

## Amendment Proposal One – Increase number of state officers from 6 to 8 **FAILED**

State Staff – Recommends a DO PASS

State FFA Executive Committee- Recommends a DO NOT PASS

State FFA Advisory Committee – Recommends a DO PASS

### ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section A. The elected officers of the California Association, Future Farmers of America shall be president, vice president, **two vice presidents at-large**, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and sentinel. Ex-officio officers are the state advisor and the assistant state advisor. The state advisor shall be the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education; the Assistant State Advisor(s) shall be a state staff member appointed by the State Advisor. Elective officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular state leadership conference. They shall be elected by secret ballot and assume office at the conclusion of the state leadership conference.

RATIONALE: The membership for the California Association, FFA has increased drastically since the beginning of the organization, however, the number of State FFA Officers has remained the same, 6. To reflect our growing membership, adding two more State Officers would provide a number of benefits. These could include the potential to visit more chapters, meet with more industry professionals and sponsors, and increase our outreach to the members of California FFA.

## Amendment Proposal Two – Elimination of Surveys **PASSED**

State Staff – Recommends a DO PASS

State FFA Executive Committee- Recommends a DO PASS

State FFA Advisory Committee – Recommends a DO PASS

### ARTICLE II. STATE OFFICERS

Section A. Elections:

(2) Members seeking candidacy for state office must submit to the assistant state advisor, by the specified due date, an application to run for office which is signed by the member's parent or guardian indicating their approval and support of the member's candidacy. ~~In addition to the application, it is the member's responsibility to see to it that a "Survey of Officer Candidate's Qualifications" is submitted to the Assistant State Advisor(s) by the specified due date from each of the following three individuals: (a) the member's chapter FFA advisor; (b) the site administrator or other school administrator at an institution where the member is attending/has attended school; and, (c) member's regional supervisor of agricultural education. Should either the application or any of the three surveys not arrive at the office of the Assistant State Advisor(s) bearing a postmark on or before the specified due date, the member shall not be allowed to run for state office. The survey instrument shall be prepared by the Assistant State Advisor(s) who shall cause it to be distributed annually with the state officer application form. Each completed survey must be mailed directly to the Assistant State Advisor(s) by the individual who completed the form. Contents of the survey are strictly confidential and shall not be shared with the candidate at any time. Only the Assistant State Advisor(s), State Advisor, and nominating committee members shall be allowed to view the completed surveys. Upon completion of their work, the nominating committee shall return all surveys to the Assistant State Advisor(s) who shall destroy all surveys annually following the state leadership conference.~~

RATIONALE: The survey to be completed by the previously mentioned adults currently evaluates candidates through the following methods: the advisor will select no more than 10 words that describe

the student, out of 53 character traits and qualities, and choose the candidates natural behavior in relation to 15 different leadership qualities. The survey is followed by a comments section, and recommendation for their potential election to state office. Even though this thorough survey can provide insight for the nominating committee, most candidates have little to no relationship with their Region Advisor or School Administrator, making it unfair and difficult to evaluate students based on advisor opinions. This survey is outdated and not congruent with the current standards by which candidates are evaluated by the nominating committee. The nominating committee can still choose to use advisor recommendations, but will have the freedom to update them to meet the needs of each year.