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## **BP 7510 DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

### **References:**

Family Code Sections 297, 297.5, 298, 298.5, 299, 299.2, and 299.3

The District recognizes domestic partners registered with the California Secretary of State and those defined as indicated below 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 the District’s policies or procedures shall be read to include registered domestic partners as permitted by California law.

A domestic partner is also defined as two persons, each aged 18 or older, to have chosen to live together in a committed relationship, who are not legally allowed to marry in the state in which they reside, and who have agreed to be jointly responsible for living expenses incurred during the domestic partnership.

The District Chancellor shall ensure procedures are developed to implement this policy, including development of forms to verify the existence of a domestic partner relationship.