things clearer:

ARTICLE III. STATE COMMITTEE OFFICERS, Section 3, F,

ADD:

(9) after every major election cycle, submit to an independent audit to be completed within 120 days of Election Day and report back to Executive Board on projections and actual expenditures of the budget as previously approved.

ARTICLE VI. OTHER COMMITTEES, Section 2, A,

ADD:

The Chair must consult with members prior to making their assignments to committees. Member rotation on committee assignments is a desired goal.