

BYLAWS OF THE



YOLO PRIDE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

as last amended by majority vote of the Members In Good Standing: 06.10.2026

VISION STATEMENT

The Yolo Pride Democratic Club is a progressive organization composed of registered two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, gender nonconforming, expansive gender expression and sexual identity and allied Democrats focused on fighting for the liberation of Queer and marginalized people in all aspects of social, economic, and political life. The LGBTQ+ identity is inherently intersectional and so we cannot achieve liberation for Queer people without also fighting for the other underrepresented or marginalized communities to which we belong. The Yolo Pride Democratic Club's goal is to help elect to public office qualified Democratic Party candidates for local, state, and national office who are openly two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, gender nonconforming, expansive gender expression and sexual identity (LGBTQ+) as well as allies who support equal rights for the LGBTQ+ community.

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ARTICLE I TITLE

SECTION 1 This organization shall be known as the Yolo Pride Democratic Club (Shall be known as the Club throughout this document). The Club may also be referred to by the acronym YPDC.

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ARTICLE II POLICY

SECTION 1 It is the policy of this organization to elect and support Democratic Party candidates; to sensitize and educate all Democratic candidates and office holders, the Democratic Party in general, and the community at large, to the issues and concerns of the LGBTQ+ community; to develop leadership; to increase party responsibility and responsiveness; to maintain and promote harmony within party ranks while sustaining diversity and the free interchange of ideas; and to educate members, candidates and the public. Conversely, within the LGBTQ+ community we will promote the Democratic Party's broad message of economic justice and social equality.

SECTION 2 The voting membership ~~alone~~ may endorse candidates and/or policies that the parent organization have taken on a position if the Club feels it is in the best interest of the Yolo County LGBTQ+ community. If they feel the candidate and/or policies will do harm to the LGBTQ+ community, they may take on an opposite position with at least a majority vote.

Where policy is not stated on a given issue the Executive Board may take any matter to the voting membership by majority vote of the Executive Board and prior notice for action. Any such action shall then be subject to the voting membership approval at the next general meeting or a special meeting within one-month notice. Any issues or propositions to be discussed must be covered in correspondence or the prior month's meeting.

SECTION 3 This organization shall openly support LGBTQ+ nominees, and Allies who support equal rights for the LGBTQ+ community through speech and actions, who are members of the Democratic Party in elections. By a majority vote of the ~~Board~~ voting membership, this organization may support the Democratic candidate in an election to nonpartisan office. By a consensus vote of the Executive Board, as indicated by a two-thirds plus one vote, this organization may support one of several democratic candidates, who are competing for election to the same nonpartisan office.

SECTION 4 Use of the Yolo Pride Democrats Club mailing list shall be made available to "Democratic Candidates" on the following basis: Democratic candidates for Nonpartisan Office \$250 + cost of labels "Democratic Nominees for Partisan office," "Democratic Candidates in Partisan Primary Elections," "Democratic Candidates in Partisan General Election," "Democratic Candidates in Uncontested Partisan Primary Elections," \$150 + cost of labels. The Democratic organization requesting use of the mailing list must make it in writing and submit a copy of the specific mailing. The Executive Board shall decide charges for use of the mailing list for promoting stands

on issues, propositions or any purpose not covered in the policy. (minimum charge \$100 + label cost). Use of the mailing labels shall be for the sole purpose and time specified in the written request. The labels may not be copied, shared, sold, provided, donated or given to any other cause, campaign, candidate or organization.

SECTION 5 The Club correspondences, social media accounts, e-mail lists, and web site will accept brief announcements pertaining to special events involving political and social issues, which are compatible with the ideals of the Democratic Party as reflected in its State and/or National platforms, and with the approval of the, President, or Communications Director. However, we want to discourage simple community or meeting announcements. The goal of accepting announcements is to provide closer liaison with community groups who support LGBTQ+ people, the Democratic Party, and their issues. Advertisements will be accepted from non-profit groups at a pro-rata cost, and at a slightly higher fee from private parties, and be identified as paid advertisements. They are subject to space limitation, and in total must not be more than 35% of any correspondence. Advertisements are subject to review by the Communications Director. Appeals may be directed to the Executive Board.

SECTION 6 Club monies shall not be given to any non-Democratic Party affiliated organization.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 The Yolo Pride Democratic Club shall maintain an open membership policy for all registered Democrats. Members must reside, attend an accredited educational institution, actively volunteer with a non-political non-profit organization performing work in Yolo County, or work in Yolo county , or otherwise represent Yolo County, and actively maintain a residence in the great State of California.

SECTION 2 Membership tiers in the club shall be as follows:

General Members: Non-paid individuals who participate in club meetings and various activities. General Members will receive the following benefits:

- Participation in monthly Club meetings (may not vote in club business)
- Attendance at forums, platform presentations, Club activities and events
- Receipt of select newsletters, Club meeting notices

Member in Good Standing: Throughout this document, Members in Good Standing shall also be known/referred to as “members”, “membership” or “voting members(ship)”. Members who have paid their annual membership dues in full as listed in **ARTICLE XI** shall be considered in good standing. Members in Good Standing shall receive the following benefits:

- Full participation in monthly Club meetings
- Full voting rights on items brought to club membership
- Voting on club endorsements and campaign contributions
- Opportunities to join committees
- Consistent updates on political activity in cities, county, and state
- Full participation in forums and platform presentations
- Eligible for an Executive Officer position within the Club as outlined in **Article IV**
- Nomination and voting for candidates seeking an Executive Officer(s) position within the Club

- Receiving all newsletters, Club meeting notices, invitations to all activities, publications and events and learning about local political activity
- Discount, as determined by the Executive Board, on select club events and activities

Executive Officers: Executive Officers (also known as the Executive Board) shall be defined as Members in Good Standing who have been elected by a majority (50%) vote of the active Members in Good Standing at the annual meeting. Executive Officers are charged with the day to day operation of the club. Each Executive Officer(s) shall receive full benefits that each Member in Good Standing receives.

SECTION 3 Membership shall begin at 12:01 am on July 1st of each year (or the date payment is received) and will expire at the end of the day (11:59 pm) on June 30 of the following year. This time shall be known as the membership cycle.

A person joining the Club for the first time, if paying membership dues during the month of June shall be considered a Member in good standing for the remainder of the current and following membership cycle.

SECTION 4 A Member in Good Standing must be active for no less than 61 days to receive full benefits listed in Section 3 of this article.

SECTION 5 Members who were in good standing within the previous two membership cycles (June 1 - July 31) may pay the current year's dues and be members in good standing where they will immediately receive club member benefits. They must wait the entire waiting period as outlined in **Section 4 of this article** to serve on the Executive Board.

SECTION 6 A Member may voluntarily terminate their membership only through written submission to either the Club Secretary or the Membership Director. Once accepted and reviewed by the Membership Director, cancellation shall become effective immediately. No refund shall be issued once membership has been terminated.

SECTION 7 The expulsion of any Member, Member in Good Standing or Officer of the Club, for conduct inimical to the best interest of the Club or contrary to the purposes of the Club, may be proposed by a petition enumerating the reasons therefore, signed by at least three members of the Executive Board or two-thirds or 20 Members in Good Standing (which ever is lesser at the time) of the Club and submitted to the Secretary or Membership Chair either by traceable mail or electronic mail.

Within five (5) days of receipt, they shall present the petition to the full Executive Board. At that time, the petition may be dismissed by a majority vote of the Executive Board. If the petition is not dismissed, the proposal shall be tabled until a subsequent meeting of the Club to be held not less than 30 days after receipt of the petition. The Secretary shall give the person in question at least seven-days notice by electronic mail, whenever feasible hard copy by traceable mail of the time and place of such meeting, the charges and the right to make a statement in person or in writing to such a meeting. A vote of at least two-thirds of the Club Members in Good Standing present where a quorum is met shall be required for expulsion or removal. A decision unfavorable to the person in question may be appealed by said person at the next meeting of the Club, provided that such person notifies the Secretary or the President of the intention to make such appeal at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.

SECTION 8 The Executive Board may waive any requirements for membership, including the waiting period as outlined in Section 4 of this article, by a majority vote.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

SECTION 1 The Executive Officers shall also be known as the Executive Board. The Executive Board positions shall consist of: President, Vice President, Legislative Director, Secretary, Communications Director, Treasurer, and Membership Director. The past-president may serve on the Executive Board as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

SECTION 2 The Executive Board shall be responsible for the day to day operations of the Club and accountable to the parent organization(s), Yolo County and/or State of California.

SECTION 3 The election for the full slate of Executive Officers shall be held at the scheduled annual meeting during odd number years (2027, 2029, 2031, etc ...).

SECTION 4 The President shall announce the club is seeking candidates for all offices no more than six (6) months but no less than two (2) months prior to the annual meeting. The President shall appoint a nominating committee that shall put forth the names of all qualified candidates. The committee shall publicize a list of all qualified candidates no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled annual meeting, on the website, and any Club correspondence. The committee shall present it at the second general meeting of the year, on a biennial basis. The President shall call for nominations from the floor. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members attending. Only dues paying members shall vote or/and be elected officers. The members must pay their club dues in accordance with membership policies outlined in Article III. Ballots will be prepared for members that have paid their dues by the secretary and distributed at the annual meeting. The elected officers shall serve for a period of two years.

SECTION 5 Whenever a vacancy arises in an officer position, the President will announce the vacancy and request nominations from the membership. The vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by majority vote of the voting membership. The President shall fill any vacancy from the Club membership if open for more than 60 days after the notification has been made to the membership. If the President needs to take this action, the vacancy shall be approved and filled for the remainder of the term by majority vote of the Executive Board.

SECTION 6 Any member of the executive board is prohibited from running or holding any elected office while occupying a position on the Club Executive Board. Upon filing a declaration of candidacy for elected office, the Executive Board member shall resign effective immediately.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

SECTION 1 The President shall preside over meetings, events and shall be responsible for the overall direction of the club. The President shall carry out any special directives of the Executive Board and/or membership. The president shall be the representative to the parent organization. If they are unable to forefill the duties of the representative, the Executive Board may assign these duties to another member. To hold the position of President, you must have been an active member in good standing of the Club for at least two membership cycles (consecutive) and serve on the Executive Board for no less than one term.

SECTION 2 The Immediate Past-President shall serve as an advisor and consultant to the Executive Board. The Immediate Past-President shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

SECTION 3 The Vice President shall act to assist the President and Executive Board and shall perform the duties of the President when that officer is absent. The Vice President shall serve as program chair. The Vice President shall act as the Club Parliamentarian. Those duties shall include but not limited to render such opinions and rulings as may be requested by member(s) of the Executive Board or any Member in Good Standing; maintain these Bylaws and provide a current copy to each Member; and discharge such other duties as the Club may assign or as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

SECTION 4 The Legislative Director shall coordinate all reviews of proposed legislation or other relevant policy proposals; organize issue forums; and communicate relevant information to the membership in a timely manner. Liaise with public officials and lobbying organizations that work with and/or benefit the LGBTQ+ community regarding opportunities for the Club to work with public officials. Develop and organize trainings, forums, policy education, work with endorsed candidates on ways the club can support their election efforts and other activities as appropriate. Where appropriate, the Legislative Director will coordinate with the Executive Board in the performance of these duties to ensure policy and political endorsements are in alignment. Host at least one workshop or policy education event annually.

The Legislative Director will also oversee the endorsement process for the Club before each of the approved Yolo County and/or State of California elections as outlined in this document.

SECTION 5 The Secretary shall keep the minutes, meeting roll of attendance and shall keep a permanent copy of all formal reports by officers or committees and shall act

as the club historian by keeping a copy of minutes, reports, publicity and newsletters in yearly binders and/or electronic folders. These records will be the permanent club records. Additional duties of the Secretary is to work with the Communications Director to manage the mailing and e-mail lists of the club.

SECTION 6 The Communications Director shall be responsible for the handling of the Club website, social media accounts and any correspondence for the club both printed and electronic. All correspondence shall be approved by the President (or Vice President in the absence of the President).

SECTION 7 The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the club, keeping a careful and accurate account of all monies so received and disbursed. All expenditures, except for regular disbursements for such routine items as postage and hall rentals, shall be budgeted and approved in advance by the Executive Board when time permits. When timely expenditures are required, the President may authorize disbursement of funds. The treasurer shall ensure that all political and financial reports required by any government entity are timely filed. The treasurer shall make monthly reports to the Executive Board and an annual report to the membership. The Treasurer or President shall sign any required bank documents.

SECTION 8 The Membership Director shall organize and maintain records of the Club's membership, provide such information to Club officers, candidates for political office and others upon direction by the Executive Board and promote activities to maintain and increase Club Membership. The Membership ~~Chair~~ Director shall also generate mailing labels of the Club membership as directed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1 The elected officers and certain appointed Club members will constitute the Executive Board. Club members, who satisfy the eligibility requirements, may request appointment to the Executive Board. Approval of this request will be determined by a majority of the existing Executive Board voting in favor of the member's appointment to the Executive Board. A majority of voting members, excluding those having pre-approved excused absences and those on approved Leave of Absence, shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. There shall be such standing committees, ad hoc committees, and specific task assignments, as the Executive Board feels necessary. The assignment of committee chairs, committee members and members to perform specific tasks shall be made by the Executive Board. Club members who have paid current dues and are serving in such capacities are eligible for appointment to the Executive Board. Current payment of Club dues is a continuing requirement for Executive Board membership, whether by election or appointment. Failure to satisfy this requirement automatically results in suspension from the Executive Board. The majority of the members of the Executive Board shall self-identify as belonging to the LGBTQ+ community.

SECTION 2 Election to the Executive Board will be for up to a two (2) year term. All Executive Board member terms will be completed at 11:59 pm on June 30 following the Club election. Effective from the date of approval or the date of appointment, upon completion of their two (2) year or less term, the newly elected Executive Board Officers will review and assess the appointee's continued membership on the Executive Board with respect to the Executive Board membership requirements as stated within these by-laws.

SECTION 3 Any Executive Board member paid to act as a political consultant or who manages a political campaign or has agreed to work in that capacity, must declare their activities or affiliations to the Executive Board. They are not required, but it is recommended, to recuse themselves in the Executive Board's endorsement process and endorsement of a candidate or ballot measure he or she represents or has agreed to represent.

SECTION 4 The Executive Board may include one or more ex-officio members who are invited by the Executive Board to serve. The ex-officio member should be a person with special expertise of significant value to the Yolo Pride Democrats Club. An ex-officio member may vote, but will not be allowed to make or second motions. Although they are encouraged to attend Executive Board meetings, they are not subject to the attendance requirements contained in these bylaws. Ex-officio members shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board during the current term.

SECTION 5 An Executive Board member absent for three of five consecutive official meetings of the Club, or absent three Executive Board meetings in a row, exclusive of excused absences, shall be removed from the Executive Board. Absence for cause may be excused prior to a meeting by approval of the President for a maximum of three excused absences in any calendar year. Members, who for cause, are unable to attend meetings, may request a temporary Leave of Absence for up to six months, subject to approval by vote of a majority of the Executive Board. Following this approved Leave of Absence, the member may resume their term of appointment to the Executive Board.

SECTION 6 All committee chairs and committee members shall carry out such responsibilities as given to them by the President or Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 The President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, or the Executive Board on its own, may create ad hoc or standing committees as deemed necessary. Chairpersons of all committees shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Board. Committees shall only have the powers specifically designated to them by the Executive Board and/or voting membership.

SECTION 2 The President and Vice-President are non-voting ex-officio members of all Committees.

SECTION 3 Club Members in good standing may serve on Committees. Non-paid members may serve on committees as needed with approval of the Executive Board.

SECTION 4 There may be additional standing committees consisting of the membership, audit, campaign/endorsement, policy, filling of vacancies on the Executive Board, by-laws, resolutions, and other committees as from time-to-time shall be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VIII CLUB EXPENDITURES

SECTION 1 The Club's fiscal year shall run from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

SECTION 2 No individual expense totaling greater than \$500.00 shall be authorized by the Vice-President or Treasurer without the prior approval of the President.

SECTION 3 No individual expense totaling greater than \$1000.00 shall be authorized by the President without the prior approval of a majority of the Executive Board or membership.

SECTION 4 No individual expense totaling greater than \$4999.99 shall be authorized by the President, Vice-President or Treasurer without the prior approval of two-thirds vote of the Executive Board or majority of the membership.

SECTION 5 No individual expense totaling greater than \$5,000.00 shall be authorized by the Executive Board without a two-thirds vote of the membership.

SECTION 6 No expense, regardless of total, shall be paid without a valid contract outlining payment details and/or invoice approved by the Club President or Treasurer.

SECTION 7 The President and Treasurer shall put together an annual budget for review and feedback by the Executive Board no later than the March meeting and shall be presented to the membership for review and feedback. A two-thirds of approval of the membership is required for approval.

SECTION 8 Expected on-going expenses should be included in the annual budget. Budgeted expenses do not need approval of the membership on an ongoing basis.

SECTION 9 The President, Vice-President, and Treasurer shall be authorized to sign Club business checks.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

SECTION 1 The Yolo Pride Democratic Club shall have at least a minimum of four (4) general meetings each year. Meetings may be in-person or virtual. Special events may constitute a general meeting if so designated by the President.

SECTION 2 The Yolo Pride Democratic Club shall hold an annual meeting of members for the purpose of conducting a year in review report from Club officers and committees of Club activities, present the next fiscal year budget and in odd number years electing persons to fill expiring terms on the Executive Board. This meeting shall be held during the month of May (or final month of the fiscal year). The new Executive Board elected during this meeting shall take over at 12:01 am on July 1 as outlined in **Article IV, Section 2**.

SECTION 3 Notice of all meetings shall be given to all members no later than 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting. The final agenda should be shared no later than three (3) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

SECTION 4 A quorum for the transaction of business at any official meeting of the membership (annual, general or special) shall consist of 50% of the Members in Good Standing of the Club in attendance from the previously held general meeting. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the members present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present will be regarded as the act of the entire membership unless a greater number is required by law or these bylaws.

SECTION 5 Each Member In Good Standing shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the membership. Voting shall take place in open meetings by voice vote, a show of hands, or by a recorded roll call vote which may be taken verbally or by electronic means. Voting by proxy, mail (standard or electronic), telephone or absentee ballot shall not be permitted.

SECTION 6 Any interested Democrat may attend any open annual, general or special meeting(s). Only Members In Good Standing may vote in business of the Club unless otherwise directed otherwise by the Executive Board.

SECTION 7 Except upon the invitation of a representative of the Executive Board, and approval of the president, none other than members shall address the Club.

ARTICLE X ENDORSEMENT

SECTION 1 The purpose of the Club endorsement process is to promote outstanding local LGBTQ+ and allied candidates who support the LGBTQ+ Community, Democratic Party platform, will fight for Democratic values in both action and speech, and to enhance the ability of the Committee to elect Democrats to office at the local, state, and federal level. The endorsement process can also be used to support local legislative measures that further Democratic values. The candidate endorsement process will be fair, open, and inclusive, giving all registered Democratic candidates for local office the opportunity to earn the endorsement of the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee. All endorsements shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this duly adopted section of the Club membership.

SECTION 2 A registered Democratic candidate who seeks an endorsement by the Club must submit such a request to the Club President or Legislative Director no later than one week after the end of the filing period for the scheduled election. The President and/or Legislative Director will immediately send a written questionnaire to the candidate. The candidate must complete the questionnaire no later than the approved deadline set by the Executive Board. After receipt of the questionnaire, the Endorsement Committee, at its discretion, may hold an interview with the candidate.

This same process must be followed by proponents of a local legislative measure who are seeking endorsement by the Club.

SECTION 3 The rules of endorsement shall be as follows: In democratic contested races, the selected candidate must meet at least a majority vote of the members present. In non-contested democratic races, the selected candidate must meet at least 70% of the total votes of the members present. Failure to meet the above totals will result in a determination of “No Endorsement”.

SECTION 4 By a two-thirds vote of the seated Executive Board, at any time they may pull a candidate's endorsement if behavior unbecoming is presented to the body that may have a negative effect on the Club and/or Democratic Party.

SECTION 5 Under current California election calendars, primaries are held in June for midterm elections or in March for Presidential election cycles. Accordingly, the Executive Board will announce all endorsements of candidates for a midterm primary election no later than two (2) months prior to the scheduled election date. For the November election, the Club will announce all endorsements of candidates no later than two (2) months prior to the scheduled election date.

SECTION 6 The Club shall endorse in a wide variety of races at all levels of government but does not endorse outside of Yolo County. In some cases, the Club may make exceptions for LGBTQ+ candidates, in races with a compelling reason to “flip” a seat from non-Democratic control, or where the LGBTQ+ community is a vested stakeholder.

SECTION 7 Under no circumstances shall the Club funds be used in support of a candidate or legislative measure not officially endorsed by the Club and/or governing body.

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ARTICLE XI DUES

SECTION 1 Members must pay a yearly membership due to be in good standing (also known as a Member in Good Standing). Membership and dues shall expire in accordance with **Article III, Section 4** regardless of when payment was received.

SECTION 2 The yearly membership dues for the Club shall be as follows:

- Stonewall - Fixed-Income/Economic Hardship Membership/Monthly Sustaining - (Recurring, minimum three payments): \$10
 - After three years of continuous payments and active service to the Club, the Executive Board may convert a Stonewall membership to lifetime status in accordance with **Article III, Section 9**
- Bronze - Student/Intern/Senior/Retiree: \$15
- Silver - Individual Membership: \$30
- Gold - Family Membership - Maximum of two people per family: \$50
- Platinum - Lifetime (Monthly Sustaining - 12 month Recurring): \$42
- Diamond - Lifetime - One time payment: \$500

SECTION 3 A bi-annual review of membership dues and policies, except for Student, shall be made by the President and Membership Director and may be adjusted as needed by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote by the Members in Good Standing at the closest general meeting.

SECTION 2 Bylaw revisions shall be sent to all Members in Good Standing no less than a minimum of 15-day day prior to the general club meeting for a membership review and comment period.

SECTION 3 These bylaws should be reviewed and updated as needed on a bi-annual basis.

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ARTICLE XIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1 The most current addition of “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised” shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by the by-laws of this Club, so long as they do not conflict with these bylaws, the laws of Yolo County and/or the laws of State of California.

SECTION 2 The Club shall cover the cost of purchasing the most current addition. It is recommended that, if needed, the new version should be purchased when the new Executive Board takes over.

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ARTICLE XIV: DISSOLUTION

Upon the abandonment of property or dissolution or liquidation of the Club, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Club, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the parent organization of which the Club is a member at that time, foundation, association, or corporation as designated and selected by the Executive Board which has qualified for exemption under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. In the event that the Executive Board fails, for any reason, to designate or select as aforesaid, or if this Club hold any assets in trust, such assets shall be distributed to such organization as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of Yolo County upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or by any person concerned with the abandonment, dissolution or liquidation.