**Mixed Use Party Constitution**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Mixed Use Party is to turn the two party platforms into law.

There is an unchangeable core platform, and a general platform that party members will vote on. All candidates in the primary must agree to uphold the core platform and take a public stance on each issue in the general platform.

The party will:

1. have monthly meetings to make a general platform

2. hold a primary to elect candidates who will run for Ann Arbor City Council and Mayor,

3. campaign for the party candidates,

4. pressure party candidates to enact the platforms.

**Membership and Structure**

Party meetings are open to anyone who wants to enact the core platform and any guests they bring.

There will be two party chairs. The chairs will run the meetings and elections.

The chairs will maintain a website that includes this constitution, the core platform, and the latest version of the general platform.

**Meetings**

Before the meeting, the chairs will post the meeting agenda to the internet.

At the start of the meeting, the chairs will give any news about the party's progress.

During the meeting, the party will act on resolutions from the agenda, and new resolutions will be introduced.

To put a resolution to change the general platform on a future meeting’s agenda, one third of the people voting must vote in favor. If one third agrees, people voting for the resolution will select someone to write the proposed change and send it to the party chairs, who will put it on the next meeting's agenda. The party will not vote on changes to the general platform at the same meeting they are introduced. When the vote does occur, there must be more votes for the change than votes against for the change to pass.

After a resolution is introduced, there will be up to ten minutes of informal debate. If ten minutes pass, the chairs will hold a vote to extend debate. If there are more votes for extending debate than closing it, debate will continue for another ten minutes and the process will repeat.

When a resolution is introduced, anyone can request a vote for formal debate. If one third of the people voting vote for formal debate, each person who wishes to speak will have two minutes. The chairs will decide the order of speakers. No one may speak a second time until everyone wanting to speak has spoken once. After everyone wanting to speak has spoken twice, the chairs will hold a vote on whether to let everyone speak again. If more people vote for continued debate than against it, everyone will be allowed to speak one more time, at which point the chairs will hold another vote.

The meeting will end if there are no more agenda items or resolutions. If the meeting has gone on for ninety minutes, the chairs will hold a vote on whether to extend the meeting. If there are more votes for continuing the meeting than ending it, the chairs will extend the meeting and hold another vote every thirty minutes. If the meeting ends, the chairs will move left over agenda items to the next meeting’s agenda.

**Amendments**

If three-fourths of the members at a meeting vote to change this constitution, they may do so. However, the core platform and the amendment process may not be changed.

**Elections**

Each year the party will hold primary elections for each city council seat and the mayor's office.

People running in the primary must be legally qualified to run for the seat they are running for. If required by law, they must have lived for one year in the ward they are running in.

There will be elections for the chairs every November after the Ann Arbor City Council election.

Anyone who has been to one prior meeting may vote in any election.

In each election, everyone votes for one person, and the person with the most votes wins.

Elections will be by secret ballot, but all party members may watch the counting of ballots.