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1                                    KING COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS

2    Fundamental Principles of Republican Conduct

3                    The King County Republican Central Committee is a private political organization  
4 devoted to advancing the policies and philosophies of the Republican Party. Participants in the  
5 activities of the King County Republican Central Committee acknowledge and adhere to the  
6 following principles of conduct.

7                    A.     The Republican Party Encourages Free Discussion and Debate.

8                    The Republican Party grows stronger through vigorous discussion and debate about  
9 the philosophies and policies our party should advance to govern our society. Through  
10 open discussion, the majority will, over time, adopt the soundest policies for our party and  
11 nation.

12                   B.     The Republican Party is A Party Open to All.

13                   We welcome every individual who seeks to join with us in advancing the principles of  
14 our party. We recognize that men and women of good faith can, do and will disagree on  
15 issues of public importance.

16                   C.     Republicans Conduct Ourselves With Mutual Respect.

17                   Republicans conduct themselves with respect toward all who seek to participate within  
18 our party, and carry on our party activities and debates without ad hominem attacks, personal  
19 vituperation or conduct which may appear verbally or physically threatening or intimidating.

20                   D.   Participants Accept the Duty to Facilitate Orderly Conduct of Meetings.

21                   The Republican Party involves our volunteers in decision-making through a variety of  
22 committee, district, and countywide meetings. By participating in the Republican Party,  
23 activists agree to advocate for their viewpoints, as vigorously as desired, with respect for the  
24 other participants, and with respect for the process by which the organization moves forward  
25 to reach a majority decision.

26                   E.   Republican Activists Avoid Abusive Confrontations.

27                   The obligation of any person who participates in Republican Party activities is to do  
28 so with respect. Therefore, avoidance of abusive confrontations and of implied or overt  
29 physical confrontations is an absolute duty.

30 ARTICLE I  
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- 32 1.1 Central Committee. The King County Republican Central Committee shall consist of all  
33 Republican Precinct Committee Officers of King County.  
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36 ARTICLE II

37  
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.  
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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  
102 Central Committee, and as such is responsible for Republican Party activities in  
103 King County. He shall be ex officio a member of all standing committees and ad  
104 hoc 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  
125 5.3.2 The County Chairman shall be responsible for preparation and written  
126 presentation of a Finance Report to be given at the biennial organizational  
127 meeting. The Finance Report shall include a Balance Sheet as of November 30  
128 and a Statement of Profit and Loss for the current year to date through  
129 November 30 together with a schedule of accounts payable and other accrued  
130 liabilities. The statement shall be prepared on a basis consistent with the  
131 monthly reports.

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

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

142  
143 ARTICLE VI

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

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158 ARTICLE VII

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

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



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

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

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

197  
198 ARTICLE VIII

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

204  
205 ARTICLE IX

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

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

230  
231  
232 ARTICLE X  
233

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

250  
251 ARTICLE XI  
252

253 District Organizations  
254

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

263 organization meeting, whichever is later. A meeting called for ratification of a  
264 District Chairman shall be held within the legislative district affected or at the usual  
265 and customary location of district meetings.  
266

267 11.1.2 Written notice of the time, place and purpose of any meeting called under section 11.1  
268 or 11.2 shall be given to all Precinct Committee Officers eligible to vote, not less than ten  
269 (10) days in advance of the meeting. If the purpose of the meeting is ratification of  
270 District Chairman, the notice shall include the name of the County Chairman’s nominee.  
271 The County Chairman, or his designee, shall preside over any meeting called under  
272 Section 11.1 or 11.2.  
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 (B) A member of the County Candidates Committee to be appointed by the  
 321 County Chairman.
- 322 (C) A member of the County Credentials Committee as provided in Article 10.1.  
 323
- 324 11.4.3 The District Chairman shall create such committees as he may deem advisable.  
 325
- 326 11.4.4 The District Chairman shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee.  
 327
- 328 11.4.5 The District Chairman shall preside as Temporary Chairman at all District Caucuses.  
 329
- 330 11.4.6 The District Chairman shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the  
 331 County Chairman. In the absence of a District Chairman, the County Chairman shall  
 332 exercise all powers and duties of the District Chairman.  
 333
- 334 11.5 Area and Regional Chairmen. Area and Regional Chairmen shall serve as deputies of  
 335 the District Chairman. They shall also serve as members of the District Staff. They  
 336 shall recommend, for nomination by the District Chairman, Precinct Committee  
 337 Officers and Precinct Chairmen. They shall perform such other duties as shall be  
 338 assigned to them by the District Chairman.  
 339
- 340 11.6 Partial Districts. A Legislative District which has fewer than forty (40) precincts  
 341 located in King County may be combined with an adjacent legislative district for all  
 342 purposes under these bylaws; provided, however, that those precincts shall be treated  
 343 as a separate district for any purpose required by state law or Washington State  
 344 Republican Party bylaw or rule.  
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 346

347 ARTICLE XII

348 Precinct Committee Officers and  
 349 Chairmen  
 350  
 351

- 352 12.1 Elected Precinct Committee Officers. Precinct Committee Officers shall be elected to  
 353 office in accordance with Ch 29A.80 RCW. When elected at the primary, the precinct  
 354 committee officer shall serve so long as the committee officer remains an eligible voter

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

360  
361 12.2 Appointed Precinct Committee Officers. In the event a precinct is without an elected  
362 Precinct Committee Officer, the County Chairman may appoint a Precinct Committee  
363 Officer from among the registered voters resident herein. Such appointment shall be  
364 upon the recommendation of the District Chairman, provided that if the County  
365 Chairman shall propose an appointment to the District Chairman in writing and thirty  
366 (30) days shall have elapsed thereafter, and the District Chairman shall not have  
367 rejected the appointment, the County Chairman may make the appointment as though  
368 nomination and approval had been received. Upon receipt of a recommendation by the  
369 District Chairman, the County Chairman shall appoint or reject the recommendation  
370 within thirty (30) days, and shall notify the district Chairman and individual involved  
371 in writing. The appointed Precinct Committee Officer shall have all the powers and  
372 responsibilities of the elected Precinct Committee Officer except that he will not be a  
373 delegate to the biennial Central Committee organization meeting. He shall be eligible  
374 to vote at all other Central Committee meetings and District Meetings provided he was  
375 appointed at least sixty (60) days prior thereto. An appointed Precinct Committee  
376 Officer may not be removed by the County Chairman.

377  
378 12.3 Precinct Chairmen. Precinct Chairmen may be appointed by the County Chairman.  
379 They are not required to be residents or registered voters in the precincts in which they  
380 serve. They shall have all powers and responsibilities of Precinct Committee Officers  
381 except that they shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Central Committee or  
382 the District meetings provided for in Article XI, XV, XVII, or XVIII.

383  
384 12.4 Procedure for Determining Precinct Committee Officer Positions in Revised  
385 Precincts. Whenever precinct boundaries are revised or realigned, or precincts are  
386 consolidated or new precincts created, the following rules shall apply.

387  
388 12.4.1 If only one previously-elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officer resides in  
389 the new precinct boundaries, he shall serve as Precinct Committee Officer for the  
390 new precinct.

391  
392 12.4.2 If two or more previously-elected Precinct Committee Officers reside in the new  
393 precinct boundaries they may agree on who will serve, or determine by lot who shall  
394 serve.

395  
396 12.4.3 If a previously-elected Precinct Committee Officer and an appointed Precinct  
397 Committee Officer reside in the new precinct boundaries, the elected Precinct  
398 Committee Officer shall serve.

399  
400 12.4.4 If two or more appointed Precinct Committee Officers reside in the new

401 precinct boundaries they may agree on who will serve, or determine by lot who  
402 shall serve.

- 403  
404 12.4.5 If two or more Precinct Chairmen shall reside in the new precinct boundaries, the  
405 District Chairman shall, with sixty days, recommend who will serve in the new  
406 precinct.  
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408  
409 ARTICLE XIII  
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- 411 13.1 Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall be comprised of all elected officers of the  
412 Central Committee, and not more than four other members appointed to this Board by  
413 the County Chairman. This Board shall assist the County Chairman in the development  
414 and establishment of Party programs and perform such other duties as he may assign.  
415 The Board may act in place of the Executive Committee between meetings of the  
416 Executive Committee. In addition, the Board may act by a telephonic meeting;  
417 alternatively it may act by unanimous written consent. Any such action taken shall be  
418 reported at the next meeting of the Executive Committee for any action it deems  
419 appropriate.  
420

421 ARTICLE XIV  
422

423 Committees  
424

- 425 14.1 Executive Committee. To assist the County Chairman in execution of his duties, there  
426 shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the County Chairman, other elected  
427 officers of the Central Committee, and Legislative District Chairmen. The Committee  
428 shall meet on the call of the County Chairman at least every two months. One-third of  
429 the members of the Executive Committee shall have the authority to call a meeting of  
430 the Executive Committee on five days' notice. Between sessions of the Central  
431 Committee, the Executive Committee shall have the powers of the Central Committee  
432 except those relative to election and removal of officers and amendment to these  
433 Bylaws. No action may be taken by the Executive Committee which is contrary to the  
434 express actions previously taken by the Central Committee. At Executive Committee  
435 meetings, in the absence of a District Chairman, the District Vice Chairman shall have  
436 the right to vote as proxy of the Chairman. In the event of absence of both the District  
437 Chairman and Vice Chairman, the District Chairman may designate another member of  
438 the District staff as his proxy.  
439

- 440 14.2 Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the  
441 County Chairman.  
442

- 443 14.3 Budget Committee. A Budget Committee, appointed by the County Chairman,  
444 consisting of the Finance Chairman, one other member of the Finance Committee, two  
445 elected officeholders elected from King County who are Republicans, two District  
446 Chairmen elected by the Executive Committee, and the elected officers of the King

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

451  
452 14.3.1 Within sixty days after his election, and prior to the beginning of the second year of  
453 his term, the County Chairman shall prepare and present to the Budget Committee  
454 his budget for the ensuing year. Until the budget is adopted, only essential operating  
455 expenses shall be incurred or paid. The budget shall be subject to review by the  
456 Budget Committee and shall not be effective until approved by the Budget  
457 Committee. Once adopted, the Budget Committee shall meet quarterly to review  
458 and, if necessary, adjust budget line items. Expenses shall not be incurred until the  
459 money is in hand except upon prior approval of the Budget Committee and the  
460 Executive Committee.

461  
462 14.3.2 No expenditure outside of the budget shall be made unless approval has first been  
463 obtained from the Budget committee. Transfer may be made by the Treasurer from  
464 one item in the budget to another after approval by the Budget Committee. Vouchers,  
465 signed by the County Chairman, shall be required for all funds of the Central  
466 Committee spent for any purpose. No individual or committee shall make  
467 commitments for funds without the approval of the County Chairman or his delegate,  
468 nor shall the County Chairman approve expenditures not included in the approved  
469 budget without first obtaining approval of the Budget Committee.

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

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474 14.4.1 The responsibilities of a Candidates Committee are:  
475 (a) To identify and encourage responsible and appealing Republican  
476 candidates to run for public office.  
477 (b) To assist the County Chairman, Legislative District organizations and  
478 candidates with campaign procedures, programs, facilities, scheduling  
479 and related matters.

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

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488 14.4.3 The King County Republican Party shall not endorse or provide any assistance to a  
489 person running for elected office that publicly identifies themselves as a member of  
490 another political party.

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493 14.5 An Audit Committee, appointed by the elected officers of the Central Committee,  
494 consisting of one District Chair, one elected officer of the King County Central  
495 Committee and one Precinct Committee Officer shall be established. The Budget  
496 Committee Chair and the Treasurer shall serve as ex officio non-voting members.  
497 The Audit Committee shall periodically review the books and records of the  
498 Central Committee. The Audit Committee shall report to the Advisory Board and  
499 the Executive Committee and shall make recommendations on matters relating to  
500 financial controls and are empowered to make recommendations to the Advisory  
501 Board for a professional external review by a Certified Public Accountant. The  
502 Audit Committee must meet not less frequently than quarterly. Voting members  
503 of the Audit Committee may be removed by a majority vote of the elected  
504 officers of the Central Committee.  
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506 14.6 Other Committees. The County Chairman shall have the authority to establish  
507 other committees he deems necessary for the successful execution of his assigned  
508 responsibilities.  
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511 ARTICLE XV  
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513 Election, Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers of the Central Committee.  
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515 15.1 Election. The County Chairman, County Vice Chairmen, the Representatives to the  
516 State Executive Board, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, shall be  
517 elected in that order by the Central Committee at its biennial organizational meeting.  
518 Election for each office shall be by a simple majority of those members of the Central  
519 Committee eligible to vote and voting for each such office.  
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521 15.1.1 Proxy votes shall not be allowed.  
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524 15.2 Vacancies and Removals. If the Chairman, a Vice Chairman or representative to the  
525 State Executive Board shall die, resign, hold or assume a salaried elective public  
526 office, become a candidate for a elective public office as defined by RCW  
527 42.17A.005. or cease to be an elector within King County, Washington, that office  
528 shall thereupon be vacant. If it shall be intended to remove any officer, a meeting of  
529 the Central Committee for such purpose may be called or convened through  
530 procedures provided for in Article XVII of these Bylaws. The officer sought to be  
531 removed shall be given full and fair opportunity to present evidence and argument in  
532 his own behalf. Fifty (50) percent of the members authorized to vote on removal shall  
533 constitute a quorum for the consideration of removal. Removal may be for any cause  
534 which the Committee shall deem sufficient and shall require an affirmative vote of  
535 two-thirds of the members present and voting.  
536

537 15.3 Filling of Vacancies. Not more than twenty (20) days following the occurrence of a  
538 vacancy in the Office of County Chairman, the Senior County Vice Chairman as  
539 Chairman, shall cause to be mailed to each member of the Central Committee a notice



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

547  
548 16.1 Biennial Organization Meeting and Special Meetings. Following each biennial  
549 election at which Precinct Committee Officers are elected, a Biennial Organization  
550 Meeting shall be called to meet on either the first or second Saturday of the following  
551 December. The County Chairman shall cause written notice to be issued to each  
552 member of the Central Committee a notice fixing a place and time for the meeting not  
553 less than ten (10) or more than thirty (30) days after mailing of the notice. The call  
554 shall also include notice that advance copies of the proposed rules and bylaws shall be  
555 posted on the Central Committee's website and available for purchase at the Central  
556 Committee's office at cost not less than one week before the meeting. Such meeting  
557 shall be held in accord with the purposes set forth in RCW 29A.80.030. The  
558 Credentials Committee and the Rules Committee for such meeting shall be appointed  
559 by the County Chairman. The County Chairman shall open the meeting, which shall  
560 thereupon elect by a simple majority of those voting, a Chairman for the meeting.  
561 Following this the meeting shall consider and adopt, by a simple majority vote, its  
562 agenda, rules and regulations. Upon the convening of the Organization meeting, these  
563 Bylaws shall lapse.  
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565 16.2 Special meetings of the Central Committee may be called at any time by the County  
566 Chairman or the Executive Committee on two weeks' notice and the call shall state  
567 the purpose of the meeting. A special meeting shall be called by the County Chairman  
568 upon receipt by him of a petition therefor, signed by at least twenty (20) per cent of  
569 the total number of Precinct Committee Officers in King County and shall be held  
570 within thirty days after receipt of the petition. The County Chairman shall preside as  
571 Chairman of all such meetings, except that in the case of any meeting called for  
572 removal of the Chairman, the Senior Vice Chairman shall serve as temporary  
573 chairman of the meeting.  
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575 ARTICLE XVII

576  
577 17.1 Conventions and Caucuses. The County Chairman shall provide for precinct  
578 caucuses, legislative district caucuses, and a county convention in accordance with the  
579 Bylaws, the rules of the Republican State Committee, and the laws of the State of  
580 Washington.  
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582 Wherever this Article is inconsistent with the rules of the Republican State  
583 Committee governing the selection of delegates to the state convention, the County  
584 Chairman shall hold caucuses and convention in accordance with the state rules. For  
585 the purposes of caucuses and conventions this section is expressly made subject to

586 the applicable state rules and applicable state law.

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588 17.2 Precinct Caucuses. The County Chairman shall call for the precinct caucuses to be  
589 held in each precinct in King County for the purpose of electing delegates to the  
590 legislative district caucuses and to the county convention. The Precinct Committee  
591 Officer, or a registered voter designated by him, shall preside as chairman. The rules  
592 and order of business shall be prescribed by the county Executive Committee,  
593 consistent with Washington State Republican Party rules.

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595 17.2.1 In any precinct where there is no Precinct Committee Officer or where the existing  
596 Precinct Committee Officer refuses or is unable to hold a caucus, any three  
597 registered voters designating themselves to be Republicans may petition the County  
598 Chairman to hold a precinct caucus for the Republican Party in the precinct in which  
599 they are registered. Such petition shall be verified under oath, signed by the  
600 petitioners, and designate one of the petitioners to be the temporary chairman of the  
601 caucus. It shall contain the proposed location of the precinct caucus. The temporary  
602 chairman designated in the first petition filed for each precinct shall be temporary  
603 chairman and shall perform the duties that are required of elected and appointed  
604 Precinct Committee Officers for that precinct caucus. Such petitions shall be filed  
605 not less than three weeks prior to the date of the precinct caucus. The County  
606 Chairman shall deliver to such temporary chairman the same precinct caucus  
607 materials as are delivered by him to Precinct Committees Officers. In cases where no  
608 petition is received, the County Chairman shall designate a location and temporary  
609 chairman for the caucus.

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611 17.3 Legislative District Caucuses. The County Chairman shall call and arrange for a  
612 Legislative district caucus within each legislative district in King County for the  
613 purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention of the Republican Party of the  
614 State of Washington, and for such other purposes as the Executive Committee shall  
615 prescribe. Automatic delegates and delegates elected at precinct caucuses shall be the  
616 sole delegates to the legislative district caucuses as provided by the rules of the  
617 Republican State Committee.

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619 17.4 County Convention. Following the legislative district caucuses, the County Chairman  
620 shall make arrangements for and call a King County Republican Convention to be held  
621 at a convenient time and place prior to the next Republican State Convention. All  
622 persons who are delegates to the legislative district caucuses shall be delegates to, and  
623 empowered to vote at, the county convention. The principal purpose of the county  
624 convention shall be the adoption of a platform and resolutions, the election of county  
625 representatives to state convention committees and the election of delegates to the  
626 state convention, if not accomplished prior thereto at district caucuses.

627 17.4.1 In January of each even year, each Legislative District shall, on ten (10) days written  
628 or email notice convene a meeting of Precinct Committee Officers. The District  
629 Chairman shall nominate one member and one alternate for the platform and  
630 resolutions, and rules committees of the County Convention, subject to ratification  
631 by the Precinct Committee Officers in attendance. If a quorum is absent, ratification

632 shall be accomplished by default. If one or more of the nominees are rejected, the  
633 Precinct Committee Officers present shall immediately elect the member or alternate  
634 for each position where the District Chairman's nominee has been rejected.  
635

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

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665 18.1 Filling of Vacancies in Elective Office. Whenever a vacancy shall occur or be about to  
666 occur (as evidenced by a notice from the officeholder to the Chairman) in a public  
667 office, to which, by law, the Central Committee is entitled to make nominations for a  
668 replacement, the County Chairman shall appoint a Candidate Selection Committee  
669 which shall consider all candidates making themselves known. The Committee shall  
670 determine its procedures, subject to Section 18.4 below, and shall act with all  
671 reasonable dispatch, having regard for both the desirability of notice and the  
672 desirability of a prompt filling of the vacancy.  
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674 18.2 Consultations. The County Chairman shall consult with the Advisory Board, the  
675 District Chairman and the incumbent legislators from the district and shall endeavor to  
676 assure that at least three candidates are available for consideration by the Candidate  
677 Selection Committee.

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679 18.3 Composition of Committee. The Candidate Selection Committee shall consist  
680 of the Precinct Committee Officers of the constituency of the vacant office,  
681 all the Legislative District Chairmen residing within the constituency, all  
682 incumbent Republican legislators and other Republican officials holding  
683 elective partisan offices and residing within the constituency, the outgoing  
684 officeholder if available, and the elected officers of the Central Committee.  
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- 686 18.4 Procedure. The Committee shall select by majority vote its first choice for filling the  
687 vacancy. It shall then by separate ballot select, by majority vote, its second choice and  
688 it shall then by separate ballot select, by majority vote, its third choice. The report of  
689 the committee shall list in order of preference the three candidates to be submitted for  
690 filling the vacancy.

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692 ARTICLE XIX

693 Formal Sanctions.

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- 696 19.1 Principles for Imposing Sanctions. Egregious, flagrant and continued violations of the  
697 Fundamental Principles of Republican Conduct that risk doing damage to the  
698 Republican Party may be appropriate cases for imposition of formal sanctions under  
699 this Article.  
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- 701 19.2 Resolution of Formal Repudiation. A Resolution of Formal Repudiation may be  
702 proposed and adopted in accord with the following procedures. (a) The Elected  
703 Officers of the Central Committee, acting as a committee, shall develop and propose  
704 the Resolution, which shall specify the activities being repudiated in sufficient detail to  
705 allow a response;  
706 (b) the proposed resolution shall be provided to the individual or organization that is  
707 the subject of the resolution, together with notice of the meeting at which the  
708 resolution shall be considered, which shall be not less than ten days from the date  
709 notice was provided,  
710 (c) the individual, or representative of organization, shall be entitled to be present at  
711 the meeting of the Executive Committee considering the resolution and shall have a  
712 full and reasonable opportunity to present his reasons in opposition to the resolution,  
713 (d) the Executive Committee shall vote on the resolution by recorded vote, and (e)  
714 passage shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and  
715 voting.  
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- 717 19.2.1 Any adopted Resolution of Formal Repudiation shall be communicated as the  
718 Chairman or Executive Committee shall determine.  
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- 720 19.3 Denial of Good Standing Status. Precinct Committee Officers and other Republican  
721 party activists may be denied the status of “good standing” by the action of the Elected  
722 Officers of the Central Committee acting as a committee pursuant to the following  
723 procedures; (a) a written complaint signed by a Precinct Committee Officer shall be

724 presented to the Elected Officers who shall consider whether the complaint justifies  
725 further investigation, which decision shall be communicated to the complainant, (b) if  
726 so, the Elected Officers shall appoint a fact-finding committee, consisting of not less  
727 than three individuals who shall investigate the charges and make findings of fact  
728 germane to the charges, (c) the fact-finding committee shall provide the individual who  
729 is the subject of their investigation with a copy of the complaint and shall provide the  
730 individual with an opportunity to meet with them and provide evidence, (d) the fact-  
731 finding committee shall engage in reasonable efforts to receive evidence from other  
732 individuals who may have relevant knowledge, (e) the fact-finding committee shall  
733 provide a written report of its conclusions to the Elected Officers, (f) a copy of the  
734 report shall be shall be provided to the individual who is the subject of the complaint,  
735 together with notice of the meeting at which the report shall be received and  
736 considered, which shall be not less than ten days from the date notice was provided, (g)  
737 the individual shall be entitled to be present when the Elected Officers meet to receive  
738 and consider the resolution and shall have a full and reasonable opportunity to present  
739 his reasons in opposition to the resolution, (h), The Elected Officers shall consider the  
740 report and by motion, vote by recorded vote to determine whether the individual shall  
741 be determined to be not in good standing, (i) passage shall require an affirmative vote  
742 of two-thirds of the total number of Elected Officers.  
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744 19.3.1 Any individual found not to be in good standing with the King County Republican  
745 Central Committee shall have no further voting rights in any meeting of the Central  
746 Committee, or any of its constituent parts such as Legislative Districts and committees,  
747 shall be ineligible to hold a precinct caucus or to serve as an automatic or elected  
748 delegate to the King County Republican Convention, or any District Conventions, shall  
749 be ineligible to be elected to represent King County Republicans at any convention  
750 called by the Republican State Committee of Washington, and shall be ineligible to  
751 serve on any other committee established by or under the authority of the Central  
752 Committee. These disabilities shall survive a subsequent election or reelection of the  
753 individual as a Precinct Committee Officer and shall last for a period of not less than  
754 two years, nor longer than six years, as determined by the resolution of the Elected  
755 Officers, and which may be reduced by subsequent action of a majority of the Elected  
756 Officers.  
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## 759 ARTICLE XX

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762 20.1 Amending the Bylaws. The Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting  
763 of the Central Committee by a two-thirds majority vote of the committee present and  
764 voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments has been  
765 included in the notice of the meeting. This provision does not apply to the adoption of  
766 the bylaws at the biennial organization meeting, which shall be accomplished by a  
767 majority vote.  
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769 The foregoing amended Bylaws were presented for adoption at the Central Committee

770 meeting on December 8, 2018.

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772 Bylaws Review Committee: Amy Davis, Pete Lewis, Paul Hess, Monica Tracey, John White, Chairman

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