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**Protesters against the superdelegate system rallied in Chicago, where the DNC was meeting. The Democratic National Committee agreed to revise the system.**

# Democrats overhaul superdelegate voting

## Party leaders OK dilution of power in part to resolve bitter 2016 fight

**By Astead W. Herndon**
NEW YORK TIMES

CHICAGO – Democratic Party officials, after a years-long battle between warring ideological wings, have agreed to sharply reduce the influence of the top political insiders known as superdelegates in the presidential nomination process.

Under the new plan, which was agreed to Saturday afternoon in Chicago at the Democratic National Committee's annual summer meetings, superdelegates retain their power to back any candidate regardless of how the public votes. They will now be largely barred, however, from participating in the first ballot of the presidential nominating process at the party's convention – drastically diluting their power.

Superdelegates will be able to cast substantive votes only in extraordinary cases like contested conventions, in which the nomination process is extended through multiple ballots until one candidate prevails.

"After you lose an election, you have to look in the mirror," said Howard Dean, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Dean had recorded a video message to committee members urging them to back the proposed changes.

"As a so-called superdelegate myself, I feel this is the best path forward," he said.

Party officials also hope the rule changes will help bury vestiges of acrimony over the 2016 primary election.

Though superdelegates have never before overturned the will of Democratic voters in the presidential primary, their role caused deep tensions in the Democratic primary two years ago between Sen. Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton. Supporters of Sanders said these insiders – mostly elected officials, party leaders and donors – were emblematic of a "rigged" nomination system favoring Clinton.

After Clinton's loss in the general election, party leaders committed to a wholesale re-examination of the party's presidential nomination process.

Throughout the annual meeting in Chicago, some activists expressed concerns that the proposed changes to the superdelegate system would fail, particularly after several black party leaders expressed skepticism about the revisions. However, propelled by Tom Perez, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and by Dean and other prominent party leaders, the overhaul passed by an overwhelming margin.

### Houston, 2 others woo committee

CHICAGO — The three cities vying to host the 2020 Democratic convention are courting party leaders and activists at their summer meeting in Chicago.

Houston, Miami and Milwaukee are the finalists. A decision is expected early next year.

Miami rented out a boat docked at Navy Pier for its party. Milwaukee's gathering featured an appearance by onetime Milwaukee Bucks basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. The city has suggested the Bucks' new arena as the convention's venue. Gospel singer Yolanda Adams highlighted Houston's party. Houston also scattered promotions throughout the DNC's meeting hotel, including Texas-shaped decals on bar tabletops.

*Associated Press*

# Federal judge derails efforts of president to curtail unions

NEW YORK TIMES

A federal district judge in Washington struck down most of the key provisions of three executive orders that President Donald Trump signed in late May that would have made it easier to fire federal employees.

The ruling, issued early Saturday, is a blow to Republican efforts to rein in public-sector labor unions, which states like Wisconsin have aggressively curtailed in recent years. In June, the Supreme Court dealt public-sector unions a major blow by ending mandatory union fees for government workers nationwide. Federal workers were already exempt from paying such fees.

The executive orders, which also rolled back the power of the unions that represent federal workers, had instructed agencies to seek to reduce the amount of time in which underperforming employees are allowed to demonstrate improvement before facing termination, from a maximum of up to 120 days to a maximum of 30 days, and to seek to limit workers' avenues for appealing performance evaluations. The orders also sought to significantly reduce the amount of so-called official time that federal employees in union positions can spend on union business during work hours.

"We are very pleased that the court agreed that the president far exceeded his authority, and that the apolitical career federal work force shall be protected from these illegal, politically motivated executive orders," Sarah Suszczyk, the co-chair of a coalition of government-workers unions, said in a statement.

In their legal complaint, the unions argued that the executive orders were illegal because federal law requires these rules to be negotiated between government agencies and the unions that represent their workers.

The Trump administration will most likely appeal the decision to a federal circuit court, and could then appeal to the Supreme Court if it loses there. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

## HOW TEXAS VOTED

WASHINGTON – Here's how U.S. senators from Texas voted on major issues last week. The House was in recess.

**1. Defunding Planned Parenthood:** Failed, 45-48, to advance an amendment that would delete $400 million in Planned Parenthood funding from a bill (HR 6157, below) providing fiscal 2019 appropriations for the departments of Defense, Education, Labor and Health and Human Services. Abortions are not federally funded in keeping with a 1976 law – the Hyde Amendment – except in cases of rape or incest or to save the life of the mother.

A yes vote was to remove Planned Parenthood funding from the bill.

**2. $854 billion appropriations bill for 2019:** Passed, 85-7, an $854 billion catchall appropriations bill (HR 6157) that would provide $675 billion for the Department of Defense, $90.1 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, $71.4 billion for the Department of Education, $12.1 billion for the Department of Labor and nearly $6 billion for other agencies and programs in fiscal 2019.

A yes vote was to send the bill to conference with the House.

**3. Suicide Prevention Hotline:** Voted unanimously, 95-0, to adopt an amendment to HR 6157 (above) that would increase the 2019 budget for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline by $2.8 million or about 4 percent. Funded by all levels of government and other sources, the hotline is a nationwide network of crisis centers that provides 24/7 confidential support to persons in emotional distress.

A yes vote backed the spending increase.

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| Cornyn(R)San Antonio | Y | A | Y |
| Cruz(R)Houston | A | A | Y |

**Y = Yea, N = Nay, A = Not voting, P = Answered "Present"**

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Sincerely yours,
Alexey V. Tarasov
/s/ Alesey Tarasov

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**Fleet Services Equipment**
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Galena Park Independent School District ("GPISD" or "the "District") is soliciting proposals for **RFP-MA 18-012 Books and Publications**. Details are more fully set out in this Request for Proposals ("RFP"). The submission deadline will be 10:30 A.M. CDST on September 6, 2018 at the GPISD Admin Bldg. Purchasing Department, located at 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015.

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**Western Radiation Oncology**, Drs. Robert A. Behar and Karl King will no longer be practicing Radiation Oncology at North Cypress Medical Center as of September 30th, 2018. Dr. Ali Mazloom will be taking over the clinical responsibilities at the North Cypress Medical Center and can be reached through our main office number, 1-832-912-3650 for appointments. The remainder of the staff will remain. Patients will have access to their records and this can also be obtained by calling the main office line.


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## BIDS & PROPOSALS

**Request for Proposals**
**RFP #18-08**
**Utility Allowance Study**

The Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) is accepting proposals from qualified consulting firms to conduct a **Utility Allowance Study** for the HCHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program. Interested proposer(s) can download the RFP and all amendments from the HCHA website (www.hchatexas.org).

Prospective proposer (s) desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation must submit the request in writing no later than **4:00 PM (CST), August 28, 2018**, ATTN: Harris County Housing Authority, Beverly Burroughs at beverly.burroughs@hchatexas.org, Proposals must be received by HCHA no later than **September 10, 2018 at 4:00 PM (CST).**

**Request for Proposals**
**RFP #18-09**
**Development Partners of Affordable Multi-Family Housing seeking to apply for Hurricane Harvey (CDBG-DR) Funds in partnership with the Harris County Housing Authority**

The Harris County Housing Authority ("HCHA") is requesting proposal submissions from qualified for-profit or non-profit development firms (Proposers), with extensive experience in developing or the acquisition/rehabilitation of affordable multi-family housing, located in Harris County, Texas. This RFP contains submission requirements, the scope of services, periods of services, terms, and conditions, and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. Interested Proposers can download the RFP and all amendment(s) to this solicitation from HCHA's website (www.hchatexas.org).

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF THE GRAIN ELEVATOR AT THE WOODHOUSE TERMINAL.**

**A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2018 AT 10:00 AM IN THE PORT AUTHORITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING 3RD FLOOR SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM, AT 111 EAST LOOP NORTH, HOUSTON TEXAS 77029 SO THAT THE PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS MAY ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS PROJECT.**

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**CAUSE NUMBER: 2015-00090**
**IN THE 281st JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**
**Plaintiff: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-3 HOME EQUITY PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-3)**
**vs.**
**Defendant: JAMES WATSON LAYCOCK, KELSEY LAYCOCK, DAVID LAYCOCK, AMANDA LYNN LAYCOCK, MICHAEL S LAYCOCK, JAMES "JAY" W LAYCOCK JR AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY B LAYCOCK**
**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**
**County of Harris**
**To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY B LAYCOCK (DECEASED) WHOSE RESIDENCE AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN**
**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to be and appear before the **281ST Judicial District Court** of Harris County, Texas in the Courthouse in the city of Houston, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. Monday, the **20th day of August 2018**, being the Monday next after the expiration date of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby commanded and required then and there to appear and file written answer to the Plaintiffs Original Petition, filed in said Court on the **2nd day of January 2015**, in suit numbered **2015-00090** on the docket of said court, wherein **US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-3 HOME EQUITY PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-3)**, is the Plaintiff, and J**AMES WATSON LAYCOCK, KELSEY LAYCOCK, DAVID LAYCOCK, AMANDA LYNN LAYCOCK, MICHAEL S LAYCOCK, JAMES "JAY" W LAYCOCK JR AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY B LAYCOCK** are the Defendants, the nature of plaintiff's demand and the said petition alleging: **OTHER CIVIL**
**SUMMARY**
Plaintiff U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Home Equity Asset Trust 2006-3 Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, its successors in interest and assigns, by and through its attorney of record, Thuy Frazier of McCarthy & Holthus, LLP, 1255 West 15th Street, Suite 1060, Plano, Texas 75075, brought suit against Defendants James Watson Laycock, Kelsey Laycock, David Laycock, Amanda Lynn Laycock, Michael S. Laycock, James "Jay" W. Laycock, Jr. the Unknown Heirs at Law of Mary B. Laycock and any other person claiming any subordinate right, title, interest or 20401 Angeli Drive, Tomball, Texas 77377, and legally described to wit:
A certain parcel of land containing 53, 262.39 square feet in the George Haig (James P. Douglas) Survey, Abstract 338, Harris County, Texas, and with a 35 foot wide utility and access easement situated Southwesterly of an existing 60.00 foot wide easement in the County of Harris, State of Texas, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
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THENCE running North 89 deg. 56 min. 19 sec. West a distance of 400.25 feet to a 5/8" iron rod, this rod being the Northeast property corner of this parcel of land containing 53, 262.39 square feet and the access easement 35 feet wide parallel to this line;
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THENCE running South 0 deg. 30 min. 08 sec. West a distance of 360 feet to a 5/8" iron rod for corner;
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THENCE running North 32 deg. 59 min. 42 sec. East a distance of 262.59 feet to a 5/8" iron rod for corner;
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