



## Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County

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## **Article I: Name**

The name of this organization shall be Libertarian Party of Los Angeles (LPLAC) hereinafter referred to as the "Party".

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

The purpose of the Party is to proclaim and implement the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party by engaging in political and informational activities and other means consistent with those principles; to grow the membership, and to elect Libertarians to public office.

## **Article III: Membership**

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

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

## **Article IV: Regions**

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

The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County shall be divided into the following Regions:

**Region 61:** Region 61 shall include San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita Valley.

**Region 62:** Region 62 shall include West Los Angeles, Culver City, and Santa Monica.

**Region 63:** Region 63 shall include the San Gabriel Valley and extend to the border of San Bernardino County.

**Region 64:** Region 64 shall include northeast and central Los Angeles.

**Region 65:** Region 65 shall include southeast Los Angeles County and extend to the border of Orange County.

**Region 66:** Region 66 shall include the greater South Bay, Long Beach, Gardena, Hawaiian Gardens, Compton, Catalina Island, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

**Region 67:** Region 67 shall include Antelope Valley.

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

The Membership of a Region shall be all Members of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County who reside in, or who choose to affiliate with the Region. No Central Committee member shall be affiliated with more than one region.

### ***Section 3:***

The Central Committee shall have the power to declare a Region inactive and merge it into an active Region and shall have the power to create a new Region by dividing up an existing Region.

***Section 4:***

It shall take a two-thirds vote of the Central Committee to declare a region inactive or create a new Region.

***Section 5:***

At least thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the Central Committee before any changes to Regions are made.

**Article V: Officers*****Section 1: Officers***

The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

***Section 2: Qualifications***

Eligibility for election or appointment shall be as follows:

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.

***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 an assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.

***Section 5: 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 a monthly report of the current number of members.

***Section 6: 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 on a monthly basis. 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 7: Elections***

The officers shall be elected at the Party's annual meeting. Nominations shall be made from the floor and the officers shall be elected by secret ballot. A majority vote is required to be elected. If there is only one candidate for any office, the election shall be conducted by voice vote, with the choice between the candidate and None of the Above. If there is an objection to a voice vote then a secret ballot vote shall be conducted.

***Section 8: Term of Office***

Each executive committee member shall take office upon adjournment of the annual meeting in which they were elected and serve a term of one year, or until their successors are elected.

***Section 9: Limitations***

No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

**Article VI: Meetings*****Section 1: Annual Meeting of the Central Committee Members***

The Party shall hold an annual meeting to elect its officers, At Large Representatives, Judicial Committee members, one Regional Representative from each Region by caucus (and one Alternate if the Region members so choose), receiving reports of officers and committees, and conduct other business as shall properly come before it.

Notification shall be sent to all Central Committee members, and to the LPCA Secretary, at least thirty days, but not more than sixty days, in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall specify the reason for the meeting and the date, time and location of the meeting. The meeting shall be at 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 thirty 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 2: Special Meetings***

Special meetings may be called by the Chair, the Executive Committee, or by written request of ten (10) Central Committee members. The purpose, time, and location shall be stated in the call. At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given, and notice shall be sent to all Central Committee members by the Secretary.

***Section 3: Quorum***

A majority of Central Committee members registered as being in attendance at the annual meeting, or special meetings, 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 Party officers
- B. Two At-Large members
- C. The Regional Representatives

## ***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 Executive Committee Meetings***

- A. Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held monthly at a time and place to be determined by the Chair.
- B. Special meetings can be called by action of the Committee, by call of the Chair, or by the written request of one-third of the members of the Executive Committee. Notification of special meetings shall include the purpose for the meeting, and the time and place of the meeting in the call of the meeting, and notice shall be sent to all Central Committee members by the Secretary.
- C. 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, and notice shall be sent to all Central Committee members by the Secretary.
- D. The Executive Committee may transact business by telephone conference, video conference, or other electronic communications where the members can meet in real time.

## ***Section 4: Transaction of Business by Email***

The Executive Committee may transact business by email balloting when a motion is made by the Chair, or co-sponsored by three (3) members of the Committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for five (5) days, unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period. All votes shall be counted and recorded by the secretary as roll call votes. Email motions will require the same number of votes as motions made at regular meetings. Up until the vote is finalized, a member may change their vote. If, at the expiration of the voting period, a quorum of the Executive Committee has not voted, the measure being voted upon shall be deemed to have failed. The outcome of each email ballot shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting.

Motions proposed through electronic mail ballots are deemed to satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.

## ***Section 5: Quorum***

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

## ***Section 6: Suspension***

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

***Section 7: Appointment of Vacancies***

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

***Section 8: Special Voting Requirements***

A two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee shall be required to pass the following:

- A. Removal from office or censure of any Executive Committee member.
- B. Endorsing or rescinding the endorsement of any candidate for public office;
- C. Endorsing or opposing any proposed ballot measure, but rescinding such action shall be considered a normal main motion;
- D. Creating an annual budget; and
- E. Incurring a financial liability or contractual obligation lasting more than three months, or exceeding \$500.

**Article VIII: Judicial Committee*****Section 1:***

The Judicial Committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Central Committee elected at the annual meeting. The term of the Judicial Committee shall begin at the close of each annual meeting. Vacancies shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee.

***Section 2: (3/4 required to amend)***

A Judicial Committee member may not be a member of the Executive Committee. The Judicial Committee shall be the final body of appeal in all Party matters, subject to the provision that a decision of the Committee may be overturned by a three-quarter vote of the Central Committee.

***Section 3:***

By petition of at least five Central Committee members, the Judicial Committee may review any action of the Executive Committee, or any Officer, for compliance with these bylaws, the bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California, and any documents to which they refer.

**Article IX: Other Committees**

Other Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee as needed for the continued health and growth of the party and shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

**Article X: Endorsements*****Section 1***

The Party may 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***

Only candidates that are not registered in another political party shall be considered for endorsement.

### ***Section 2***

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

## **Article XI – 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 XII: Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Central Committee at the annual meeting, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, so long as previous notice of all proposed amendments has been given to the Central Committee members 30 days prior to the annual meeting by the secretary. Sending notice via email shall satisfy this requirement. All Bylaw amendments proposed from the floor shall require a 3/4 vote of the Central Committee at the annual meeting.

## **Article XIII: Conflicting Authority**

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