DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Domestic partners registered with the California Secretary of State shall have, insofar as permitted by California law, all of the same rights, protections, and benefits, as well as the same obligations, responsibilities, and duties of married persons (spouses) under state law. Former domestic partners shall have all of the rights and obligations of former spouses. Surviving domestic partners shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits as are granted to a surviving spouse of a decedent.

Therefore, all references to "spouses" in District's policies or procedures shall be read to include registered domestic partners as permitted by California law.

Reference: Family Code Sections 297 et seq.

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