



Ethical Charter

Preamble

We, the activists of the Social Democrats of America (*or Harrington Branches*), affirm our full commitment to the values expressed in our Declaration of Principles. These are the values of equality, freedom, solidarity, secularism, justice and peace that are the foundation of democratic socialism. We commit ourselves to respect, defend and promote them. They require that the Social Democrats of America follow a code of conduct in its organization and internal life that is accepted by all its members.

Rights of the activists of the Social Democrats of America

Activists have the right to freedom of expression, and can freely express their opinions and positions in meetings organized by the Social Democrats of America. The Respect for the personal vote in all party votes is an unbreakable principle.

Activists are informed of the Social Democrats of America's positions and the organization of its various local, county, state and federal activities (*forum, convention, congress, etc.*). They may participate in accordance with the rules governing the organization of these events and activities.

Activists are welcomed and trained upon joining the Social Democrats of America. They will be able, if they wish, to take on responsibilities within the party, both at the local, county, state and federal levels.

Activists must also be able to be trained on various themes throughout their commitment, and their skills and know-how can be valued and shared collectively.

Activists have access to partisan and elective responsibilities, without discrimination of gender, age or origin. Parity is respected by the Social Democrats of America, at the local, county, state and federal levels.

Activists, in case of conflict within the Social Democrats of America, have the right to appeal to an independent body from the county, state or federal leadership of the party.

The activists are protected from possible pressures of all kinds, by the Conflicts Commission, and if necessary, by the High Authority.



Duties of the activists of the Social Democrats of America

The activists have the duty to participate, through their membership, either in the trade union activity or in the associative life or in any other form of civic commitment. They do so while respecting the independence of the organizations.

Activists commit to respecting the framework of reflection and collective action that is the Social Democrats of America, to work together in a spirit of mutual respect and camaraderie within the Social Democrats of America.

Activists commit, when the debate has led to a position by the Social Democrats of America, to respect the collective decisions.

Activists agree not to run against candidates regularly nominated by the Party in accordance with its statutory procedures.

In order to participate in the collective effort, activists commit to being up to date with their dues.

Duties of the elected or leaders of the Social Democrats of America

In the exercise of the mandates, the general interest and the defense of our values are the only objectives.

The respect of the Law of the United States is imposed on all. No behavior that could be assimilated to an abuse of power, a conflict of interest or the use for personal ends of the means of the Party, the State or a public authority whatsoever, will be tolerated.

Elected officials or leaders of the party, federal, state, county or local, convicted of offenses related to their responsibilities or contrary to the values and principles of the Party may be suspended in the event of a first instance conviction and expelled in the event of a final conviction.