



# Libertarian Party of Sacramento County

## Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Sacramento County

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### **Article I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be The Libertarian Party of Sacramento County (LPSac) hereinafter referred to as the Party.

### **Article II – Purpose (3/4 required to amend)**

The Libertarian Party of Sacramento County exists to defend and promote libertarian principles within Sacramento County and the surrounding region through political activism, candidate support, education, and voluntary persuasion. We seek to provide a legitimate alternative to the two party duopoly that routinely violates individual economic and social liberty.

Fundamentally, libertarianism is based on a belief that to the degree individuals act in accordance with the following two values, human happiness, harmony and prosperity will flourish:

One will not initiate physical force against another person or their property,  
and;

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One will do all that one agrees to do.

The Libertarian Party of Sacramento County is dedicated to serving as the local political vehicle for the growing number of libertarians in Sacramento County who desire a more socially harmonious and economically prosperous region.

### **Article III – Definitions**

A. “Registered Libertarian”: A person who is registered as Libertarian per the California Elections Code.

B. “Central Committee member”: A person who is eligible to vote on Party business consistent with these bylaws.

C. Certification: “I certify that I oppose the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.” Certification shall be required to be a member of the County Central Committee. Individuals who have executed previous versions of the certification shall also meet this requirement.

D. All references in these Bylaws to “mail,” “written notification,” or similar terms shall be considered to include electronic communications.

E. All references in these Bylaws to “place,” “location,” or similar terms shall be considered to include electronic or virtual meeting platforms.

### **Article IV – Membership**

#### **Section 1: Central Committee**

The county central committee hereinafter referred to as “Central Committee,” shall consist of those individuals who live in Sacramento County, or choose to affiliate with the Sacramento County organization, who are not members of any other county central committee, and qualify as a member of the Central Committee under the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California (LPCA).

### **Article V – Officers**

#### **Section 1: Officers**

The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and up to three (3) At-Large members.

#### **Section 2: Qualifications**

Eligibility for election or appointment shall be as follows:

- A. Only a person who is a member of the Central Committee and who has expressed a willingness to serve shall be eligible for election to any elected position of the party.

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### **Section 3: Chair**

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Party. The Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party.

### **Section 4: Vice-Chair**

The Vice-Chair shall act as assistant to the Chair and shall assume the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is unable to perform them.

### **Section 5: Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall receive, disburse, and account for the funds and assets of the Party, and shall compile financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting. The Treasurer shall also present an annual report to the membership at the annual meeting. All disbursements must be approved by the Executive Committee or Central Committee, and be substantiated by appropriate documentation.

### **Section 6: Secretary**

The Secretary shall be the recording and corresponding officer of the Party. The Secretary will also be responsible for maintaining a membership roster, and providing reports of the current number of members.

### **Section 7: Elections**

The officers and up to three (3) At-Large members shall be elected at the Party's annual meeting. Nominations shall be made from the floor and the officers and At-Large members shall be elected by a majority of balloted votes.

### **Section 7: Term of Office**

Each Executive Committee member shall take office at the close of the annual meeting at which they were elected and serve thereafter until the selection of his or her replacement at the annual meeting or until his or her position is vacated.

## **Article VI – Meetings**

### **Section 1: Business Meetings of the Central Committee Members**

The Party shall hold business meetings at least once per quarter for conducting Party business. Notice of the time and place of these meetings shall be given to the Members not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

### **Section 2: Annual Meeting of the Central Committee Members**

The Party shall hold an annual meeting to elect its officers and other Executive Committee members and conduct other business as shall properly come before

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it. Notification shall be sent to all Central Committee members, and to the LPCA Secretary, at least thirty (30) days, but not more than sixty (60) days, in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall specify the reason for the meeting and a time and place reasonably accessible to the membership.

- A. Voting members to the annual meeting shall be current Central Committee members, and shall either hold public office or shall have been a Central Committee member for a minimum of ninety (90) consecutive days prior to the meeting.
- B. "None of the Above" shall always be included as an option for election of all Party offices.

### **Section 3: Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by written request of five (5) Central Committee members. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent to all members at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

### **Section 3: Quorum**

A majority of the Central Committee members that have been credentialed in to the annual meeting shall be required to conduct business.

## **Article VII – Executive Committee**

### **Section 1: Composition**

The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following members of the Central Committee:

- A. The four (4) Party officers elected by the Central Committee at the annual meeting;
- B. Up to three (3) At-Large members to be elected by the Central Committee at the annual meeting.
- C. A minimum of two (2) officers, Chair and Treasurer, are required to be considered an active county organization within the LPCA.

### **Section 2: Duties and Powers**

The Executive Committee is charged with the duty of conducting all Party business in between meetings of the Central Committee consistent with these Bylaws and any standing rules or resolutions which may be adopted at the annual meeting of the Central Committee.

### **Section 3: At-Large Members**

The At-Large member(s) shall participate in all discussions, debate and vote on

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all Party business matters and perform other duties per the direction of the Central and Executive committees.

### ***Section 4: Executive Committee Meetings***

The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as may be determined by action of the Committee, by call of the Chair, or by the written request of one-third (1/3) or more of the members of the Executive Committee. A written notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given to each member of the Executive Committee, with written notice sent to all Central Committee members, not less than seven (7) days prior to said meeting. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to all Central Committee members.

### ***Section 5: Transaction of Business by Email or other Electronic Means***

The Executive Committee may transact business by email balloting when a motion is moved and seconded via email. All votes shall be counted and recorded by the secretary as roll call votes. E-mail motions will require the same number of votes as motions made at regular meetings. Voting will end after forty-eight (48) hours has passed and votes from two-thirds (2/3) of the committee members have been received or in seventy-two (72) hours, whichever occurs first. If, at the expiration of the applicable period, a quorum of the Executive Committee has not voted, the measure being voted upon shall be deemed to have failed.

The Executive Committee may also transact business by telephone conference or other electronic communications where the members can meet in real time. In such meetings, the normal rules of the committee apply as to quorums and voting. At least seven (7) days' notice is required if business is to be transacted in such a fashion.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the motions and votes from email, telephone and electronic balloting, and make them available in the same fashion as minutes from Executive Committee meetings.

### ***Section 6: Quorum***

A majority of the Executive Committee is required to conduct business. Vacancies shall be excluded in determination of quorum requirements.

### ***Section 7: Suspension***

Failure of any Executive Committee member to attend two consecutive Executive Committee meetings shall be cause for removal from the Executive Committee.

### ***Section 8: Appointment***

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The Executive Committee shall appoint new Executive Committee members, including the Chair, if vacancies occur. Such appointments shall be to complete the term of office vacated unless a meeting of the Central Committee members occurs sooner.

### **Section 9: Special Voting Requirements**

A two-thirds (2/3) majority of members of the Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:

- A. Endorsing or rescinding the endorsement of any candidate for public office;
- B. Endorsing or opposing any proposed ballot measure, but rescinding such action shall be considered a normal main motion;
- C. Creating an annual budget;
- D. Incurring a financial liability or contractual obligation lasting more than three months, or exceeding \$500; and
- E. Providing the Party mailing list to non-Libertarian groups or individuals

## **Article VIII – Committees**

As the Executive Committee deems appropriate, the Chair shall appoint working committees, which shall exist at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

## **Article IX – Endorsements**

### **Section 1**

The Party shall make endorsements, make recommendations, or otherwise take positions with respect to elections, nominations, measures, or other matters appearing on a public ballot by a majority vote of the Central Committee at a meeting that has given notice that such action will be considered. “Public Ballot” includes any general, special, primary, or other election conducted by any level of government.

### **Section 2**

The Executive Committee may endorse candidates for any office to be voted on in Sacramento County, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee, when there is no scheduled meeting of the Central Committee prior to the election.

### **Section 3**

Eligibility for endorsement shall be as follows:

- A. Candidates for public office in any partisan election whose political party affiliation is either “Libertarian” or “No Party Preference.”

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### **Article X – 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 or any Special Rules of Order the Party may adopt.

### **Article XI – Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Central Committee members at the annual meeting, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, so long as advanced notice of all proposed amendments have been sent to all members, or posted on the Party's website, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. All amendments made from the floor require a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Central Committee at the annual meeting.

### **Article XII – Conflicting Authority**

The Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California shall supersede any conflicting provisions of these Bylaws.