

BYLAWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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BYLAW 1: NAME

The name of this organization is the Libertarian Party of Riverside County, California, hereinafter referred to as “the Party”.

BYLAW 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Party is to defend and implement the principles of libertarianism. To this end, the Party will conduct the following activities, consistent with the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party and the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California:

- A. Functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements.
- B. Moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office;
- C. Nominating and supporting Libertarian Party candidates for political office.
- D. Encouraging Riverside County voters to register with the Libertarian Party.
- E. Disseminating libertarian philosophy by entering into informational activities.

BYLAW 3: SCOPE

The Party shall conduct its activities primarily within the County of Riverside, California. Any Party activities taking place outside of Riverside County shall be coordinated with and approved by the state or national Libertarian Party organizations having jurisdiction over the areas affected.

BYLAW 4: DEFINITIONS

- A. “Registered Libertarian”: A person who is registered as a Libertarian voter per the California Elections Code.
- B. “Central Committee member”: A person who is eligible to vote on Party business consistent with these Bylaws.

BYLAW 5: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Membership in the Central Committee confers the right to vote on all Central Committee business.

Section 2.

Pursuant to Bylaw 9 Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California, membership in the State Central Committee is the only requirement for membership in the Riverside County Central Committee, provided that said member is not a member of any other County Central Committee.

Section 3.

No member shall be a registrant or hold office in any political party other than the Libertarian Party.

BYLAW 6: MEETINGS

Section 1.

The Central Committee shall conduct a business meeting (hereinafter, "convention") annually in January to elect officers, review Bylaws for possible revision and conduct other such business as may properly come before it. Said convention shall be held at least 30 days prior to the first day of the annual Libertarian Party of California convention.

Members of the Central Committee shall be notified regarding the date, time and place by mail, email, and on the Riverside County Libertarian Party website and the Riverside County Libertarian Party social media accounts at least 30 but no more than 60 days in advance of said business meeting.

Notice shall also be provided to the Secretary of the Libertarian Party of California regarding the date, time and place of said convention, along with election results, pursuant to and in compliance with the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California.

Section 2.

The Central Committee shall meet at least quarterly to facilitate its objectives. Notice shall be provided to Central Committee members on the Riverside County Libertarian Party social media accounts and by email regarding the date, time, and place of said meetings. When the convention is held, it shall be considered as satisfying the quarterly meeting requirement for the purposes of this per section 1 of Bylaw 6 of these Bylaws.

BYLAW 7: OFFICERS

Section 1.

To facilitate its work, the Central Committee shall elect a Chair, two Vice-Chairs, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2.

The Chair is responsible for calling meetings and conventions of the Central Committee, and presides at such meetings and conventions. The Chair is also responsible for organizing open meetings of Libertarians in Riverside County, for the purpose of discussing Libertarian positions on current public policy issues. Additionally, the chair shall act as liaison between the Central Committee and the Riverside County Registrar of Voters.

Section 3.

The Vice-Chairs shall assist the Chair and act in place of the Chair if necessary. The Vice-Chairs shall be elected as Vice-Chairs, but shall be designated First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair based on a coin flip after election (with the winner of the coin flip designated First Vice-Chair).

The two offices shall rotate each month: if the election is in January, the winner of the coin flip shall be First Vice-Chair in January and odd-numbered months thereafter, while the loser of the coin flip shall be First Vice-Chair in February and even-numbered months thereafter.

In the event of the Chair vacating the position, the current First Vice-Chair is responsible for calling a meeting of the Central Committee to elect a new Chair.

Section 4.

The Secretary is responsible for recording and maintaining on file a record of motions, votes and decisions made at Central Committee meetings and conventions.

Section 5.

The Treasurer shall receive, disburse and account for the funds of the organization under the supervision of the chairman. A balance sheet report shall be offered at each meeting of the Central Committee.

Section 6.

No officer, except the Secretary, shall serve more than four consecutive years in the same position.

BYLAW 8: ELECTIONS

Section 1.

The officers will be elected annually at the convention to be held at least thirty days prior to the first day of the annual Libertarian Party of California convention. All members are eligible to vote for officers of the Central Committee.

Section 2.

Only elected and duly appointed members are eligible for election as officers of the Central Committee.

BYLAW 9: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The Chair, Vice-Chairs, Secretary, and Treasurer form the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee acts between meetings of the full Central Committee.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee is authorized to take stands on public policy issues, and make temporary appointments of party officers in case of vacancy.

Section 3.

Executive Committee meetings shall be held once per month, unless suspended by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. EC meetings can be called with reasonable notification at least 7 days in advance.

Section 4.

The immediate past Chair, if not otherwise a member of the Executive Committee, shall be invited, as an ex officio member to all meetings of the Executive Committee. As an ex officio member, the former Chair shall be able to participate in these meetings but will not have a vote. This ex officio status shall terminate one year from the date the former Chair leaves office.

BYLAW 10: COMMITTEES

Section 1.

The Executive Committee shall establish standing or ad hoc committees as it deems advisable or necessary and shall appoint a Chair for each committee. The activities of any committee so established shall be limited in scope by the Executive Committee to specified projects and may

be terminated at any time by the Executive Committee.

Section 2.

Each committee, unless otherwise informed, shall have a limitation of one year, renewable by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 3.

Any committee shall be terminated with just cause by a majority vote of Executive Committee members.

Section 4.

Just cause for termination shall be:

- A. Making recommendations or taking stands on current public policy issues not consistent with the Platform of the Libertarian Party;
- B. Using the committee for purposes other than Libertarian outreach;
- C. Campaigning against Libertarian candidates or other activities not authorized by the Executive Committee;
- D. A period of inactivity longer than 4 months;
- E. Engaging in any activity that is a direct violation of the California Elections Code.

Section 5.

Each committee shall make regular reports to the Executive Committee on a bi-monthly basis and shall be required to make one annual report to the annual business meeting of the Central Committee.

BYLAW 11: APPOINTEES

Section 1.

- A. Appointees shall be members of the Central Committee as defined in its bylaws.
- B. Appointments shall be made by a majority of the Executive Committee.
- C. Appointments may be terminated at any time by the Executive Committee.
- D. Duties and authorities of appointees are to be established on a situational basis by the Executive Committee.

BYLAW 12: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all Central Committee members present during the annual convention.

BYLAW 13: AUTHORITY

This organization is the duly authorized Riverside County affiliate of the Libertarian Party of California Central Committee under the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California and pursuant to the California Election Code.

BYLAW 14: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these Bylaws.