

# Bylaws

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## ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of this organization shall be the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee (may also be known as the San Bernardino County Republican Party and also The Republican Party of San Bernardino County), hereinafter referred to as "the Central Committee".

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSES AND DUTIES

The Central Committee shall perform the duties imposed on it as set forth in the California Elections Code and is the official governing body of the San Bernardino County Republican Party. The Central Committee is charged by law with the management and control of Republican Campaigns under the general direction of the Republican State Central Committee.

### THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL:

- A. Conduct all of its business and activities under its official name;
- B. Develop and maintain an adequate finance organization;
- C. Provide effective public relations and education programs designed to educate the general public on the underlying principles of the Republican Party;
- D. Build and maintain an effective precincts organization;
- E. Build and maintain effective voter registration programs;
- F. Build and maintain a campaign organization and provide headquarters facilities and personnel in order to make available an effective organization for the use by the campaign committees of all Republican nominees in San Bernardino County as well as those candidates endorsed by the Central Committee;
- G. Encourage Republicans in San Bernardino County to seek public office and develop training programs to assist these candidates;
- H. Support all Republican nominees in San Bernardino County;
- I. Establish, encourage, and foster volunteer Republican Clubs in San Bernardino County, to develop volunteers and leadership from these Clubs, and to broaden the scope of the Republican Party.

## ARTICLE III

### DEFINITIONS:

- A. **The Party** - California Republican Party State Central Committee.

1 B. **Central Committee** - That organization in San Bernardino County established  
2 and functioning under provisions of the California Elections Code.

3 C. **Member** - Those persons elected or appointed to the Central Committee under  
4 provisions of the California Elections Code.

5 D. **Ex-Officio Member** - Those persons entitled to be a member of the Central  
6 Committee under provisions of the California Elections Code.

7 E. **Alternate Member** - Those persons nominated by each individual Elected and/or  
8 Appointed Member and approved for appointment as Alternates by the Central  
9 Committee. In the case of Alternate Members representing Ex-Officio Members,  
10 Central Committee ratification is not required for appointment of an Alternate. An  
11 Alternate Member shall enjoy all rights and responsibilities of the Member he/she is  
12 designated to represent in the absence of that Elected/Appointed/Ex-Officio Member,  
13 as provided for under the provisions of the California Elections Code.

14 F. **Quorum (Quorum)** - that number of voting Members required being in attendance  
15 for business to be transacted. Quorum will be granted when a minimum number of  
16 | 15 members are in attendance.

17 G. **Good Standing** – a member in good standing is a member who is current in  
18 his/her payment of dues, including all past dues for prior central committee terms.

19 The member shall have no disciplinary action that is in force (that has removed their  
20 status of good standing).

## 21 **ARTICLE IV**

### 22 **MEMBERSHIP:**

#### 23 **Elected Members:**

24 1. **Representation** - The number and representation of Elected Members of the  
25 Central Committee is determined by the California Elections Code.

26 2. **Election** - At every Direct Primary Election a County Central Committee shall be  
27 elected, pursuant to the California Elections Code.

28 3. **Appointment** - Whenever a vacancy on the Central Committee exists, the  
29 Members and Ex-officio Members representing the district in which the vacancy  
30 exists shall select a nominee appointment to the vacancy. Said nominee must meet  
31 all other requirements of membership and the nomination is subject to ratification by  
32 the Central Committee. In case of failure or refusal of the Members and Ex-officio  
33 members of a given district to select a nominee, the vacancy shall be filled by  
34 appointment by the full Central Committee.

35 If there are no Members representing a district the Chairman will present a slate of  
36 nominations to fill such vacancies. Said nominee(s) is/are subject to the ratification  
37 by the Central Committee.

38 4. **Term Commencement** - The term of a member elected in a primary election  
39 shall commence on the date the Committee holds its Organizational Meeting, as set  
40 forth in these Bylaws, except as otherwise provided by law.

1 The term of a member appointed to fill a vacancy shall commence on the date the  
2 Committee elects such member to fill the vacancy. In no case, however, shall a  
3 member take office unless in compliance with the eligibility requirements of Section F  
4 of this Article IV and the California Elections Code.

5 **B. Ex-Officio Members:**

6 1. The Republican incumbent or nominee for each State Senate, State Assembly and  
7 U.S. House of Representatives seat in the County and the Republican incumbent or  
8 nominee for all Statewide and Constitutional Offices (if residing in the County) and  
9 the Republican incumbent or nominee for United States Senator (if residing in the  
10 County) shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Central Committee (California Elections  
11 Code); and

12 2. Ex-Officio and Appointed Members have the same rights and privileges as Elected  
13 Members except that they shall not be entitled to the ballot designation "Incumbent"  
14 for purposes of election to the Central Committee.

15 3. The term of each ex-officio member of the Committee shall begin upon  
16 certification by the Secretary of State or County Registrar of Voters that he/she is  
17 the Republican nominee for the respective office, and shall end upon the certification  
18 of the next Republican nominee for the same office following the next primary  
19 election for the given office.

20 **C. Alternate Members:**

21 1. Members and Ex-Officio Members may each appoint an Alternate to vote in their  
22 place in their absence. Alternates must have written approval from the appointing  
23 Member or Ex-Officio in order to make motions and cast votes at committee  
24 meetings (California Elections Code). Alternates must meet the same eligibility  
25 requirements as Members. Alternates also must live within the Supervisorial district  
26 of the appointing authority, except in the case of Ex-Officio Alternates, who need  
27 only reside within the County (California Elections Code Section 7400).

28 **D. Associate Members:**

29 1. Any registered Republican voter residing in San Bernardino County shall be  
30 eligible for Associate (non-voting) Membership, provided that the voter meets basic  
31 requirements of eligibility to run for election to the Central Committee, and provided  
32 that the voter adheres to standards of conduct expected of Members of the Central  
33 Committee.

34 **E. Youth Associate Members**

35 1. Each Member of the Central Committee may appoint up to two (2) Youth  
36 Associate Members to serve at the discretion of the Central Committee member.  
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38 2. Youth Associate Members shall be chosen and serve according to the criteria set  
39 forth in Article VII, Committees, Section A, Standing Committees, Sub-Section 5,  
40 Youth Advisory Committee.

41 3. Members shall fill vacancies in the membership of Youth Associates as in making  
42 the initial appointment.

43 4. Qualification to be a Youth Member shall be the following;

- 1 a. They shall be over the age of 16 and in High School or in College and not over the  
2 age of 25;
- 3 b. Or over the age of 18 and under the age of 21 if not in College.
- 4 5. The Youth Associate Membership shall pay no dues.
- 5 6. If a member wants to appoint a youth member that does not fall within the above  
6 guidelines, said member can appeal to the body for a waiver.

7 **F. Non-Voting Members:**

- 8 1. The Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, the General Counsel, Associate Members  
9 and/or other appointed positions designated by the Chairman and/or Executive  
10 Committee and approved by the Central Committee, shall be Non-Voting Members of  
11 the Central Committee if not otherwise Members thereof; and
- 12 2. Non-Voting Members may not make motions or vote at Central Committee  
13 Meetings and shall not be counted when making a determination as to whether a  
14 quorum of the membership is present at meetings of the Central Committee or the  
15 Executive Committee.

16 **G. Eligibility:**

- 17 1. A person shall be registered as a Republican and shall reside in San Bernardino  
18 County at the time of taking office by election or appointment to the Central  
19 Committee (California Elections Code); and
- 20 2. Each Member, before taking office at an organizational meeting, shall take and  
21 subscribe to the oath or affirmation set forth in Section 3, Article XX of the  
22 Constitution of the State of California. The oath or affirmation may be taken before  
23 any officer authorized to administer oaths and no fee shall be charged by any person  
24 before whom the oath or affirmation is taken or subscribed (California Elections Code  
25 Section 7408). The Central Committee Chairman, or his/her designee, shall be  
26 authorized to administer oaths of office to new Members after the organizational  
27 meeting. Alternates shall be required to take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation  
28 of office. Ex-Officio Members and their Alternates are not required to take or  
29 subscribe to the oath or affirmation of office but may do so if they so choose.

30 **H. Vacancies**

- 31 1. A vacancy shall exist:
  - 32 a. In the event of Election or Appointment of a person not eligible to be a Member of  
33 the Central Committee;
  - 34 b. When a Member of the Central Committee dies, resigns, becomes incapacitated,  
35 moves from the jurisdiction of the Central Committee or ceases to be affiliated with  
36 the Republican Party; and/or
  - 37 c. If a Member is removed from the Central Committee pursuant to the California  
38 Elections Code (Sections 7411 or 7413).

39 **I. Removal from Membership**

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1 1. Absence - Any Member of a committee, other than an Ex-Officio Member, who  
2 misses four (4) regularly called meetings within one 12-month period, shall be  
3 removed from the committee. If the member has an alternate that attends in his/her  
4 place and the alternate has been present in lieu of the member, then only meetings  
5 missed by both the member and the respective alternate shall be counted toward the  
6 calculation of absences for consideration of removal.

7 2. Automatic Resignation - The removal of residence by a Member of the Central  
8 Committee from the district represented by the Member shall constitute automatic  
9 resignation of that Member from the Central Committee (California Election Code,  
10 Section 7412);

11 3. Party Affiliation - The Central Committee may remove any Member who during his  
12 term of Membership:

13 a. Registers as a member of another party;

14 b. Publicly discourages a voter(s) from voting for the nominee of the Republican  
15 Party for any office;

16 c. Gives support or avows a preference for a candidate of another party or a  
17 candidate who is opposed to a candidate nominated by this party (California Election  
18 Code, Section 7413).

#### 19 J. Discipline of Members

20 The Central Committee may censure or provide reproof of any Member who:

21 a. Violates California Election Code, Section 7413;

22 b. Shall intentionally cause the embarrassment of the Central Committee and/or the  
23 Republican Party;

24 c. Represents his/her views as being those of the Central Committee when not  
25 authorized to do so;

26 d. Commits the Central Committee to a course of action and/or financial expenditure  
27 without authorization to do so.

#### 28 K. Procedure for Removal and/or Discipline

29 1. Charges may be brought against any Member by a majority of Members of the  
30 Central Committee at a regular meeting, or by the majority of the Executive  
31 Committee at an Executive Committee Meeting;

32 2. The accused Member shall be sent written notice of the charges and advised of the  
33 date of a formal hearing at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing;

34 3. A formal hearing shall be scheduled before the Central Committee at the next  
35 regularly scheduled meeting after the charges are brought unless the Central  
36 Committee's elected term shall expire within sixty (60) days, in which event the  
37 Chairman may call a Special Meeting;

38 4. The accused Member shall be allowed sufficient time to refute and/or defend  
39 himself against any and all accusations;

40 5. A majority of the Members present may then vote removal, censure or reproof of  
41 the accused;

- 1 6. A majority of the Members may vote removal, censure or reproof if the accused  
2 Member does not respond in person or writing to the charges;
- 3 7. Should a majority vote for removal pursuant to California Election Code, Section  
4 7413, the Member will cease to be a Member of the Central Committee and lose all  
5 rights associated with the office;
- 6 8. Should a majority of the Central Committee vote to censure or reprove a Member  
7 pursuant to Article IV, Section I of these By-Laws or California Election Code, Section  
8 7413, the Chairman, or the Secretary if the Chairman is the accused, shall send a  
9 written statement of censure or reproof to the Member so adjudged; Should fifteen  
10 voters or a majority vote, whichever is greater, of the Central Committee vote to  
11 censure a Member, the Central Committee shall, by a motion duly seconded and  
12 passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, specify one or more of the following penalties to  
13 be imposed on the censured Member:
- 14 a. Removal from all committees of the Central Committee;
- 15 b. Denial of access to confidential reports of the Central Committee including  
16 financial records;
- 17 c. Removal of the privilege of having an "Alternate Member";
- 18 d. Removal of the "right of recognition" from the floor by the Chairman. The  
19 Chairman, or the Secretary if the Chairman is accused, shall send a written  
20 statement of the defined penalties to the Member so adjudged.
- 21 9. Distribution of the formal statement of censure or reproof shall be determined by  
22 15 voters or a majority vote, whichever is greater, of the Central Committee after  
23 consultation with the General Counsel.
- 24 **J. Dues:**
- 25 1. Dues for Elected Members are \$100.00 per calendar year and are payable by the  
26 first meeting of each calendar year;
- 27 2. Dues for Alternate Members & Ex-Officio Alternates are \$50.00 and payable by the  
28 first meeting, of each calendar year.
- 29 3. Dues are not refundable.
- 30 4. Members who are not current in paying their dues, in accordance with these  
31 bylaws, shall not be counted towards the quorum, not be eligible to vote at  
32 meetings, and shall "not" be considered in good standing. Members delinquent in  
33 their dues shall be given written notification that their membership is no longer in  
34 good standing. Notice shall be considered given by written notification to the  
35 member's address of record.

## 36 **ARTICLE V**

### 37 **OFFICERS:**

38 **A. Elected Officers** - "At the first Organizational Meeting, a Committee shall  
39 organize by selecting a Chairperson, a Secretary, and any other officers and  
40 committees as it deems necessary for carrying on the affairs of this Party."  
41 (California Election Code).

1 1. The elected Officers of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee  
2 shall be:

3 **a. Chairman**

4 **b. Two Vice Chairmen**

5 **c. Secretary**

6 **d. Treasurer**

7 2. The elected Officers shall be Members of the Central Committee.

8 3. Officers shall be elected by a majority of voting Members of the Central  
9 Committee as provided in the California Elections Code.

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11 4. Officers shall serve until the Organizational Meeting of the next duly elected  
12 Central Committee unless an office shall become vacant by death, resignation or  
13 removal.

14 5. An Officer may be removed from office by a majority of voting members of the  
15 Central Committee. The procedure for such removal of an Officer shall not  
16 necessarily be the same as for removal of Members and Alternates.

17 6. In the event that a vacancy, for any reason, should occur in the Office of  
18 Chairman, the designated senior Vice-Chairman shall, within the next three (3)  
19 working days, call a meeting to elect a new Chairman. Not less than five (5) days'  
20 notice of this meeting shall be given the Members.

21 7. In the event that a vacancy shall occur in any office other than the Chairman, the  
22 Chairman will appoint a successor subject to the confirmation of the Central  
23 Committee.

24 **B. Appointed Officers:**

25 1. The Chairman shall, with the approval of the Central Committee, appoint Committee  
26 Chairs, except the Resolution and Endorsement Committee chair, a Parliamentarian, a  
27 Sergeant-at-Arms, a Corresponding Secretary, an Assistant Treasurer, a General Counsel,  
28 and such other Officers which the Central Committee, from time to time, might direct;  
29 and shall serve on the Executive Committee and if not a Member of the Central  
30 Committee shall be an Ex-Officio Member without voting rights at the Executive  
31 Committee if not otherwise a member thereof.

32 2. An Appointed Officer need not be a voting Member of the Central Committee.

## ARTICLE VI

33 **POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**

34 **A. Chairman:**

35 1. The Chairman shall call and preside at all meetings of the Central Committee and  
36 shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

- 1 2. The Chairman, with the advice and consent of the Central Committee, shall be  
2 authorized to make such appointments as may be necessary to fill vacancies which  
3 the Central Committee is empowered by law to fill on the ballot, pursuant to the  
4 California Elections Code.
- 5 3. The Chairman shall be responsible for making any necessary appointments to  
6 delegations to Republican Party Conventions; subject to the advice of the executive  
7 committee and approval of the central committee.
- 8 4. The Chairman shall be authorized to appoint a Parliamentarian, a Sergeant-at-  
9 Arms, a General Counsel, chairs and members of standing committees, as specified  
10 in these Bylaws, and to appoint chairs and members of any special committees  
11 authorized in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 12 5. The Chairman shall be authorized to appoint the Chairman of the Republican  
13 Elected Officials Organization (REOO) as authorized in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 14 6. The Chairman shall have the responsibility for the hiring, supervision and  
15 instruction of all paid staff personnel of the Central Committee; subject to the advice  
16 of the executive committee and approval of the central committee.
- 17 7. The Chairman shall have the right and duty to manage and supervise the affairs of  
18 the Central Committee.
- 19 8. The Chairman shall perform all the duties usual and customary for the executive  
20 head of an elected organization; and
- 21 9. The Chairman designates the duties and line of succession of the two Vice-  
22 Chairmen.

**B. The Vice Chairmen:**

- 23 1. The Vice Chairmen shall perform duties as assigned by the Chairman.
- 24 2. The Vice Chairmen shall be members of the Executive Committee.

**C. Secretary:**

- 26 1. The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that proper records of the  
27 proceedings of the Central Committee are maintained.
- 28 2. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all Party records and files and shall  
29 maintain same at County Headquarters; which shall be made available to members  
30 of the central committee.
- 31 3. The Secretary shall execute and/or supervise all necessary correspondence of the  
32 Central Committee.
- 33 4. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the  
34 Chairman, the Executive Committee and/or the Central Committee; and
- 35 5. The Secretary shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

1 **D. Treasurer:**

2 1. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Central Committee and shall deposit  
3 all monies, in the name of the Central Committee, in a financial institution or  
4 financial institutions designated by the Executive Committee.

5 2. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of all receipts and expenditures of the  
6 central Committee and make reports of the same to the Central Committee and to  
7 State and Federal agencies as required by law.

8 3. The Treasurer shall pay bills authorized by the Chairman, the Executive  
9 Committee or the Central Committee, with voucher authorization signed by any of  
10 the following:

11 a. The Treasurer and the Chairman or;

12 b. The Chairman and any Vice Chairman.

13 4. The Treasurer shall cause all financial records of the Central Committee to be  
14 made available during usual business hours for review by any Member of the Central  
15 Committee; and shall prepare/maintain said records by generally accepted  
16 accounting principles (GAAP) and in accordance with applicable government  
17 regulations.

18 5. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

19 **E. Sergeant-at-Arms:**

20 1 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed by the Chairman with the consent of the  
21 Central Committee.

22 2. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for maintenance of good order and  
23 decorum at all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee.

24 3. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall perform such other customary duties of the office;  
25 and

26 4. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the  
27 Chairman, the Executive Committee and/or the Central Committee.

28 **F. Parliamentarian:**

29 1. The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chairman with the consent of the  
30 Central Committee.

31 2. The Parliamentarian shall be knowledgeable of the Bylaws, Parliamentary  
32 Procedure and the California State Elections Code.

33 3. The Parliamentarian shall serve as adviser to the Chairman regarding matters of  
34 order and procedure at meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive  
35 Committee.

36 4. The Parliamentarian shall serve as adviser to the Members on those matters  
37 concerning Bylaws and/or Parliamentary Procedure; and

1 5. The Parliamentarian need not be a voting Member of the Central Committee.

2 **G. General Counsel:**

3 1. The General Counsel shall be appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the  
4 Executive Committee.

5 2. The General Counsel shall serve as legal counsel to the Chairman and the Central  
6 Committee as regards legal affairs of the Central Committee and the San Bernardino  
7 County Republican Party; and

8 3. The General Counsel shall be a duly accredited attorney-at-law and shall not be a  
9 voting Member of the Central Committee.

10 **H. Executive Director:**

11 1. The Executive Director shall be employed and/or appointed by the Chairman  
12 subject to the advice of the executive committee and the consent of the central  
13 committee.

14 2. Process for employment or appointment of Executive Director:

15 a. Prior to final approval by the membership, the executive committee will  
16 recommend their selection of an eligible candidate. The membership shall vote to  
17 approve the recommendation.

18 3. The Executive Director shall perform all duties assigned by the Chairman as  
19 regards the affairs of the Central Committee.

20 4. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all supplies,  
21 records, reports, and property of the Central Committee and shall cause an inventory  
22 of the same to be a part of the Central Committee records.

23 5. The Executive Director will be responsible to recruit staff and submit his/her  
24 recommendations to the Executive Committee for final approval in hiring applicant.

25 **ARTICLE VII**

26 **COMMITTEES:**

27 **A. Executive Committee:**

28 1. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of: the Chairman, the two Vice-  
29 Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chairman, and one elected  
30 representative appointed by each of the supervisorial caucuses; each caucus is  
31 entitled to select an member of the caucus to be an alternate representative to the  
32 executive committee with full rights if the elected representative of the caucus is not  
33 in attendance. The representative and alternate representative shall be members of  
34 the caucus in good standing.

35 2. The Executive Committee shall make recommendations on policy and be  
36 responsible for carrying out the policy decisions of the Central Committee.

37 3. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the  
38 business activities of the Central Committee.

1 4. The Executive Committee shall, at the beginning of each calendar year, prepare a  
2 Financial Plan and Budget for that year, said Plan and Budget to include but not be  
3 limited to an estimate of the cost of operation of the Central Committee, services to  
4 candidates, funds available and funds which must be raised. The Financial Plan and  
5 Budget must be approved by the Central Committee before it becomes valid.

6 5. The Executive Committee shall be responsible in preparing a Political Plan that  
7 establishes the levels of funds and/or services to be provided to candidates of the  
8 Party;

9 a. Such plan shall provide for the raising of any funds necessary for its  
10 implementation.

11 6. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to expend the funds of the  
12 Central Committee in the ordinary operation of Central Committee activities.

13 7. The Executive Committee shall consider and approve all indebtedness being  
14 incurred. The Treasurer shall administer the payment of approved expenses in  
15 accordance with GAAP.

16 8. All voting Members of the Executive Committee shall be Members or Ex-Officio  
17 Members of the Central Committee.

18 **B. Standing Committees:**

19 1. Each Standing Committee shall prepare a plan for carrying out its responsibilities.  
20 Said plan shall be approved by the Executive Committee and then by the Central  
21 Committee.

22 2. Each Standing Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of their plan  
23 as approved by the Central Committee.

24 3. Each Standing Committee shall report on its activities to the Central Committee on  
25 a regular basis; and

26 4. A quorum of a Standing Committee shall consist of a majority of the voting  
27 members of the committee of the whole.

28 5. Finance Committee:

29 a. The Finance Committee Chairman and Members shall be appointed by the Central  
30 Committee Chairman, subject to the approval of the Central Committee.

31 b. The Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer shall be Members of the Finance  
32 Committee.

33 c. Qualifications of and number of Members of the Finance Committee are at the  
34 discretion of the Central Committee Chairman who shall take into consideration  
35 factors such as residence, profession, fund-raising experience and community  
36 prestige of the prospective members.

37 d. The Finance Committee shall prepare a plan or plans for raising funds for the  
38 operation of the Central Committee, and financing of political campaigns and  
39 necessary allotments to State and National Committees.

- 1 e. The Finance Committee plan shall be approved by the Executive Committee and  
2 then by the Central Committee.
- 3 f. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the plan(s)  
4 approved by the Central Committee.
- 5 g. The Finance Committee shall meet and report as needed to the Executive  
6 Committee and the Central Committee.
- 7 h. The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall serve on the Executive Committee  
8 and if not a Member of the Central Committee shall be an Ex-Officio Member without  
9 voting rights at the Executive Committee if not otherwise a member thereof.
- 10 6. Resolutions and Endorsements Committee:
- 11 a. The Resolutions and Endorsements Committee shall be comprised of five primary  
12 members, one from each County Supervisorial District appointed by the district  
13 caucus and five secondary members, one from each County Supervisorial District  
14 appointed by the district caucus that may vote only in the absence of their respective  
15 caucus primary member;
- 16 b. The Endorsement Committee shall elect the Chair.
- 17 c. The Committee shall be responsible for, but not limited to:
- 18 (i) developing and implementing Resolution Policy and Endorsement Policy, or  
19 a combination thereof, for the approval of the Central Committee, in  
20 compliance with these Bylaws; and
- 21 (ii) reviewing proposed resolutions and endorsements and providing  
22 recommendations to the Central Committee.
- 23 7. Precinct Captain and Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Committee:
- 24 a. The Precinct Captain and GOTV Committee Chairman and Members shall be  
25 appointed by the Central Committee Chairman, subject to the approval of the Central  
26 Committee. The members shall be comprised of members, ex-officio members and  
27 volunteers.
- 28 b. The members shall be comprised of members, ex-officio members and volunteers.
- 29 c. The Precinct Captain and GOTV Committee shall include at least one Central  
30 Committee member.
- 31 d. The Precinct Captain and GOTV Committee shall be responsible for maintaining,  
32 enhancing and implementing a plan or plans for a precinct captain program and the  
33 GOTV efforts.
- 34 e. The Precinct Captain and GOTV Committee plan shall be approved by the  
35 Executive Committee and then by the Central Committee.
- 36 f. The Precinct Captain and GOTV Committee shall meet and report as needed to the  
37 Executive Committee and the Central Committee.
- 38 8. Outreach and Voter Registration Committee:

- 1 a. The Outreach and Voter Registration Committee Chairman and Members shall be  
2 appointed by the Central Committee Chairman, subject to the approval of the Central  
3 Committee. The members shall be comprised of members, ex-officio members and  
4 volunteers.
- 5 b. The members shall be comprised of members, ex-officio members and volunteers.
- 6 c. The Outreach and Voter Registration Committee shall include at least one Central  
7 Committee member.
- 8 d. The Outreach and Voter Registration Committee shall be responsible for  
9 maintaining, enhancing and implementing a plan or plans for outreach and voter  
10 registration efforts.
- 11 e. The Outreach and Voter Registration Committee plan shall be approved by the  
12 Executive Committee and then by the Central Committee.
- 13 f. The Outreach and Voter Registration Committee shall meet and report as needed  
14 to the Executive Committee and the Central Committee.

15 **C. Special (ad hoc) Committees:**

- 16 1. The Chairman, with the approval of the Central Committee, may appoint such  
17 Special Committees as may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Central  
18 Committee and/or the Republican Party.
- 19 2. These Special Committees may include, but are not limited to, Bylaws Committee,  
20 Candidate Development Committee, Elections Security Committee, Ethics Committee  
21 and such Ad-Hoc Committees designed to carry out special tasks.
- 22 3. Each Special (Ad Hoc) Committee, when formed, shall prepare a plan for carrying  
23 out its responsibilities. Said plan(s) shall be approved by the Executive Committee  
24 and then by the Central Committee.
- 25 4. Each Special (Ad Hoc) Committee, when formed shall be responsible for the  
26 implementation of their plan(s) as approved by the Central Committee.
- 27 5. Each Special (Ad Hoc) Committee, when formed, shall meet as required and shall  
28 report on its activities to the Central Committee on a regular basis.
- 29 6. A quorum of a Special (Ad Hoc) Committee shall consist of a majority of the voting  
30 members thereof.
- 31 7. Each Special (Ad Hoc) Committee must be include Members and/or Ex-Officio  
32 Members of the Central Committee.

33 **ARTICLE VIII**

34 **MEETINGS**

35 **A. Organizational Meeting:**

- 36 1. Date, Location and Notice of the Organizational Meeting - The Committee shall  
37 meet and hold an Organizational Meeting in the first January following the election of  
38 new Members to the Committee at the most recent Direct Primary Election in which a

1 Central Committee or members thereof were elected pursuant to the California  
2 Elections Code.

3 The date in January of the Organizational Meeting, as well as the time and location  
4 thereof, shall be determined by rule of the Committee or, if no such rule has been  
5 adopted, at the discretion of the chairman of the previously elected Central  
6 Committee, provided that such past chairman has been elected to or is otherwise  
7 entitled to a seat on the new committee. If such past chairman is not available or is  
8 otherwise ineligible to preside, the presiding officer of the Organization Meeting shall  
9 be the senior officer of the previous Central Committee who has also been elected to  
10 the new committee.

11 The eligible immediate past chairman or his/her eligible (elected) designee or next  
12 senior eligible (elected) past officer shall call the Organizational Meeting by giving  
13 written notice to each person elected or otherwise entitled to Membership on the  
14 Central Committee; and

15 Such written notice shall be given at least five (5) days prior to the date of the  
16 Organizational Meeting and shall include the date, time and location of the  
17 Organizational Meeting.

18 2. Actions to be taken at the Organizational Meeting - All persons present who were  
19 elected to the Central Committee shall take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation  
20 of office.

21 The Committee shall then elect a Chairman (per California Elections Code) and such  
22 other officers as set forth in these Bylaws; and

23 The Committee may then conduct any other business, as it deems necessary, as it  
24 would at any regular meeting of the Committee.

25 B. The Central Committee shall meet the fourth (4th) Thursday of the month unless  
26 an Organizational Meeting has been held in that month. Cancellation, postponement  
27 or rescheduling of a posted meeting shall be at the discretion of the Chairman with  
28 the consent of the Executive Committee and/or the Central Committee on a case-by-  
29 case basis, provided that adequate (seven (7) calendar day) notice is given to the  
30 Committee Membership.

31 1. A quorum of the Central Committee shall consist of 15 members in attendance  
32 that are in good standing.

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34 2. There shall be no voting by proxy at Central Committee meetings.

35 3. In the absence of a quorum at any and only regular monthly meetings of the  
36 Central Committee, the Executive Committee may perform such functions as would  
37 normally be performed by the Central Committee as a whole.

38 4. Central Committee meetings are not open to the general public, and are not open  
39 to non-Republicans or the news media unless specifically authorized by the Chairman  
40 on a case-by-case basis. Members may, however, bring guests, including non-  
41 Republicans, unless such guests are thought to be operatives of another political  
42 party or organization hostile to the Republican Party, or members of the news media,  
43 in which case approval of the Chairman would be required. Meetings may not be  
44 recorded by recording device unless specifically authorized by the Chairman.

- 1 C. The Chairman may call Special Meetings of the Central Committee at any time  
2 provided that written notice of such meetings is sent to all Members, Ex-Officio  
3 Members and Alternates at least seven (7) days prior to such meetings.
- 4 D. A Special Meeting may be called by petition, in writing, by one fourth (1/4) of the  
5 Members and Ex-Officio Members. Upon receipt of such a petition, the Chairman  
6 shall call a Special Meeting.
- 7 E. At all meetings of the Central Committee, the Committee Chairmen shall report on  
8 their activities;
- 9 F. Standing Committees and Special (Ad Hoc) Committees shall meet as often as  
10 necessary to carry out their responsibilities.
- 11 G. The Central Committee must meet a minimum of eight (8) times during the  
12 calendar year.  
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14 **ARTICLE IX**

15 **RESOLUTIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS:**

- 16 A. All proposed resolutions and endorsements shall be presented, in writing, to the  
17 Chairman of the Resolutions and Endorsements Committee no later than thirty (30)  
18 days prior to the regular meeting of the Central Committee at which action is sought;
- 19 B. The proposed resolution or endorsement shall be referred to the Resolutions and  
20 Endorsements Committee for its consideration and recommendation:
- 21 1. The Resolutions and Endorsements Committee may rephrase the proposed  
22 resolution or endorsement to reflect those conditions for a resolution or endorsement  
23 as contained in the parliamentary authority; and
- 24 2. The Resolutions Committee may recommend "for", "against", or "no-action" on  
25 the proposed resolution or endorsement.
- 26 C. The proposed resolution or endorsement shall be reported to the Central  
27 Committee for consideration of its recommendation, with each recommendation  
28 delivered separately from any other recommendation.
- 29 1. In cases when more Republicans are running for an office than there are seats  
30 available in a given election; in such cases of Republican vs. Republican, an  
31 affirmative vote of a (2/3) majority vote of the Central Committee shall be required  
32 for endorsement.
- 33 2. Any motion to set aside or to act contrary to the recommendation of the  
34 Resolutions and Endorsements Committee on any resolution or endorsement must  
35 receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Central Committee for approval.
- 36 3. Abstentions on questions of endorsement shall not be treated as a vote in the  
37 total count of votes.
- 38 Example: If there were 36 members eligible to vote at a meeting at which an  
39 endorsement is being considered and 21 members vote "yes" for endorsement, 9  
40 members vote "no" for endorsement and 6 members "abstain", the two-thirds vote

1 requirement would be calculated on a total count of the 30 members choosing to  
2 vote and not the 36 members present. The two-thirds standard for endorsement in  
3 this example would require 20 votes for endorsement. Therefore, the required two-  
4 thirds vote was achieved. A simple majority in this example would have been 16  
5 rather than 19 because of the 6 abstentions.

6 4. In the case of endorsement, any Republican opponents of a Republican candidate  
7 for non-partisan office recommended for endorsement under this section shall be  
8 given a minimum of ten (10) days' written notice that an endorsement will be  
9 brought to the Central Committee for a vote at a general or special meeting. Written  
10 notice will be deemed received three (3) days from the date of mailing of the notice  
11 via certified first class mail (not including Sundays), that an endorsement  
12 recommendation will be brought to the Central Committee for a vote;

13 5. All Republican candidates affected by the proposed endorsement recommendation  
14 shall be given an opportunity to address, in person or in writing, the Resolutions and  
15 Endorsements Committee and/or the Central Committee regarding the subject of the  
16 proposed endorsement at any meeting during which the proposed endorsement is  
17 considered.

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19 D. If, in the view of the proponent, a resolution or endorsement warrants immediate  
20 action at a regular meeting of the Central Committee, the proponent shall submit the  
21 requested resolution or endorsement in writing to the Secretary for reading to the  
22 Central Committee:

23 1. The Central Committee, by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, may permit  
24 consideration of the proposed resolution or endorsement without thirty (30) days'  
25 prior notice and referral to the Resolutions and Endorsements Committee;

26 2. An urgency resolution or endorsement shall require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative  
27 vote to be approved; and

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## ARTICLE X

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### AMENDMENTS:

31 A. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Central  
32 Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members present at such a meeting;  
33 and

B. A proposal to amend these Bylaws shall be deemed out of order unless notification  
of the proposed amendments shall be given, in writing, either personally, electronic  
mail, or through the U.S. Postal Service, to the entire Central Committee at least ten  
(10) days prior to the vote on such amendment(s).

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## ARTICLE XI

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### AUTHORITIES:

36 A. The Parliamentary authority for the Central Committee shall be Robert's Rules of  
37 Order, Newly Revised:

1 1. This authority shall determine any question not covered in these Bylaws for  
2 procedures or conduct at meetings of the Central Committee an/or any of its  
3 committees;

4 2. The Parliamentary authority may be interpreted by the Parliamentarian and  
5 rulings by the Chairman may be based upon such interpretation. The parliamentary  
6 rules may be suspended, but not amended, by a two-thirds majority of the Members  
7 of the Central Committee at any given meeting. However, these Bylaws may not be  
8 suspended at any time.

9 3. Bylaw Amendments shall occur only by the procedure set forth in Article X of  
10 these Bylaws.

11 B. The statutory authority for the Central Committee shall be the California Elections  
12 Code;

13 C. The ranking of authority for the Central Committee in all matters shall be the  
14 California Elections Code, these Bylaws, then, then Robert's Rules of Order, Newly  
15 Revised.