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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
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38 Definitions
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- 40 2.1 “Central Committee” shall mean the King County Republican Central Committee.
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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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66 ARTICLE III
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- 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.

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86 ARTICLE IV

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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.

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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 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.
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142 ARTICLE VI

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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 ARTICLE VII

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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.

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197 ARTICLE VIII

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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.

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204 ARTICLE IX

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

278 11.1.4 If no appointee is ratified at the initial meeting, then within forty (40) days a meeting
279 shall be held to consider the Chairman’s next appointee, subject to the notice and
280 ratification procedures of this Section. In the event a quorum is not present,
281 ratification shall be considered accomplished by default.
282

283 11.2 District Chair Election by Precinct Committee Officers in Absence of Ratification. If
284 the appointee is not ratified at the meeting held under Section 11.1.4, then those
285 Precinct Committee Officers present and eligible to vote shall immediately elect a
286 District Chairman or recess the meeting after setting a date for a meeting to elect a
287 new District Chairman. The date of that meeting shall be at least fourteen (14) but not
288 more than twenty-one (21) days from the date of the recessed meeting. If a quorum to
289 ratify under Section 11.1.4 is present at the beginning of this meeting, a quorum shall
290 be deemed to be established for the whole meeting.
291

292 11.3 District Chairman – Removal. A District Chairman may be removed by the action of
293 the County Chairman for any reason, and the County Chairman shall appoint a
294 replacement District Chairman within thirty (30) days, in accordance with Sections
295 11.1 and 11.2. In addition, the County Chairman shall convene a meeting to consider
296 removal of a District Chairman within thirty (30) days after receipt of a petition calling
297 for the removal of the District Chairman signed by one-third of the Precinct
298 Committee Officers eligible to vote thereon. A quorum for this meeting shall be fifty
299 (50) percent of the Precinct Committee Officers eligible to vote. A two-thirds vote
300 shall be required for removal.
301

302 11.4 District Chairman – Duties. The District Chairman shall be the chief Central
303 Committee Officer within the Legislative District.
304

305 11.4.1 To the extent practicable, the District Chairman shall appoint:
306 (A) One or more Vice Chairmen.
307 (B) One Area Chairman for each area in the District. The total number of areas
308 shall normally be approximately one for every ten (10) precincts in the

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

Precinct Committee Officers and Chairmen

- 351 12.1 Elected Precinct Committee Officers. Precinct Committee Officers shall be elected to
- 352 office in accordance with Ch 29A.80 RCW. When elected at the primary, the precinct
- 353 committee officer shall serve so long as the committee officer remains an eligible voter
- 354 in that precinct. They are empowered to nominate Election Officials serving in the

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

359
360 12.2 Appointed Precinct Committee Officers. In the event a precinct is without an elected
361 Precinct Committee Officer, the County Chairman may appoint a Precinct Committee
362 Officer from among the registered voters resident herein. Such appointment shall be
363 upon the recommendation of the District Chairman, provided that if the County
364 Chairman shall propose an appointment to the District Chairman in writing and thirty
365 (30) days shall have elapsed thereafter, and the District Chairman shall not have
366 rejected the appointment, the County Chairman may make the appointment as though
367 nomination and approval had been received. Upon receipt of a recommendation by the
368 District Chairman, the County Chairman shall appoint or reject the recommendation
369 within thirty (30) days, and shall notify the district Chairman and individual involved
370 in writing. The appointed Precinct Committee Officer shall have all the powers and
371 responsibilities of the elected Precinct Committee Officer except that he will not be a
372 delegate to the biennial Central Committee organization meeting. He shall be eligible
373 to vote at all other Central Committee meetings and District Meetings provided he was
374 appointed at least sixty (60) days prior thereto. An appointed Precinct Committee
375 Officer may not be removed by the County Chairman.

376
377 12.3 Precinct Chairmen. Precinct Chairmen may be appointed by the County Chairman.
378 They are not required to be residents or registered voters in the precincts in which they
379 serve. They shall have all powers and responsibilities of Precinct Committee Officers
380 except that they shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Central Committee or
381 the District meetings provided for in Article XI, XV, XVII, or XVIII.

382
383 12.4 Procedure for Determining Precinct Committee Officer Positions in Revised
384 Precincts. Whenever precinct boundaries are revised or realigned, or precincts are
385 consolidated or new precincts created, the following rules shall apply.

386
387 12.4.1 If only one previously-elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officer resides in
388 the new precinct boundaries, he shall serve as Precinct Committee Officer for the
389 new precinct.

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

394
395 12.4.3 If a previously-elected Precinct Committee Officer and an appointed Precinct
396 Committee Officer reside in the new precinct boundaries, the elected Precinct
397 Committee Officer shall serve.

398
399 12.4.4 If two or more appointed Precinct Committee Officers reside in the new
400 precinct boundaries they may agree on who will serve, or determine by lot who

401 shall serve.

402
403 12.4.5 If two or more Precinct Chairmen shall reside in the new precinct boundaries, the
404 District Chairman shall, with sixty days, recommend who will serve in the new
405 precinct.
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408 ARTICLE XIII
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410 13.1 Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall be comprised of all elected officers of the
411 Central Committee, and not more than four other members appointed to this Board by the
412 County Chairman. This Board shall assist the County Chairman in the development and
413 establishment of Party programs and perform such other duties as he may assign. The
414 Board may act in place of the Executive Committee between meetings of the Executive
415 Committee. In addition, the Board may act by a telephonic or video meeting; alternatively
416 it may act by unanimous written consent. Any such action taken shall be reported at the
417 next meeting of the Executive Committee for any action it deems appropriate.
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419 ARTICLE XIV

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421 Committees
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423 14.1 Executive Committee. To assist the County Chairman in execution of his duties, there
424 shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the County Chairman, other elected
425 officers of the Central Committee, and Legislative District Chairmen. The Committee
426 shall meet on the call of the County Chairman at least every two months. One-third of
427 the members of the Executive Committee shall have the authority to call a meeting of
428 the Executive Committee on five days' notice. Between sessions of the Central
429 Committee, the Executive Committee shall have the powers of the Central Committee
430 except those relative to election and removal of officers and amendment to these
431 Bylaws. No action may be taken by the Executive Committee which is contrary to the
432 express actions previously taken by the Central Committee. At Executive Committee
433 meetings, in the absence of a District Chairman, the District Vice Chairman shall have
434 the right to vote as proxy of the Chairman. In the event of absence of both the District
435 Chairman and Vice Chairman, the District Chairman may designate another member of
436 the District staff as his proxy.
437

438 14.2 Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the
439 County Chairman.
440

441 14.3 Budget Committee. A Budget Committee, appointed by the County Chairman,
442 consisting of the Finance Chairman, one other member of the Finance Committee, two
443 elected officeholders elected from King County who are Republicans, two District
444 Chairmen elected by the Executive Committee, and the elected officers of the King
445 County Central Committee, shall be established and maintained by the county
446 organization. The County Treasurer shall serve on the Committee as an ex officio non-

447 voting member. The Chairman of the committee shall be selected from its membership
448 by the County Chairman.

449
450 14.3.1 Within sixty days after his election, and prior to the beginning of the second year of
451 his term, the County Chairman shall prepare and present to the Budget Committee
452 his budget for the ensuing year. Until the budget is adopted, only essential operating
453 expenses shall be incurred or paid. The budget shall be subject to review by the
454 Budget Committee and shall not be effective until approved by the Budget
455 Committee. Once adopted, the Budget Committee shall meet quarterly to review
456 and, if necessary, adjust budget line items. Expenses shall not be incurred until the
457 money is in hand except upon prior approval of the Budget Committee and the
458 Executive Committee.

459
460 14.3.2 No expenditure outside of the budget shall be made unless approval has first been
461 obtained from the Budget committee. Transfer may be made by the Treasurer from
462 one item in the budget to another after approval by the Budget Committee. Vouchers,
463 signed by the County Chairman, shall be required for all funds of the Central
464 Committee spent for any purpose. No individual or committee shall make
465 commitments for funds without the approval of the County Chairman or his delegate,
466 nor shall the County Chairman approve expenditures not included in the approved
467 budget without first obtaining approval of the Budget Committee.

468
469 14.4 Candidates Committee. The County Chairman may appoint a committee or
470 committees, as appropriate, to recruit candidates for partisan or non-partisan office.

471
472 14.4.1 The responsibilities of a Candidates Committee are:

473 (a) To identify and encourage responsible and appealing Republican
474 candidates to run for public office.

475 (b) To assist the County Chairman, Legislative District organizations and
476 candidates with campaign procedures, programs, facilities, scheduling
477 and related matters.

478
479 14.4.2 Vacancies on Election Ballots. In the event a vacancy on the ballot shall occur
480 through non-filing or other cause which under chapter 29A.28 RCW it is the
481 prerogative of the Central Committee to fill, the power may be exercised by the
482 Executive Committee, or between meetings of the Executive Committee, by the
483 Advisory Board, or between meetings of the Advisory Board by the County
484 Chairman.

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486 14.4.3 The King County Republican Party shall not endorse or provide any assistance to a
487 person running for elected office that publicly identifies themselves as a member of
488 another political party.

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491 14.5 An Audit Committee, appointed by the elected officers of the Central Committee,
492 consisting of one District Chair, one elected officer of the King County Central

493 Committee and one Precinct Committee Officer shall be established. The Budget
494 Committee Chair and the Treasurer shall serve as ex officio non-voting members.
495 The Audit Committee shall periodically review the books and records of the
496 Central Committee. The Audit Committee shall report to the Advisory Board and
497 the Executive Committee and shall make recommendations on matters relating to
498 financial controls and are empowered to make recommendations to the Advisory
499 Board for a professional external review by a Certified Public Accountant. The
500 Audit Committee must meet not less frequently than quarterly. Voting members
501 of the Audit Committee may be removed by a majority vote of the elected
502 officers of the Central Committee.
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504 14.6 Other Committees. The County Chairman shall have the authority to establish
505 other committees he deems necessary for the successful execution of his assigned
506 responsibilities including a Bylaws review committee for the Biennial
507 Organization Meeting.
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510 ARTICLE XV
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512 Election, Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers of the Central Committee.
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514 15.1 Election. The County Chairman, County Vice Chairmen, the Representatives to the
515 State Executive Board, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, shall be
516 elected in that order by the Central Committee at its biennial organizational meeting.
517 Election for each office shall be by a simple majority of those members of the Central
518 Committee eligible to vote and voting for each such office.
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520 15.1.1 Proxy votes shall not be allowed.
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523 15.2 Vacancies and Removals. If the Chairman, a Vice Chairman or representative to the
524 State Executive Board shall die, resign, hold or assume a salaried elective public
525 office, become a candidate for a elective public office as defined by RCW
526 42.17A.005. or cease to be an elector within King County, Washington, that office
527 shall thereupon be vacant. If it shall be intended to remove any officer, a meeting of
528 the Central Committee for such purpose may be called or convened through
529 procedures provided for in Article XVII of these Bylaws. The officer sought to be
530 removed shall be given full and fair opportunity to present evidence and argument in
531 his own behalf. Fifty (50) percent of the members authorized to vote on removal shall
532 constitute a quorum for the consideration of removal. Removal may be for any cause
533 which the Committee shall deem sufficient and shall require an affirmative vote of
534 two-thirds of the members present and voting.
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536 15.3 Filling of Vacancies. Not more than twenty (20) days following the occurrence of a
537 vacancy in the Office of County Chairman, the Senior County Vice Chairman as
538 Chairman, shall cause to be mailed to each member of the Central Committee a notice
539 of a meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of filling such vacancy,

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

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547 16.1 Biennial Organization Meeting and Special Meetings. Following each biennial
548 election at which Precinct Committee Officers are elected, a Biennial Organization
549 Meeting shall be called to meet on either the first or second Saturday of the following
550 December. The County Chairman shall cause written notice to be issued to each
551 member of the Central Committee a notice fixing a place and time for the meeting not
552 less than ten (10) or more than thirty (30) days after mailing of the notice. The call
553 shall also include notice that advance copies of the proposed rules and bylaws shall be
554 posted on the Central Committee's website and available for purchase at the Central
555 Committee's office at cost not less than one week before the meeting. Such meeting
556 shall be held in accord with the purposes set forth in RCW 29A.80.030. The
557 Credentials Committee and the Rules Committee for such meeting shall be appointed
558 by the County Chairman. The County Chairman shall open the meeting, which shall
559 thereupon elect by a simple majority of those voting, a Chairman for the meeting.
560 Following this the meeting shall consider and adopt, by a simple majority vote, its
561 agenda, rules and regulations. Upon the convening of the Organization meeting, these
562 Bylaws shall lapse.
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564 16.2 Special meetings of the Central Committee may be called at any time by the County
565 Chairman or the Executive Committee on two weeks' notice and the call shall state the
566 purpose of the meeting. A special meeting shall be called by the County Chairman upon
567 receipt by him of a petition therefor, signed by at least twenty (20) per cent of the total
568 number of Precinct Committee Officers in King County and shall be held within thirty
569 days after receipt of the petition. The County Chairman shall preside as Chairman of all
570 such meetings, except that in the case of any meeting called for removal of the Chairman,
571 the Senior Vice Chairman shall serve as temporary chairman of the meeting.
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573 16.3 Meetings may be held by video conference at the request of the chair as approved by
574 the Advisory Board in the event that an in-person meeting cannot be held due to exigent
575 circumstances.
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577 ARTICLE XVII

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579 17.1 Conventions and Caucuses. The County Chairman shall provide for precinct
580 caucuses, legislative district caucuses, and a county convention in accordance with the
581 Bylaws (including section 16.3), the rules of the Republican State Committee, and the
582 laws of the State of Washington.
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584 Wherever this Article is inconsistent with the rules of the Republican State
585 Committee governing the selection of delegates to the state convention, the County

586 Chairman shall hold caucuses and convention in accordance with the state rules. For
587 the purposes of caucuses and conventions this section is expressly made subject to
588 the applicable state rules and applicable state law.
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590 17.2 Precinct Caucuses. The County Chairman shall call for the precinct caucuses to be
591 held in each precinct in King County for the purpose of electing delegates to the
592 legislative district caucuses and to the county convention. The Precinct Committee
593 Officer, or a registered voter designated by him, shall preside as chairman. The rules
594 and order of business shall be prescribed by the county Executive Committee,
595 consistent with Washington State Republican Party rules.
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597 17.2.1 In any precinct where there is no Precinct Committee Officer or where the existing
598 Precinct Committee Officer refuses or is unable to hold a caucus, any three
599 registered voters designating themselves to be Republicans may petition the County
600 Chairman to hold a precinct caucus for the Republican Party in the precinct in which
601 they are registered. Such petition shall be verified under oath, signed by the
602 petitioners, and designate one of the petitioners to be the temporary chairman of the
603 caucus. It shall contain the proposed location of the precinct caucus. The temporary
604 chairman designated in the first petition filed for each precinct shall be temporary
605 chairman and shall perform the duties that are required of elected and appointed
606 Precinct Committee Officers for that precinct caucus. Such petitions shall be filed
607 not less than three weeks prior to the date of the precinct caucus. The County
608 Chairman shall deliver to such temporary chairman the same precinct caucus
609 materials as are delivered by him to Precinct Committees Officers. In cases where no
610 petition is received, the County Chairman shall designate a location and temporary
611 chairman for the caucus.
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613 17.3 Legislative District Caucuses. The County Chairman shall call and arrange for a
614 Legislative district caucus within each legislative district in King County for the
615 purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention of the Republican Party of the
616 State of Washington, and for such other purposes as the Executive Committee shall
617 prescribe. Automatic delegates and delegates elected at precinct caucuses shall be the
618 sole delegates to the legislative district caucuses as provided by the rules of the
619 Republican State Committee.
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621 17.4 County Convention. Following the legislative district caucuses, the County Chairman
622 shall make arrangements for and call a King County Republican Convention to be held
623 at a convenient time and place prior to the next Republican State Convention. All
624 persons who are delegates to the legislative district caucuses shall be delegates to, and
625 empowered to vote at, the county convention. The principal purpose of the county
626 convention shall be the adoption of a platform and resolutions, the election of county
627 representatives to state convention committees and the election of delegates to the
628 state convention, if not accomplished prior thereto at district caucuses.

629 17.4.1 In January of each even year, each Legislative District shall, on ten (10) days written
630 or email notice convene a meeting of Precinct Committee Officers. The District
631 Chairman shall nominate one member and one alternate for the platform and

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

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

678 assure that at least three candidates are available for consideration by the Candidate
679 Selection Committee.

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

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694 ARTICLE XIX

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696 Formal Sanctions.

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- 698 19.1 Principles for Imposing Sanctions. Egregious, flagrant and continued violations of the
699 Fundamental Principles of Republican Conduct that risk doing damage to the
700 Republican Party may be appropriate cases for imposition of formal sanctions under
701 this Article.
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- 703 19.2 Resolution of Formal Repudiation. A Resolution of Formal Repudiation may be
704 proposed and adopted in accord with the following procedures. (a) The Elected
705 Officers of the Central Committee, acting as a committee, shall develop and propose
706 the Resolution, which shall specify the activities being repudiated in sufficient detail to
707 allow a response;
708 (b) the proposed resolution shall be provided to the individual or organization that is
709 the subject of the resolution, together with notice of the meeting at which the
710 resolution shall be considered, which shall be not less than ten days from the date
711 notice was provided,
712 (c) the individual, or representative of organization, shall be entitled to be present at
713 the meeting of the Executive Committee considering the resolution and shall have a
714 full and reasonable opportunity to present his reasons in opposition to the resolution,
715 (d) the Executive Committee shall vote on the resolution by recorded vote, and (e)
716 passage shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and
717 voting.
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- 719 19.2.1 Any adopted Resolution of Formal Repudiation shall be communicated as the
720 Chairman or Executive Committee shall determine.
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- 722 19.3 Denial of Good Standing Status. Precinct Committee Officers and other Republican
723 party activists may be denied the status of “good standing” by the action of the Elected

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

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746 19.3.1 Any individual found not to be in good standing with the King County Republican
747 Central Committee shall have no further voting rights in any meeting of the Central
748 Committee, or any of its constituent parts such as Legislative Districts and committees,
749 shall be ineligible to hold a precinct caucus or to serve as an automatic or elected
750 delegate to the King County Republican Convention, or any District Conventions, shall
751 be ineligible to be elected to represent King County Republicans at any convention
752 called by the Republican State Committee of Washington, and shall be ineligible to
753 serve on any other committee established by or under the authority of the Central
754 Committee. These disabilities shall survive a subsequent election or reelection of the
755 individual as a Precinct Committee Officer and shall last for a period of not less than
756 two years, nor longer than six years, as determined by the resolution of the Elected
757 Officers, and which may be reduced by subsequent action of a majority of the Elected
758 Officers.

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762 ARTICLE XX

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

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771 The foregoing amended Bylaws were presented for adoption at the Central Committee
772 meeting on December 5, 2020.

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