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33 Republican Precinct Committee Officers of King County.  
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36 ARTICLE II  
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38 Definitions  
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- 40 2.1 “Central Committee” shall mean the King County Republican Central Committee.  
41  
42 2.2 “Precinct Committee Officer” shall mean all elected and appointed Republican Precinct  
43 Officers in good standing in King County.  
44  
45 2.3 “County Chairman”, “County Vice Chairman”, “County Vice Chairmen”, “Treasurer”,  
46 “Finance Chairman” and “Secretary” shall mean the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Vice  
47 Chairmen, Treasurer, Finance Chairman and Secretary of the Central Committee,  
48 respectively.  
49  
50 2.4 “State Committeeman”, “State Committeewoman” (collectively “State Committee  
51 members”) and “Members of the State Executive Board” shall mean Republican officers  
52 in all instances elected in King County pursuant to these Bylaws.  
53  
54 2.5 All references to “Committee Chairman”, “Committee members”, “Committees” and  
55 “Boards” shall mean King County Republican Chairman, Committees, and boards.  
56  
57 2.6 “Elected officers of the Central Committee” shall be the County Chairman, County Vice  
58 Chairmen, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman and the Representatives to the  
59 Republican State Executive Board. All elected officers of the Central Committee shall be  
60 registered voters and residents of King County.  
61  
62 2.7 The use of masculine, feminine and neuter pronouns and the singular and plural shall be  
63 used interchangeably, except where another meaning is required by the context.  
64  
65

66 ARTICLE III  
67

- 68 3.1 Rules of Order. In all instances, when not inconsistent with the provisions of these  
69 Bylaws, the most recent revision of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall  
70 govern the conduct of all meetings of the Central Committee and the meetings of all  
71 Committees and Boards a part thereof.  
72  
73 3.2 Video and Audio Recording. The Republican Party is a private association. In all of  
74 its meetings, participants and guests should be respectful of those in attendance and of the  
75 activities being conducted. If the use of video or audio recording devices is disruptive, the  
76 Chair of the meeting may establish such reasonable restrictions upon the placement and

77 operation of video and audio devices as the Chair deems appropriate to ensure the  
78 orderly conduct of the meeting. Those who refuse to comply with the Chair's direction  
79 may be removed from meeting. Any meeting may, by majority vote, elect to bar video  
80 or tape recording from its proceedings.

81  
82 3.3 Conflict of Interest. The elected officers and employees of the KCGOP shall not be  
83 beneficially interested in any contract, other than an employment contract with the  
84 KCGOP, unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Elected Officers.

85  
86 ARTICLE IV

87  
88 4.1 Quorums for Transaction of Business. After the adoption of these Bylaws, except  
89 as hereinafter provided, twenty (20) percent of the members authorized to attend  
90 any meeting of the Central Committee, District Caucus, District ratification  
91 meeting, Candidate Selection Committee called pursuant to Article 18 or  
92 Convention shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, PROVIDED  
93 that at any County Convention once a quorum has been established, the quorum to  
94 complete the convention's business shall be a majority of those delegates present at  
95 the time of the adoption of the initially approved credentials committee report.  
96 Except as hereinafter provided, a majority of the members of any other committee  
97 of the Central Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

98  
99 ARTICLE V

100  
101 5.1 County Chairman. The County Chairman is the chief executive officer of the Central  
102 Committee, and as such is responsible for Republican Party activities in King  
103 County. He shall be ex officio a member of all standing committees and ad hoc  
104 committees. He shall be first proxy for any member of the Executive Board.

105  
106 5.2 Appointments and Removals. The County Chairman shall appoint a County Secretary  
107 and a County Treasurer. He is empowered to create, from among the Republican  
108 electors of King County, committees as provided herein and such other committees as  
109 he deems advisable, and to appoint the members and chairmen thereof. Except as  
110 otherwise provided herein, the County Chairman shall have the discretionary power to  
111 remove from office any person appointed by him or his appointee to any party office.

112  
113 5.3 Finance. In the name and on behalf of the Republican Party of King County, the  
114 County Chairman shall have the sole power and it shall be his duty to solicit and  
115 receive funds. He shall exercise the power and discharge this duty, either personally  
116 or through any representative or representatives appointed by him for that purpose. He  
117 shall transmit all funds to the Treasurer.

118  
119 5.3.1 It shall be the responsibility of the County Chairman, subject to the limitations of the  
120 budget, to direct the allocation and apportionment of funds, activities, campaigns, and  
121 agencies dependent in whole or in part upon funds raised in King County for their  
122 support. Expenses shall not be incurred except in accordance with the last sentence of

123 Section 14.3.2.  
124 5.3.2 The County Chairman shall be responsible for preparation and written  
125 presentation of a Finance Report to be given at the biennial organizational  
126 meeting. The Finance Report shall include a Balance Sheet as of November 30  
127 and a Statement of Profit and Loss for the current year to date through  
128 November 30 together with a schedule of accounts payable and other accrued  
129 liabilities. The statement shall be prepared on a basis consistent with the  
130 monthly reports.

131  
132 5.4 Meetings. The County Chairman shall preside as Chairman of the Advisory Board,  
133 Executive Committee and at such other meetings as are appropriate to his office.  
134 He shall preside as Temporary Chairman at conventions and biennial  
135 organizational meetings until a Permanent Chairman of each such meeting or  
136 convention shall be elected.

137  
138 5.5 Term of Office. The County Chairman shall serve during the period of time between  
139 his election and the election of his successor at the next biennial organizational  
140 meeting, unless his office shall be sooner vacant, as provided in Article XVI herein.

141  
142 ARTICLE VI

143  
144 6.1 County Vice Chairmen. There shall be two Vice Chairmen, who shall be of opposite  
145 sexes. The Vice Chairman of the sex opposite that of the Chairman shall be the Senior  
146 Vice Chairman. It shall be the duty of the County Vice Chairmen to assist and advise  
147 the County Chairman in promoting Party activities. The Senior Vice Chairman shall  
148 exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the County Chairman in his  
149 absence. In the event that there shall be a vacancy in the office of County Chairman,  
150 the Senior Vice Chairman shall, as acting Chairman, exercise the powers and perform  
151 the duties of that office until the vacancy shall cease to exist. The Vice Chairmen shall  
152 perform such further duties as assigned by the County Chairman. The second Vice  
153 Chairman shall act in the event of absence or vacancy of both Chairman and Senior  
154 Vice Chairman.

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156  
157 ARTICLE VII

158  
159 7.1 Representation to the Republican State Committee. The Central Committee shall be  
160 represented in the governing bodies of the Republican State Committee of Washington  
161 as defined by the bylaws of that body.

162  
163 7.2 Representatives to the State Executive Board. Executive Board Members shall be  
164 elected so that there will be one male and one female member residing at the time of  
165 election in each of Region Seven (Congressional District Seven), Region Eight  
166 (Consisting of Congressional District One AND Congressional District Eight), and  
167 Region Nine (Congressional District Nine). The representatives shall perform such  
168 duties as pertain to the office of a representative to the State Executive Board.  
169



170 7.3 State Committeeman and State Committeewoman. The State Committeeman and State  
171 Committeewoman shall be elected from the members of the State Executive Board and  
172 shall also serve as members of the Republican State Committee and shall exercise such  
173 powers and duties as pertain to their offices.

174  
175 7.4 Additional Duties. The State Committee members and the Representatives to the  
176 State Executive Board shall also serve as members of the County Advisory Board  
177 and the County Executive Committee. It shall be their responsibility to report to the  
178 County Chairman, the County Executive Committee and the County Central  
179 Committee upon the activities of the State Committee and the State Executive  
180 Board. They shall in addition perform such further duties as reasonably may be  
181 assigned to them by the County Chairman.

182  
183 7.5 Effect of Reapportionment of State Executive Board. In the event that the bylaws of the  
184 Republican State Committee of Washington shall be amended to reduce the number of  
185 representatives from King County to the State Executive Board, the Elected Officers of  
186 the Central Committee shall determine which of the members of the State Executive  
187 Committee elected pursuant to these bylaws shall continue to serve; provided that, in  
188 any event, the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman shall continue to serve  
189 on the State Executive Board; and provided further that the members elected by the  
190 central committee shall nevertheless continue to have all the responsibilities and duties  
191 established by these bylaws. In the event that the bylaws of the Republican State  
192 Committee of Washington shall be amended to increase the number of representatives  
193 from King County to the State Executive Board, the King County Executive Committee  
194 shall elect an individual or individuals to serve in the positions until the next  
195 Organization Meeting.

196  
197 ARTICLE VIII

198  
199 8.1 Secretary. A Secretary shall be appointed by the County Chairman. The Secretary  
200 shall be responsible for the minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and the  
201 Executive Committee, and shall perform such further duties as the County Chairman  
202 shall assign.

203  
204 ARTICLE IX

205  
206 9.1 County Treasurer. A Treasurer shall be appointed by the County Chairman with the  
207 concurrence of a majority of the Budget Committee. The Treasurer shall be the  
208 custodian of all funds of the Central Committee. He shall keep records of receipts and  
209 disbursements and shall disburse funds only on the order of the County Chairman  
210 within the approved budget. A Deputy who shall be responsible to the County  
211 Treasurer and be subject to the same restrictions as the County Treasurer may be  
212 appointed by the County Chairman with the concurrence of a majority of the Budget  
213 Committee. The Deputy Treasurer may be designated a signer on bank accounts and  
214 may sign checks as directed by the Treasurer in his absence. The treasurer shall be an  
215 ex officio non-voting member of the Audit Committee.

216

- 217 9.2 Reports and Records. The Treasurer shall cause to be filed accurate and timely  
 218 reports with the Public Disclosure Commission and other applicable regulatory  
 219 bodies. He shall submit to the County Chairman and the Executive Committee  
 220 monthly financial statements together with such other reports as the Executive  
 221 Committee may request.
- 222 9.3 Bonding Requirement. The Treasurer shall procure a fidelity bond or policy of fidelity  
 223 insurance, covering himself and all other officers, employees, and agents of the  
 224 Central Committee having access to or responsibility for its funds, such bond or  
 225 insurance policy to be issued by sureties or insurance companies approved by the  
 226 County Chairman and in such amounts as he deems appropriate.
- 227 9.4 Removal. The County Treasurer and/or the Deputy Treasurer may be removed by  
 228 the County Chairman with the concurrence of a majority of the Budget Committee.

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 230  
 231 ARTICLE X  
 232

- 233 10.1 County Credentials Chairman. The County Chairman shall appoint, subject to  
 234 approval by the Executive Committee, a County Credentials Chairman whose duty it  
 235 shall be, under his direction, to: (1) establish procedures insuring that only those  
 236 persons eligible under state law and these bylaws shall be seated at precinct and  
 237 district caucuses, county and state conventions, and at the meetings of the Central  
 238 Committee and the Candidate Selection Committee; (2) function as Credentials  
 239 Chairman from the county to any state meeting requiring accreditation of county  
 240 delegates except where a county Convention has elected a Credentials Chairman to  
 241 represent the county; and (3) chair a Credentials committee composed of one  
 242 representative from each of King County's Legislative Districts, these to be  
 243 nominated by the District Chairman and appointed by the County Chairman, which  
 244 shall serve as the Credentials Committee for all meetings and conventions of the  
 245 Central Committee The County Credentials Committee shall perform such duties as  
 246 may reasonably be assigned by the County Chairman or the County Credentials  
 247 Chairman. The County Credentials Chairman may be removed by the County  
 248 Chairman with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee.

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 250 ARTICLE XI  
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252 District Organizations  
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- 254 11.1 District Chairman – Appointment and Ratification.  
 255
- 256 11.1.1 The District Chairman shall be a registered voter and resident of the Legislative district  
 257 in which he serves and shall be appointed by the County Chairman, subject to  
 258 ratification by a majority of the Precinct Committee Officers from the district who are  
 259 present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose by the County Chairman and  
 260 held within thirty  
 261 (30) days of the occurrence of the vacancy or sixty (60) days after the biennial  
 262 organization meeting, whichever is later. A meeting called for ratification of a

263 District Chairman shall be held within the legislative district affected or at the usual  
264 and customary location of district meetings.  
265

266 11.1.2 Written notice of the time, place and purpose of any meeting called under section 11.1  
267 or 11.2 shall be given to all Precinct Committee Officers eligible to vote, not less than ten  
268 (10) days in advance of the meeting. If the purpose of the meeting is ratification of  
269 District Chairman, the notice shall include the name of the County Chairman’s nominee.  
270 The County Chairman, or his designee, shall preside over any meeting called under  
271 Section 11.1 or 11.2.  
272

273

274 11.1.3 In the event that a quorum is not present, ratification shall be considered accomplished  
275 by default. If the appointee is not ratified, the County Chairman may appoint an  
276 alternate nominee, without prior notice, subject to ratification by a majority of the  
277 Precinct Committee Officers present and eligible to vote at that meeting.  
278

279 11.1.4 If no appointee is ratified at the initial meeting, then within forty (40) days a meeting  
280 shall be held to consider the Chairman’s next appointee, subject to the notice and  
281 ratification procedures of this Section. In the event a quorum is not present,  
282 ratification shall be considered accomplished by default.  
283

284 11.2 District Chair Election by Precinct Committee Officers in Absence of Ratification. If  
285 the appointee is not ratified at the meeting held under Section 11.1.4, then those  
286 Precinct Committee Officers present and eligible to vote shall immediately elect a  
287 District Chairman or recess the meeting after setting a date for a meeting to elect a  
288 new District Chairman. The date of that meeting shall be at least fourteen (14) but not  
289 more than twenty-one (21) days from the date of the recessed meeting. If a quorum to  
290 ratify under Section 11.1.4 is present at the beginning of this meeting, a quorum shall  
291 be deemed to be established for the whole meeting.  
292

293 11.3 District Chairman – Removal. A District Chairman may be removed by the action of  
294 the County Chairman for any reason, and the County Chairman shall appoint a  
295 replacement District Chairman within thirty (30) days, in accordance with Sections  
296 11.1 and 11.2. In addition, the County Chairman shall convene a meeting to consider  
297 removal of a District Chairman within thirty (30) days after receipt of a petition calling  
298 for the removal of the District Chairman signed by one-third of the Precinct  
299 Committee Officers eligible to vote thereon. A quorum for this meeting shall be fifty  
300 (50) percent of the Precinct Committee Officers eligible to vote. A two-thirds vote  
301 shall be required for removal.  
302

303 11.4 District Chairman – Duties. The District Chairman shall be the chief Central  
304 Committee Officer within the Legislative District.  
305

306 11.4.1 To the extent practicable, the District Chairman shall appoint:  
307 (A) One or more Vice Chairmen.  
308 (B) One Area Chairman for each area in the District. The total number of areas

- 309 shall normally be approximately one for every ten (10) precincts in the  
310 District.
- 311 (C) Regional Chairmen as deemed necessary and desirable. The number of  
312 regions shall normally not exceed one for every forty (40) precincts in the  
313 district.
- 314 (D) Such committee chairman as he may deem necessary.  
315
- 316 11.4.2 The District Chairman may nominate:
- 317 (A) Precinct Committee Officers and Precinct Chairman in vacant precincts to  
318 be appointed by the County Chairman, subject to the provisions of Section  
319 XII.  
320
- 321 (B) A member of the County Candidates Committee to be appointed by the  
322 County Chairman.
- 323 (C) A member of the County Credentials Committee as provided in Article 10.1.  
324
- 325 11.4.3 The District Chairman shall create such committees as he may deem advisable.  
326
- 327 11.4.4 The District Chairman shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee.  
328
- 329 11.4.5 The District Chairman shall preside as Temporary Chairman at all District Caucuses.  
330
- 331 11.4.6 The District Chairman shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the  
332 County Chairman. In the absence of a District Chairman, the County Chairman shall  
333 exercise all powers and duties of the District Chairman.  
334
- 335 11.5 Area and Regional Chairmen. Area and Regional Chairmen shall serve as deputies of  
336 the District Chairman. They shall also serve as members of the District Staff. They  
337 shall recommend, for nomination by the District Chairman, Precinct Committee  
338 Officers and Precinct Chairmen. They shall perform such other duties as shall be  
339 assigned to them by the District Chairman.  
340
- 341 11.6 Partial Districts. A Legislative District which has fewer than forty (40) precincts  
342 located in King County may be combined with an adjacent legislative district for all  
343 purposes under these bylaws; provided, however, that those precincts shall be treated  
344 as a separate district for any purpose required by state law or Washington State  
345 Republican Party bylaw or rule.  
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## ARTICLE XII

### Precinct Committee Officers and Chairmen

- 353 12.1 Elected Precinct Committee Officers. Precinct Committee Officers shall be elected to  
354 office in accordance with Ch 29A.80 RCW. When elected at the primary, the precinct

355 committee officer shall serve so long as the committee officer remains an eligible voter  
356 in that precinct. They are empowered to nominate Election Officials serving in the  
357 precinct and to appoint block captains and poll observers. They shall implement  
358 programs initiated by the County and District Chairmen. Each Precinct Committee  
359 Officer, or a registered voter of the precinct designated by him, shall preside at all  
360 precinct caucuses.

361  
362 12.2 Appointed Precinct Committee Officers. In the event a precinct is without an elected  
363 Precinct Committee Officer, the County Chairman may appoint a Precinct Committee  
364 Officer from among the registered voters resident herein. Such appointment shall be  
365 upon the recommendation of the District Chairman, provided that if the County  
366 Chairman shall propose an appointment to the District Chairman in writing and thirty  
367 (30) days shall have elapsed thereafter, and the District Chairman shall not have  
368 rejected the appointment, the County Chairman may make the appointment as though  
369 nomination and approval had been received. Upon receipt of a recommendation by the  
370 District Chairman, the County Chairman shall appoint or reject the recommendation  
371 within thirty (30) days, and shall notify the district Chairman and individual involved  
372 in writing. The appointed Precinct Committee Officer shall have all the powers and  
373 responsibilities of the elected Precinct Committee Officer except that he will not be a  
374 delegate to the biennial Central Committee organization meeting. He shall be eligible  
375 to vote at all other Central Committee meetings and District Meetings provided he was  
376 appointed at least sixty (60) days prior thereto. An appointed Precinct Committee  
377 Officer may not be removed by the County Chairman.

378  
379 12.3 Precinct Chairmen. Precinct Chairmen may be appointed by the County Chairman.  
380 They are not required to be residents or registered voters in the precincts in which they  
381 serve. They shall have all powers and responsibilities of Precinct Committee Officers  
382 except that they shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Central Committee or  
383 the District meetings provided for in Article XI, XV, XVII, or XVIII.

384  
385 12.4 Procedure for Determining Precinct Committee Officer Positions in Revised  
386 Precincts. Whenever precinct boundaries are revised or realigned, or precincts are  
387 consolidated or new precincts created, the following rules shall apply.

388  
389 12.4.1 If only one previously-elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officer resides in  
390 the new precinct boundaries, he shall serve as Precinct Committee Officer for the  
391 new precinct.

392  
393 12.4.2 If two or more previously-elected Precinct Committee Officers reside in the new  
394 precinct boundaries they may agree on who will serve, or determine by lot who shall  
395 serve.

396  
397 12.4.3 If a previously-elected Precinct Committee Officer and an appointed Precinct  
398 Committee Officer reside in the new precinct boundaries, the elected Precinct  
399 Committee Officer shall serve.

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401 12.4.4 If two or more appointed Precinct Committee Officers reside in the new  
402 precinct boundaries they may agree on who will serve, or determine by lot who  
403 shall serve.

404  
405 12.4.5 If two or more Precinct Chairmen shall reside in the new precinct boundaries, the  
406 District Chairman shall, with sixty days, recommend who will serve in the new  
407 precinct.  
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### 410 ARTICLE XIII

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412 13.1 Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall be comprised of all elected officers of the  
413 Central Committee, and not more than four other members appointed to this Board by  
414 the County Chairman. This Board shall assist the County Chairman in the  
415 development and establishment of Party programs and perform such other duties as he  
416 may assign. The Board may act in place of the Executive Committee between  
417 meetings of the Executive Committee. In addition, the Board may act by a telephonic  
418 meeting; alternatively it may act by unanimous written consent. Any such action taken  
419 shall be reported at the next meeting of the Executive Committee for any action it  
420 deems appropriate.  
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### 423 ARTICLE XIV

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#### 425 Committees

426

427 14.1 Executive Committee. To assist the County Chairman in execution of his duties, there  
428 shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the County Chairman, other elected  
429 officers of the Central Committee, and Legislative District Chairmen. The Committee  
430 shall meet on the call of the County Chairman at least every two months. One-third of  
431 the members of the Executive Committee shall have the authority to call a meeting of  
432 the Executive Committee on five days' notice. Between sessions of the Central  
433 Committee, the Executive Committee shall have the powers of the Central Committee  
434 except those relative to election and removal of officers and amendment to these  
435 Bylaws. No action may be taken by the Executive Committee which is contrary to the  
436 express actions previously taken by the Central Committee. At Executive Committee  
437 meetings, in the absence of a District Chairman, the District Vice Chairman shall have  
438 the right to vote as proxy of the Chairman. In the event of absence of both the District  
439 Chairman and Vice Chairman, the District Chairman may designate another member of  
440 the District staff as his proxy.

441

442 14.2 Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the  
443 County Chairman.

444

445 14.3 Budget Committee. A Budget Committee, appointed by the County Chairman,  
446 consisting of the Finance Chairman, one other member of the Finance Committee, two  
elected officeholders elected from King County who are Republicans, two District

447 Chairmen elected by the Executive Committee, and the elected officers of the King  
448 County Central Committee, shall be established and maintained by the county  
449 organization. The County Treasurer shall serve on the Committee as an ex officio non-  
450 voting member. The Chairman of the committee shall be selected from its membership  
451 by the County Chairman.

452  
453 14.3.1 Within sixty days after his election, and prior to the beginning of the second year of  
454 his term, the County Chairman shall prepare and present to the Budget Committee  
455 his budget for the ensuing year. Until the budget is adopted, only essential operating  
456 expenses shall be incurred or paid. The budget shall be subject to review by the  
457 Budget Committee and shall not be effective until approved by the Budget  
458 Committee. Once adopted, the Budget Committee shall meet quarterly to review  
459 and, if necessary, adjust budget line items. Expenses shall not be incurred until the  
460 money is in hand except upon prior approval of the Budget Committee and the  
461 Executive Committee.

462  
463 14.3.2 No expenditure outside of the budget shall be made unless approval has first been  
464 obtained from the Budget committee. Transfer may be made by the Treasurer from  
465 one item in the budget to another after approval by the Budget Committee. Vouchers,  
466 signed by the County Chairman, shall be required for all funds of the Central  
467 Committee spent for any purpose. No individual or committee shall make  
468 commitments for funds without the approval of the County Chairman or his delegate,  
469 nor shall the County Chairman approve expenditures not included in the approved  
470 budget without first obtaining approval of the Budget Committee.

471  
472 14.4 Candidates Committee. The County Chairman may appoint a committee or  
473 committees, as appropriate, to recruit candidates for partisan or non-partisan office.

474  
475 14.4.1 The responsibilities of a Candidates Committee are:

- 476 (a) To identify and encourage responsible and appealing Republican  
477 candidates to run for public office.  
478 (b) To assist the County Chairman, Legislative District organizations and  
479 candidates with campaign procedures, programs, facilities, scheduling  
480 and related matters.

481  
482 14.4.2 Vacancies on Election Ballots. In the event a vacancy on the ballot shall occur  
483 through non-filing or other cause which under chapter 29A.28 RCW it is the  
484 prerogative of the Central Committee to fill, the power may be exercised by the  
485 Executive Committee, or between meetings of the Executive Committee, by the  
486 Advisory Board, or between meetings of the Advisory Board by the County  
487 Chairman.

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489 14.4.3 The King County Republican Party shall not endorse or provide any assistance to a  
490 person running for elected office that has publicly identified themselves as a  
491 member of another political party.  
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494 14.5 An Audit Committee, appointed by the elected officers of the Central Committee,  
495 consisting of one District Chair, one elected officer of the King County Central  
496 Committee and one ~~county central committee officer~~Precinct Committee Officer~~ier~~  
497 shall be established. The Budget Committee Chair and the Treasurer shall serve  
498 as ex officio non-voting members. The Audit Committee shall periodically  
499 review the books and records of the Central Committee. The Audit Committee  
500 shall report to the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee and shall make  
501 recommendations on matters relating to financial controls and are empowered to  
502 make recommendations to the Advisory Board for a professional external review  
503 by a Certified Public Accountant. The Audit Committee must meet not less  
504 frequently than quarterly. Voting members of the Audit Committee may be  
505 removed by a majority vote of the elected officers of the Central Committee.  
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507 14.6 Other Committees. The County Chairman shall have the authority to establish  
508 other committees he deems necessary for the successful execution of his assigned  
509 responsibilities.  
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## 511 ARTICLE XV

### 512 Election, Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers of the Central Committee.

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516 15.1 Election. The County Chairman, County Vice Chairmen, the Representatives to the  
517 State Executive Board, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, ~~the~~  
518 ~~Representatives to the State Executive Board~~, shall be elected in that order by the  
519 Central Committee at its biennial organizational meeting. Election for each office shall  
520 be by a simple majority of those members of the Central Committee eligible to vote  
521 and voting for each such office.  
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523 15.1.1 Proxy votes shall not be allowed.  
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526 15.2 Vacancies and Removals. If the Chairman, a Vice Chairman or representative to the  
527 State Executive Board shall die, resign, hold or assume a salaried elective public  
528 office, become a candidate for a ~~n~~-elective public office as defined by RCW  
529 42.17A.005. or cease to be an elector within King County, Washington, that office  
530 shall thereupon be vacant. If it shall be intended to remove any officer, a meeting of  
531 the Central Committee for such purpose may be called or convened through  
532 procedures provided for in Article XVII of these Bylaws. The officer sought to be  
533 removed shall be given full and fair opportunity to present evidence and argument in  
534 his own behalf. Fifty (50) percent of the members authorized to vote on removal shall  
535 constitute a quorum for the consideration of removal. Removal may be for any cause  
536 which the Committee shall deem sufficient and shall require an affirmative vote of  
537 two-thirds of the members present and voting.  
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539 15.3 Filling of Vacancies. Not more than twenty (20) days following the occurrence of a



540 vacancy in the Office of County Chairman, the Senior County Vice Chairman as  
541 Chairman, shall cause to be mailed to each member of the Central Committee a notice  
542 of a meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of filling such vacancy,  
543 providing notice of not less than fourteen (14) days and not more than thirty (30) days.  
544 Such notice shall fix a place and time for the Central Committee meeting. At such  
545 meeting the Senior County Vice Chairman as Chairman, shall preside. Vacancies in  
546 other elective Party offices shall be filled by election by the Executive Committee.

## 547 548 ARTICLE XVI

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550 16.1 Biennial Organization Meeting and Special Meetings. Following each biennial  
551 election at which Precinct Committee Officers are elected, a Biennial Organization  
552 Meeting shall be called to meet on either the first or second Saturday of the following  
553 December. The County Chairman shall cause written notice to be ~~mailed~~issued to  
554 each member of the Central Committee a notice fixing a place and time for the  
555 meeting not less than ten (10) or more than thirty (30) days after mailing of the notice.  
556 The call shall also include notice that advance copies of the proposed rules and  
557 bylaws shall be posted on the Central Committee's website and available for purchase  
558 at the Central Committee's office at cost not less than one week before the meeting.  
559 Such meeting shall be held in accord with the purposes set forth in RCW 29A.80.030.  
560 The Credentials Committee and the Rules Committee for such meeting shall be  
561 appointed by the County Chairman. ~~the respective committees selected for the~~  
562 ~~immediately prior County Convention pursuant to Section 17.4.1.~~ The County  
563 Chairman shall open the meeting, which shall thereupon elect by a simple majority of  
564 those voting, a Chairman for the meeting. Following this the meeting shall consider  
565 and adopt, by a simple majority vote, its agenda, rules and regulations. Upon the  
566 convening of the Organization meeting, these Bylaws shall lapse.

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568 16.2 Special meetings of the Central Committee may be called at any time by the County  
569 Chairman or the Executive Committee on two weeks' notice and the call shall state  
570 the purpose of the meeting. A special meeting shall be called by the County Chairman  
571 upon receipt by him of a petition therefor, signed by at least twenty (20) per cent of  
572 the total number of Precinct Committee Officers in King County and shall be held  
573 within thirty days after receipt of the petition. The County Chairman shall preside as  
574 Chairman of all such meetings, except that in the case of any meeting called for  
575 removal of the Chairman, the Senior Vice Chairman shall serve as temporary  
576 chairman of the meeting.

## 577 578 ARTICLE XVII

579  
580 17.1 Conventions and Caucuses. The County Chairman shall provide for precinct  
581 caucuses, legislative district caucuses, and a county convention in accordance with the  
582 Bylaws, the rules of the Republican State Committee, and the laws of the State of  
583 Washington.

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585 Wherever this Article is inconsistent with the rules of the Republican State

586 Committee governing the selection of delegates to the state convention, the County  
587 Chairman shall hold caucuses and convention in accordance with the state rules. For  
588 the purposes of caucuses and conventions this section is expressly made subject to  
589 the applicable state rules and applicable state law.

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591 17.2 Precinct Caucuses. The County Chairman shall call for the precinct caucuses to be  
592 held in each precinct in King County for the purpose of electing delegates to the  
593 legislative district caucuses and to the county convention. The Precinct Committee  
594 Officer, or a registered voter designated by him, shall preside as chairman. The rules  
595 and order of business shall be prescribed by the county Executive Committee,  
596 consistent with Washington State Republican Party rules.

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598 17.2.1 In any precinct where there is no Precinct Committee Officer or where the existing  
599 Precinct Committee Officer refuses or is unable to hold a caucus, any three  
600 registered voters designating themselves to be Republicans may petition the County  
601 Chairman to hold a precinct caucus for the Republican Party in the precinct in which  
602 they are registered. Such petition shall be verified under oath, signed by the  
603 petitioners, and designate one of the petitioners to be the temporary chairman of the  
604 caucus. It shall contain the proposed location of the precinct caucus. The temporary  
605 chairman designated in the first petition filed for each precinct shall be temporary  
606 chairman and shall perform the duties that are required of elected and appointed  
607 Precinct Committee Officers for that precinct caucus. Such petitions shall be filed  
608 not less than three weeks prior to the date of the precinct caucus. The County  
609 Chairman shall deliver to such temporary chairman the same precinct caucus  
610 materials as are delivered by him to Precinct Committees Officers. In cases where no  
611 petition is received, the County Chairman shall designate a location and temporary  
612 chairman for the caucus.

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614 17.3 Legislative District Caucuses. The County Chairman shall call and arrange for a  
615 Legislative district caucus within each legislative district in King County for the  
616 purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention of the Republican Party of the  
617 State of Washington, and for such other purposes as the Executive Committee shall  
618 prescribe. Automatic delegates and delegates elected at precinct caucuses shall be the  
619 sole delegates to the legislative district caucuses as provided by the rules of the  
620 Republican State Committee.

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622 17.4 County Convention. Following the legislative district caucuses, the County Chairman  
623 shall make arrangements for and call a King County Republican Convention to be held  
624 at a convenient time and place prior to the next Republican State Convention. All  
625 persons who are delegates to the legislative district caucuses shall be delegates to, and  
626 empowered to vote at, the county convention. The principal purpose of the county  
627 convention shall be the adoption of a platform and resolutions, the election of county  
628 representatives to state convention committees and the election of delegates to the  
629 state convention, if not accomplished prior thereto at district caucuses.

630 17.4.1 In January of each even year, each Legislative District shall, on ten (10) days written  
631 or email notice convene a meeting of Precinct Committee Officers. The District

632 Chairman shall nominate one member and one alternate for the platform and  
633 resolutions, and rules committees of the County Convention, subject to ratification  
634 by the Precinct Committee Officers in attendance. If a quorum is absent, ratification  
635 shall be accomplished by default. If one or more of the nominees are rejected, the  
636 Precinct Committee Officers present shall immediately elect the member or alternate  
637 for each position where the District Chairman's nominee has been rejected.  
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639 17.4.2 The credentials, platform and resolutions, and rules and order of business committees  
640 shall meet before the county convention. The Chairmen of said committees shall be  
641 appointed by the County Chairman. Copies of (1) the proposed rules and order of  
642 business and of (2) the proposed platform and resolutions shall be made available to  
643 all delegates at the county convention upon registration at the convention. Advance  
644 copies of the proposed platform and rules and order of business shall be available to  
645 delegates for purchase at cost at the Central Committee's office and by email upon  
646 request not less than one week prior to the convention.  
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648 17.4.3 The report of the Platform and Resolution Committee shall consist of a platform and  
649 such resolutions as the committee may desire to report. Additional resolutions and  
650 platform planks may be considered from the floor of the convention. The platform  
651 shall be the official position of the Republican Party in King County. Each section  
652 shall contain a single subject and shall require an affirmative vote of sixty (60)  
653 percent for approval. Resolutions shall represent the opinion of the delegates to the  
654 convention and shall require a majority vote for approval. Any plank defeated for the  
655 platform may be considered as a resolution.  
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657 17.4.4 The County Chairman shall call the convention to order as the temporary chairman.  
658 At all caucuses and conventions, the unit rule shall not be permitted. All business  
659 shall be governed by most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised,  
660 except where they are inconsistent with these bylaws, or with specific rules adopted  
661 for precinct caucuses and legislative district caucuses as announced by the county  
662 Executive Committee or as adopted by the legislative District caucus or county  
663 convention as part of their organizational procedure.  
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## 666 ARTICLE XVIII

667  
668 18.1 Filling of Vacancies in Elective Office. Whenever a vacancy shall occur or be about to  
669 occur (as evidenced by a notice from the officeholder to the Chairman) in a public  
670 office, to which, by law, the Central Committee is entitled to make nominations for a  
671 replacement, the County Chairman shall appoint a Candidate Selection Committee  
672 which shall consider all candidates making themselves known. The Committee shall  
673 determine its procedures, subject to Section 18.4 below, and shall act with all  
674 reasonable dispatch, having regard for both the desirability of notice and the  
675 desirability of a prompt filling of the vacancy.  
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677 18.2 Consultations. The County Chairman shall consult with the Advisory Board, the

678 District Chairman and the incumbent legislators from the district and shall endeavor to  
679 assure that at least three candidates are available for consideration by the Candidate  
680 Selection Committee.

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682 18.3 Composition of Committee. The Candidate Selection Committee shall consist  
683 of the Precinct Committee Officers of the constituency of the vacant office,  
684 all the Legislative District Chairmen residing within the constituency, all  
685 incumbent Republican legislators and other Republican officials holding  
686 elective partisan offices and residing within the constituency, the outgoing  
687 officeholder if available, and the elected officers of the Central Committee.  
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689 18.4 Procedure. The Committee shall select by majority vote its first choice for filling the  
690 vacancy. It shall then by separate ballot select, by majority vote, its second choice and  
691 it shall then by separate ballot select, by majority vote, its third choice. The report of  
692 the committee shall list in order of preference the three candidates to be submitted for  
693 filling the vacancy.

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695 ARTICLE XIX

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697 Formal Sanctions.  
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699 19.1 Principles for Imposing Sanctions. Egregious, flagrant and continued violations of the  
700 Fundamental Principles of Republican Conduct that risk doing damage to the  
701 Republican Party may be appropriate cases for imposition of formal sanctions under  
702 this Article.  
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704 19.2 Resolution of Formal Repudiation. A Resolution of Formal Repudiation may be  
705 proposed and adopted in accord with the following procedures. (a) The Elected  
706 Officers of the Central Committee, acting as a committee, shall develop and propose  
707 the Resolution, which shall specify the activities being repudiated in sufficient detail to  
708 allow a response;  
709 (b) the proposed resolution shall be provided to the individual or organization that is  
710 the subject of the resolution, together with notice of the meeting at which the  
711 resolution shall be considered, which shall be not less than ten days from the date  
712 notice was provided,  
713 (c) the individual, or representative of organization, shall be entitled to be present at  
714 the meeting of the Executive Committee considering the resolution and shall have a  
715 full and reasonable opportunity to present his reasons in opposition to the resolution,  
716 (d) the Executive Committee shall vote on the resolution by recorded vote, and (e)  
717 passage shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and  
718 voting.  
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720 19.2.1 Any adopted Resolution of Formal Repudiation shall be communicated as the  
721 Chairman or Executive Committee shall determine.  
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723 19.3 Denial of Good Standing Status. Precinct Committee Officers and other Republican

724 party activists may be denied the status of “good standing” by the action of the Elected  
725 Officers of the Central Committee acting as a committee pursuant to the following  
726 procedures; (a) a written complaint signed by a Precinct Committee Officer shall be  
727 presented to the Elected Officers who shall consider whether the complaint justifies  
728 further investigation, which decision shall be communicated to the complainant, (b) if  
729 so, the Elected Officers shall appoint a fact-finding committee, consisting of not less  
730 than three individuals who shall investigate the charges and make findings of fact  
731 germane to the charges, (c) the fact-finding committee shall provide the individual who  
732 is the subject of their investigation with a copy of the complaint and shall provide the  
733 individual with an opportunity to meet with them and provide evidence, (d) the fact-  
734 finding committee shall engage in reasonable efforts to receive evidence from other  
735 individuals who may have relevant knowledge, (e) the fact-finding committee shall  
736 provide a written report of its conclusions to the Elected Officers, (f) a copy of the report  
737 shall be shall be provided to the individual who is the subject of the complaint, together  
738 with notice of the meeting at which the report shall be received and considered, which  
739 shall be not less than ten days from the date notice was provided, (g) the individual shall  
740 be entitled to be present when the Elected Officers meet to receive and consider the  
741 resolution and shall have a full and reasonable opportunity to present his reasons in  
742 opposition to the resolution, (h), The Elected Officers shall consider the report and by  
743 motion, vote by recorded vote to determine whether the individual shall be determined  
744 to be not in good standing, (i) passage shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of  
745 the total number of Elected Officers.

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747 19.3.1 A Precinct Committee Officer who has failed to vote, as reflected in the records of the  
748 King County Elections office in the primary and general election of the even numbered  
749 year preceding the Organization meeting shall not be in “good standing.” At any meeting  
750 where a credentials committee has been appointed, the credentials committee may for  
751 good cause shown, recommend the seating of the Precinct Committee Officer not  
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755 19.3.24 -Any individual found not to be in good standing with the King County Republican  
756 Central Committee shall have no further voting rights in any meeting of the Central  
757 Committee, or any of its constituent parts such as Legislative Districts and committees,  
758 shall be ineligible to hold a precinct caucus or to serve as an automatic or elected  
759 delegate to the King County Republican Convention, or any District Conventions, shall  
760 be ineligible to be elected to represent King County Republicans at any convention  
761 called by the Republican State Committee of Washington, and shall be ineligible to  
762 serve on any other committee established by or under the authority of the Central  
763 Committee. These disabilities shall survive a subsequent election or reelection of the  
764 individual as a Precinct Committee Officer and shall last for a period of not less than  
765 two years, nor longer than six years, as determined by the resolution of the Elected  
766 Officers, and which may be reduced by subsequent action of a majority of the Elected  
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ARTICLE XX

20.1 Amending the Bylaws. The Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Central Committee by a two-thirds majority vote of the committee present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments has been included in the notice of the meeting. This provision does not apply to the adoption of the bylaws at the biennial organization meeting, which shall be accomplished by a majority vote.

The foregoing amended Bylaws were presented for adoption at the Central Committee meeting on December ~~83~~, 201~~86~~.

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