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PREAMBLE

In order to advance Republican principles of government, the purpose of the King County Republican Party is to elect and support Republican candidates throughout King County.

ARTICLE I - Definitions

1.1. Central Committee

"Central Committee" shall mean the King County Republican Central Committee, which shall consist of all Republican Precinct Committee Officers of King County.

1.2. "Precinct Committee Officer"

"Precinct Committee Officer" shall mean all elected and appointed Republican Precinct Committee Officers in good standing in King County.

1.3. Other County Definitions

"County Chair," "County Senior Vice Chair," "County Vice Chair," "Finance Chair," and "Secretary," shall mean Chair, Senior Vice Chair, Vice Chair, Finance Chair, and Secretary of the Central Committee, respectively.

1.4. "State Committeeman," "State Committeewoman,"

"State Committeeman," "State Committeewoman," (collectively "State Committee members") and "Members of the State Executive Board" shall mean Republican officers in all instances elected in King County pursuant to these Bylaws.

1.5. References

All references to "Committee Chair," "Committee members," "Committees," and "Boards" shall mean King County Republican Chair, Committees, and Boards.

1.6. "Elected Officers of the Central Committee"

"Elected Officers of the Central Committee" shall be the County Chair, County Senior Vice Chair, County Vice Chair, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, and the Representatives to the Republican State Executive Board. All Elected Officers of the Central Committee shall be registered voters and residents of King County.

1.7. Acronyms

"KCGOP" is the commonly used initialism for the King County Republican Party.

1.8. Use of Gendered Language

The use of masculine, feminine and neuter pronouns and the singular and plural shall be used interchangeably, except where another meaning is required by the context.

ARTICLE II - Governance

2.1. Rules of Order.

In all instances, when not inconsistent with the provisions of these bylaws, the most recent revision of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Central Committee and the meetings of all Committees and Boards a part thereof.

2.2. Video and Audio Recording.

The Republican Party is a private association. In all of its meetings, participants and guests should be respectful of those in attendance and of the activities being conducted. If the use of video or audio recording devices is disruptive, the Chair of the meeting may establish such reasonable restrictions upon the placement and operation of video and audio devices as the Chair deems appropriate to ensure the orderly conduct of the meeting. Those who refuse to comply with the Chair's direction may be removed from the meeting. Any meeting may, by majority vote, elect to bar video or tape recording from its proceedings.

2.3. Teleconference and Videoconference Meetings.

Any committee, excepting the candidates committee or an executive session of the Executive Committee, may meet via teleconference or videoconference should the Chair of the committee determine that meeting in person is impractical. The Central Committee shall meet in person unless the Chair determines that extraordinary circumstances prevent an in-person meeting.

2.4. Conflict of Interest.

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

ARTICLE III - Quorum

3.1. Quorum for Transaction of Business.

Quorum is per Robert's Rules of Order except as hereinafter provided, 20 percent of the members authorized to attend any meeting of the Central Committee, Legislative District Caucus, Legislative District Ratification Meeting, Candidate Selection Committee called pursuant to Section 12.8, or Convention shall

constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, PROVIDED that at any County Convention once a quorum has been established, the quorum to complete the convention's business shall be a majority of those delegates present at the time of the adoption of the initially approved Credentials Committee Report. Except as hereinafter provided, a majority of the members of any other committee of the Central Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV - County Chair

4.1. County Chair.

The County Chair is the chief executive officer of the Central Committee, and as such is responsible for Republican Party activities in King County. Except for the Audit Committee, he shall be an ex-officio non voting member of all standing committees and ad hoc committees. He shall be the first proxy for any member of the State Executive Board.

4.2. Appointments and Removals.

The County Chair shall appoint a County Secretary and a County Treasurer. He is empowered to create, from among the Republican electors of King County, committees as provided herein and such other committees as he deems advisable, and to appoint the members and chairs hereof. Except as otherwise provided herein, the County Chair shall have the discretionary power to remove any person appointed by him or his appointee to any party office.

4.3. Finance.

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

4.3.1. It shall be the responsibility of the County Chair, subject to the limitations of the budget, to direct the allocation and apportionment of funds, activities, campaigns, and agencies dependent in whole or in part upon funds raised in King County for their support. Expenses shall not be incurred except in accordance with the last sentence of Section 12.4.2.

4.3.2. The County Chair shall be responsible for the preparation and written presentation of a Finance Report and state of the party report to be given at the Biennial Organization Meeting. The Finance Report shall include a Balance Sheet as of November 30 and a Statement of Profit and Loss for

the current year to date through November 30 together with a schedule of accounts payable and other accrued liabilities. The statement shall be prepared on a basis consistent with the monthly reports.

4.4. Meetings.

The County Chair shall preside as Chair of the Advisory Committee and Executive Committee and at such other meetings as are appropriate to his office. He shall preside as Temporary Chair at conventions and Biennial Organization Meetings until a Permanent Chair of each such meeting or convention shall be elected.

4.5. Term of Office.

The County Chair shall serve during the period of time between his election and the election of his successor at the next Biennial Organization Meeting, unless his office shall be sooner vacant, as provided in Article XIV herein.

ARTICLE V - County Vice Chairs

5.1. County Vice Chairs

There shall be two Vice Chairs, who shall be of opposite sexes. The Vice Chair of the sex opposite of the County Chair shall be the Senior Vice Chair. It shall be the duty of the County Vice Chairs to assist and advise the County Chair in promoting Party activities. The Senior Vice Chair shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the County Chair in his absence. In the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chair, the Senior Vice Chair shall, as acting Chair, exercise the powers and perform the duties of that office until the vacancy shall cease to exist. The Vice Chairs shall perform such further duties as assigned by the County Chair. The second Vice Chair shall act in the event of absence or vacancy of both Chair and Senior Vice Chair.

ARTICLE VI - State Committee and State Executive Board

6.1. Representation to the Republican State Committee.

The Central Committee shall be represented in the governing bodies of the Republican State Committee of Washington as defined by the bylaws of that body.

6.2. Representatives to the State Executive Board.

Executive Board Members shall be elected so that there will be one male and one female member residing at the time of elections in each of Congressional District Seven, Congressional District One AND Congressional District Eight, and Congressional District Nine. The representatives shall perform such duties as pertain to the office of a representative to the State Executive Board as Region Eight.

6.3. State Committeeman and State Committeewoman.

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

6.4. Additional Duties.

The State Committee members and the Representatives to the State Executive Board shall also serve as members of the County Advisory Committee and the County Executive Committee. It shall be their responsibility to report to the County Chair, the County Executive Committee, and the County Central Committee on the activities of the State Committee and the State Executive Board. They shall in addition perform such further duties as reasonably may be assigned to them by the County Chair.

6.5. Effect of Reapportionment of State Executive Board.

In the event that the Bylaws of the Republican State Committee of Washington shall be amended to reduce the number of representatives from King County to the State Executive Board, the Elected Officers of the Central Committee shall determine which of the members of the State Executive Committee elected pursuant to these Bylaws shall continue to serve; provided that, in any event, the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman shall continue to serve on the State Executive Board, and provided further that the members elected by the Central Committee shall nevertheless continue to have all the responsibilities and duties established by these Bylaws. In the event that the Bylaws of the Republican State Committee of Washington shall be amended to increase the number of representatives from King County to the State Executive Board, the King County Executive Committee shall elect an individual or individuals to serve in the positions until the next Organization Meeting.

ARTICLE VII - Secretary7.1. Secretary.

A Secretary shall be appointed by the County Chair. The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee and shall perform such further duties as the County Chair shall assign.

ARTICLE VIII - County Treasurer8.1. County Treasurer.

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

8.2. Reports and Records.

The Treasurer shall cause to be filed accurate and timely reports with the Public Disclosure Commission and other applicable regulatory bodies. He shall submit to the County Chair and the Executive Committee monthly financial statements together with such other reports as the Executive Committee may request.

8.3. Bonding Requirement.

The Treasurer shall procure a fidelity bond or policy of fidelity insurance, covering himself and all other officers, employees, and agents of the Central Committee having access to or responsibility for its funds, such bond or insurance policy to be issued by sureties or insurance companies approved by the County Chair and in such amounts as he deems appropriate.

8.4. Removal.

The County Treasurer and/or the Deputy Treasurer may be removed by the County Chair with the concurrence of a majority of the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE IX - County Credentials Chair

9.1. County Credentials Chair.

The County Chair shall appoint, subject to approval by the Executive Committee, a County Credentials Chair whose duty it shall be, under his direction, to

- a. establish procedures ensuring that only those persons eligible under state law and these Bylaws shall be seated at Precinct and District Caucuses, County and State conventions, and at the meetings of the Central Committee and the Candidate Selection Committee;
- b. function as Credentials Chair from the County to any State meeting requiring accreditation of County delegates except where a County Convention has elected a Credentials Chair to represent the County; and
- c. chair a Credentials Committee composed of one representative from each of King County's Legislative Districts, these to be nominated by the Legislative District Chair and appointed by the County Chair, which shall serve as the Credentials Committee for all meetings and conventions of the Central Committee. The County Credentials Committee shall perform such duties as may reasonably be assigned by the County Chair or the County Credentials Chair. The County Credentials Chair may be removed by the County Chair with the approval of the majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X - Legislative District Organizations

10.1. Legislative District Chair — Appointment and Ratification.

The Legislative District Chair shall be a registered voter and resident of the Legislative District in which he serves and shall be appointed by the County Chair, subject to ratification by a majority of the Precinct Committee Officers from the Legislative District who are present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose by the County Chair and held within thirty days of the occurrence of the vacancy or sixty days after the Biennial Organization Meeting. A meeting called for ratification of a Legislative District Chair shall be held within the Legislative District affected or at the usual and customary location of District meetings.

- 10.1.1. Written notice of the time, place, and purpose of any meeting called under section 10.1 or 10.2 shall be given to all Precinct Committee Officers eligible to vote, not less than ten days in advance of the meeting. If the purpose of the meeting is ratification of a Legislative District Chair,

the notice shall include the name of the County Chair's nominee. The County Chair, or his designee, shall preside over any meeting called under Section 10.1 or 10.2.

10.1.2. 10.1.2 In the event that a quorum is not present, ratification shall be considered accomplished by default. If the appointee is not ratified, the County Chair may appoint an alternate nominee, without prior notice, subject to ratification by a majority of the Precinct Committee Officers present and eligible to vote at that meeting.

10.1.3. If no appointee is ratified at the initial meeting, then within forty days, a meeting shall be held to consider the Chair's next appointee, subject to the notice and ratification procedures of this Section. In the event a quorum is not present, ratification shall be considered accomplished by default.

10.2. Legislative District Chair Election by Precinct Committee Officers in Absence of Ratification.

If the appointee is not ratified at the meeting held under Section 10.1.3, then those Precinct Committee Officers present and eligible to vote shall immediately elect a Legislative District Chair or recess the meeting after setting a date for a meeting to elect a new Legislative District Chair. The date of that meeting shall be at least fourteen but not more than twenty-one days after the date of the recessed meeting. If a quorum to ratify under Section 10.1.3 is present at the beginning of this meeting, a quorum shall be deemed to be established for the whole meeting.

10.3. Legislative District Chair — Removal.

A Legislative District Chair may be removed by the action of the County Chair for any reason, and the County Chair shall appoint a replacement Legislative District Chair within thirty days, in accordance with Sections 10.1 and 10.2. In addition, the County Chair shall convene a meeting to consider removal of a Legislative District Chair within thirty days after receipt of a petition calling for the removal of the Legislative District Chair signed by one-third of the Precinct Committee Officers eligible to vote thereon. A Legislative District Chair may only be removed by the majority vote of the elected precinct committee officers in the Legislative District Chair's district.

10.4. Legislative District Chair — Duties.

The Legislative District Chair shall be the Chief Central Committee Officer within the Legislative District.

10.4.1. To the extent practicable, the Legislative District Chair shall appoint:

- a. One or more Vice Chairs.
- b. One Area Chair for each area in the Legislative District. The total number of areas shall normally be approximately one for every ten precincts in the Legislative District.
- c. Regional Chairs as deemed necessary and desirable. The number of regions shall normally not exceed one for every forty precincts in the Legislative District.
- d. Such committee Chairs as he may deem necessary.

10.4.2. The Legislative District Chair may nominate:

- a. Precinct Committee Officers and Precinct Chairs in vacant precincts to be appointed by the County Chair, subject to the provisions of Section XI.
- b. A member of the County Candidates Committee to be appointed by the County Chair.
- c. A member of the County Credentials Committee as provided in Article 9.1.

10.4.3. The Legislative District Chair shall create such committees as he may deem advisable.

10.4.4. The Legislative District Chair shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

10.4.5. The Legislative District Chair shall preside as Temporary Chair at all Legislative District Caucuses.

10.4.6. The Legislative District Chair shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the County Chair. In the absence of a Legislative District Chair, the County Chair shall exercise all powers and duties of the Legislative District Chair.

10.5. Area and Regional Chairs.

Area and Regional Chairs shall serve as deputies of the Legislative District Chair. They shall also serve as members of the Legislative District staff. They shall recommend, for nomination by the Legislative District Chair, Precinct Committee Officers and Precinct Chairs. They shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned to them by the Legislative District Chair.

10.6. Partial Districts.

A Legislative District which has fewer than forty precincts located in King County may be combined with an adjacent Legislative District for all purposes under these Bylaws, provided, however, that those precincts shall be treated as a separate district for any purpose required by state law or Washington State Republican Party bylaw or rule.

ARTICLE XI - Precinct Committee Officers and Chairs

11.1. Elected Precinct Committee Officers.

Precinct Committee Officers shall be elected to office in accordance with RCW Ch 29A.80. When elected at the primary, the precinct committee officer shall serve so long as the Precinct Committee Officer remains an eligible voter in that precinct. They shall implement programs initiated by the County and Legislative District Chair. Each Precinct Committee Officer, or a registered voter of the precinct designated by him, shall preside at all Precinct Caucuses.

11.2. Appointed Precinct Committee Officers.

In the event a precinct is without an elected Precinct Committee Officer, the County Chair may appoint a Precinct Committee Officer from among the registered voters residing therein. Such appointment shall be upon the recommendation of the Legislative District Chair, provided that if the County Chair shall propose an appointment to the Legislative District Chair in writing and fourteen days shall have elapsed thereafter, and the Legislative District Chair shall not have rejected the appointment, the County Chair may make the appointment as though nomination and approval had been received. Upon receipt of a recommendation by the Legislative District Chair, the County Chair shall appoint or reject the recommendation within fourteen days, and shall notify the Executive Board, the Legislative District Chair, and the individual involved in writing. The appointed Precinct Committee Officer shall have all the powers and responsibilities of the elected Precinct Committee Officer except that he will not be a delegate to the biennial Central Committee organization meeting. He shall be eligible to vote at all other Central Committee meetings and Legislative District Meetings provided he was appointed at least sixty days prior thereto. An appointed Precinct Committee Officer may not be removed by the County Chair.

11.3. Precinct Chair.

A Precinct Chair may be appointed by the County Chair. They are not required to be residents or registered voters in the precincts in which they serve, however they shall be required to be a registered voter in the Legislative District and County in which they are appointed. They shall have all powers and responsibilities of Precinct Committee Officers except that they shall not be

entitled to vote at a meeting of the Central Committee or the Legislative District meetings provided for in Article X, XIII, XV, or Section 12.8.

11.4. Procedure for Determining Precinct Committee Officer Positions in Revised Precincts.

Whenever precinct boundaries are revised or realigned, or precincts are consolidated or new precincts created, the following rules shall apply:

- 11.4.1. If only one previously elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officer resides within the new precinct boundaries, he shall serve as Precinct Committee Officer for the new precinct.
- 11.4.2. If two or more previously elected Precinct Committee Officers reside in the new precinct boundaries, they may agree on who will serve or determine by lot who shall serve.
- 11.4.3. If a previously elected Precinct Committee Officer and an appointed Precinct Committee Officer reside in the new precinct boundaries, the elected Precinct Committee Officer shall serve.
- 11.4.4. If two or more appointed Precinct Committee Officers reside in the new precinct boundaries, they may agree on who will serve or determine by lot who shall serve.
- 11.4.5. If two or more Precinct Chairs shall reside in the new precinct boundaries, the Legislative District Chair shall, within sixty days, recommend who will serve in the new precinct.

ARTICLE XII - Committees

12.1. Executive Committee.

To assist the County Chair in execution of his duties, there shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the County Chair, other elected officers of the Central Committee, and Legislative District Chairs. The Committee shall meet on the call of the County Chair at least every two months. One-third of the members of the Executive Committee shall have the authority to call a meeting of the Executive Committee on five days' notice. Between sessions of the Central Committee, the Executive Committee shall have the powers of the Central Committee except those relative to election and removal of officers and amendment to these Bylaws. No action may be taken by the Executive Committee which is contrary to the express actions previously taken by the Central Committee. At Executive Committee meetings, in the absence of a Legislative District Chair, the Legislative District Vice Chair shall have the right

to vote as proxy of the Legislative District Chair. In the event of absence of both the Legislative District Chair and Vice Chair, the Legislative District Chair may designate another member of the Legislative District staff as his proxy. All committees shall report regularly to the Executive Committee.

12.2. Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of all Elected Officers of the Central Committee and not more than four other members appointed to this Committee by the County Chair. This Committee shall assist the County Chair in the development and establishment of Party programs and perform such other duties as he may assign.

12.3. Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee Chair and the Finance Committee members shall be appointed by the County Chair. The main purpose of the Finance Committee is to assist the County Chair in raising funds for the operations of the KCGOP.

12.4. Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee Chair shall be appointed by the County Chair. A Budget Committee, appointed by the County Chair, shall consist of;

- a. the Budget Committee Chair,
- b. the Finance Chair,
- c. one other member of the Finance Committee,
- d. two elected officeholders elected from King County who are Republicans,
- e. two Legislative District Chairs elected by the Executive Committee,
- f. the elected officers of the King County Central Committee, and
- g. the County Treasurer, who shall serve on the Budget Committee as an ex-officio nonvoting member.

The Chair of the Budget Committee shall be an ex-officio nonvoting member of the Audit Committee.

- 12.4.1. Within sixty days after his election and prior to the beginning of the second year of his term, the County Chair shall prepare and present to the Budget Committee his budget for the ensuing year. Until the budget is adopted, only essential operating expenses shall be incurred or paid. The budget shall be subject to review by the Budget Committee and shall not

be effective until approved by the Budget Committee. Once adopted, the Budget Committee shall meet quarterly to review and, if necessary, adjust budget line items. Expenses shall not be incurred until the money is in hand except upon prior approval of the Budget Committee and the Executive Committee.

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

12.5. Candidate Recruitment Committee.

The County Chair may appoint a committee or committees, as appropriate, to recruit candidates for partisan or nonpartisan office.

- 12.5.1. The responsibilities of a Candidate Recruitment Committee are
- a. to identify and encourage responsible and appealing Republican candidates to run for public office;
 - b. to assist the County Chair, Legislative District organizations and candidates with campaign procedures, programs, facilities, scheduling and related matters.

12.6. Vacancies on Election Ballots.

In the event a vacancy on the ballot shall occur through non-filing or other cause which under RCW Chapter 29A.28 it is the prerogative of the Central Committee to fill, the power may be exercised by the Executive Committee, or between meetings of the Executive Committee, by the Advisory Committee, or between meetings of the Advisory Committee by the County Chair.

12.7. Support of Candidates.

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

12.8. Candidate Endorsement Committee.

During election years, when partisan candidates are running for office, KCGOP shall send out the KCGOP candidate endorsement questionnaire to all candidates within King County running as Republicans. The County Chair shall appoint the members to this committee after soliciting non-Legislative District Chair volunteers from each of the King County Legislative Districts. The Candidate Endorsement Committee shall be established seven days after the close of filing week. The committee shall be made up of an odd number of members to prevent tied votes for endorsements. Since the Candidate Endorsement Committee will have access to paper copies of the completed confidential endorsement questionnaires, this committee must meet in person. A member of the KCGOP staff will hand out and collect the paper questionnaires before and after each meeting. The Candidate Endorsement Committee members will be tasked with reading through the questionnaires, discussing the merits of the various candidates, and voting on who to bring forward to the KCGOP Executive Committee for their consideration. The Executive Committee will vote on the decisions made by the Candidate Endorsement Committee. The result of this vote will be posted on the KCGOP website as the candidates winning the endorsement of the party. For any nonpartisan races on the ballot, the Candidate Endorsement Committee may vote to make "recommendations," which may also be considered by the KCGOP Executive Committee. The County Chair is an ex-officio nonvoting member of the Candidate Endorsement Committee.

12.9. Audit Committee.

An Audit Committee, appointed by the elected officers of the Central Committee, consisting of

- a. one Legislative District Chair,
- b. one Elected Officer of the King County Central Committee, and
- c. one Precinct Committee Officer shall be established and maintained by the County organization.

The Budget Committee Chair and the Treasurer shall serve as ex-officio non voting members of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall meet periodically, but not less frequently than annually, to review the books and records of the Central Committee. The Audit Committee shall issue a report to the Executive Committee within sixty days of meeting, and shall

- a. make recommendations on matters relating to financial controls and

- b. make recommendations, if deemed appropriate, to the Executive Committee for a professional external review by a Certified Public Accountant.

Voting members of the Audit Committee may only be removed by a majority vote of the Elected Officers of the Central Committee.

12.10. Filling of Vacancies in Elective Office/Candidate Selection Committee.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur or be about to occur (as evidenced by a notice from the officeholder to the Chair) in a public office, to which, by law, the Central Committee is entitled to make nominations for a replacement, the County Chair shall appoint a Candidate Selection Committee which shall consider all candidates making themselves known. The Committee shall determine its procedures, subject to Section 12.8, and shall act with all reasonable dispatch, having regard for both the desirability of notice and the desirability of a prompt filling of the vacancy.

- 12.10.1. The County Chair shall consult with the Advisory Committee, the Legislative District Chair, and the incumbent Republican legislators from the district and shall endeavor to assure that at least three candidates are available for consideration by the Candidate Selection Committee
- 12.10.2. The Candidate Selection Committee shall consist of the Precinct Committee Officers of the constituency of the vacant office, all the Legislative District Chairs residing within the constituency, all incumbent Republican legislators and other Republican officials holding elective partisan offices and residing within the constituency, the outgoing officeholder if available, and the elected officers of the Central Committee.
- 12.10.3. The County Chair shall appoint a Legislative District Chair from a nearby district, who does not reside within the constituency, to produce the official minutes from this meeting. The Committee shall select, by majority vote, its first choice for filling the vacancy. It shall then by separate ballot select, by majority vote, its second choice, and it shall then by separate ballot select, by majority vote, its third choice. The report of the committee shall list in order of preference the three candidates to be submitted to fill the vacancy.

12.11. Bylaws Committee.

The County Chair may appoint a committee to prepare the proposed bylaws for the Biennial Organization Meeting. Bylaws Committee appointments must be ratified by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee. Bylaws Committee meetings shall be open to all Precinct Committee Officers to attend

and observe, and the Bylaws Committee meeting schedule and each meeting's agenda must be shared with the same in a timely manner.

12.12. Other Committees.

The County Chair shall have the authority to establish other committees he deems necessary for the successful execution of his assigned responsibilities, including a Bylaws review committee for the Biennial Organization Meeting.

ARTICLE XIII - Election, Vacancies and Removal of Elected Officers of the Central Committee

13.1. Election.

The County Chair, County Senior Vice Chair, County Vice Chair, the Representatives to the State Executive Board, State Committeeman, and State Committeewoman shall be elected in that order by the Central Committee at its biennial organization meeting. Election for each office shall be by a simple majority of those members of the Central Committee eligible to vote and voting for each such office.

13.1.1. Proxy votes shall not be allowed.

13.2. Vacancies and Removals.

If the Chair, a Vice Chair or representative to the State Executive Board shall die, resign, hold, or assume a salaried elective public office, become a candidate for an elective public office as defined by RCW 42.17A.005, or cease to be an elector within King County, Washington, that office shall thereupon be vacant. If it shall be intended to remove any officer, a meeting of the Central Committee for such purpose may be called or convened through procedures provided for in Article XIV, Section 14.2 of these Bylaws. The officer sought to be removed shall be given full and fair opportunity to present evidence and argument in his own behalf. Fifty percent of the members authorized to vote on removal shall constitute a quorum for the consideration of removal. Removal may be for any cause which the Committee shall deem sufficient and shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

13.3. Filling of Vacancies.

Not more than twenty days following the occurrence of a vacancy in the Office of County Chair, the Senior County Vice Chair, as Chair, shall cause to be mailed to each member of the Central Committee a notice of a meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of filling such vacancy, providing notice of not less than fourteen days and not more than thirty days. Such notice shall fix a place

and time for the Central Committee meeting. At such meeting, the Senior County Vice Chair, as Chair, shall preside. Vacancies in other elective Party offices shall be filled by election by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIV - Biennial Organization Meeting and Special Meetings

14.1. Biennial Organization Meeting.

Following each biennial election at which Precinct Committee Officers are elected, a Biennial Organization Meeting shall be called to meet on either the first or second Saturday of the following December. The County Chair shall cause written notice to be issued to each member of the Central Committee fixing a place and time for the meeting not less than ten or more than thirty days after mailing of the notice. The call shall also include notice that advance copies of the proposed rules and bylaws shall be posted on the Central Committee's website and available for purchase at the Central Committee's office at cost, not less than one week before the meeting. Such meeting shall be held in accord with the purposes set forth in RCW 29A.80.030. The Credentials Committee and the Rules Committee for such meeting shall be appointed by the County Chair. The County Chair shall open the meeting, which shall thereupon elect by a simple majority of those voting, a Chair for the meeting. Following this the meeting shall consider and adopt, by a simple majority vote, its agenda, rules, and regulations. Upon the convening of the Organization meeting, these Bylaws shall lapse.

14.2. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Central Committee may be called at any time by the County Chair or the Executive Committee on two weeks' notice, and the call shall state the purpose of the meeting. A special meeting shall be called by the County Chair upon receipt by him of a petition therefore, signed by at least 20 percent of the total number of Precinct Committee Officers in King County and shall be held within thirty days after receipt of the petition. The County Chair shall preside as Chair of all such meetings, except that in the case of any meeting called for the removal of the Chair, the Senior Vice Chair shall serve as temporary Chair of that meeting.

ARTICLE XV - Conventions and Caucuses

15.1. Conventions and Caucuses.

The County Chair shall provide for Precinct Caucuses, Legislative District Caucuses, and a County Convention in accordance with the Bylaws (including

section 16.3), the rules of the Republican State Committee, and the laws of the State of Washington. Wherever this Article is inconsistent with the rules of the Republican State Committee governing the selection of delegates to the State Convention, the County Chair shall hold Caucuses and Conventions in accordance with the State rules. For the purposes of Caucuses and Conventions, this section is expressly made subject to the applicable state rules and applicable state law.

15.2. Precinct Caucuses.

The County Chair shall call for the Precinct Caucuses to be held in each precinct in King County for the purpose of electing delegates to the Legislative District Caucuses and to the County Convention. The Precinct Committee Officer, or a registered voter designated by him, shall preside as Chair. The rules and order of business shall be prescribed by the County Executive Committee, consistent with Washington State Republican Party rules.

- 15.2.1. In any precinct where there is no Precinct Committee Officer or where the existing Precinct Committee Officer refuses or is unable to hold a caucus, any three registered voters designating themselves to be Republicans may petition the County Chair to hold a precinct caucus for the Republican Party in the precinct in which they are registered. Such petition shall be verified under oath, signed by the petitioners, and designate one of the petitioners to be the Temporary Chair of the caucus. It shall contain the proposed location of the Precinct Caucus. The Temporary Chair designated in the first petition filed for each precinct shall be Temporary Chair and shall perform the duties that are required of elected and appointed Precinct Committee Officers for that precinct caucus. Such petitions shall be filed not less than three weeks prior to the date of the precinct caucus. The County Chair shall deliver to such Temporary Chair the same Precinct Caucus materials as are delivered by him to Precinct Committees Officers. In cases in which no petition is received, the County Chair shall designate a location and Temporary Chair for the caucus.

15.3. Legislative District Caucuses.

The County Chair shall call and arrange for a Legislative District Caucus within each Legislative District in King County for the purpose of selecting delegates to the County and State Conventions of the Republican Party of the State of Washington, and for such other purposes as the Executive Committee shall prescribe. Automatic delegates and delegates elected at Precinct Caucuses shall be the sole delegates to the Legislative District Caucuses as provided by the rules of the Republican State Committee.

15.4. County Convention.

Following the Legislative District Caucuses, the County Chair shall plan for and call a King County Republican Convention to be held at a convenient time and place prior to the next Republican State Convention. All persons who are delegates to the Legislative District Caucuses shall be delegates to, and empowered to vote at the County Convention. The principal purpose of the County Convention shall be the adoption of a platform and resolutions, the election of county representatives to State Convention Committees, and the election of delegates to the State Convention, if not accomplished prior thereto at District Caucuses.

- 15.4.1. In January of each Presidential election year, each Legislative District shall, on ten days written or email notice, convene a meeting of Precinct Committee Officers. The Legislative District Chair shall nominate one member and one alternate for the Platform and Resolutions and Rules Committees of the County Convention, subject to ratification by the Precinct Committee Officers in attendance. If a quorum is absent, ratification shall be accomplished by default. If one or more of the nominees are rejected, the Precinct Committee Officers present shall immediately elect the member or alternate for each position where the Legislative District Chair's nominee has been rejected.
- 15.4.2. The Credentials, Platform and Resolutions, and Rules and Order of Business Committees shall meet before the County Convention. The Chair of said committees shall be appointed by the County Chair. Copies of the proposed Rules and Order of Business, and the proposed Platform and Resolutions, shall be made available to all delegates at the County Convention upon registration at the Convention. Advance copies of the proposed Platform and Rules and Order of Business shall be available to delegates for purchase at cost at the Central Committee's office and by email upon request not less than one week prior to the Convention.
- 15.4.3. The report of the Platform and Resolution Committee shall consist of a platform and such resolutions as the committee may desire to report. Additional resolutions and platform planks may be considered from the floor of the Convention. The Platform shall be the official position of the Republican Party in King County. Each section shall contain a single subject and shall require an affirmative vote of sixty percent for approval. Resolutions shall represent the opinion of the delegates to the Convention and shall require a majority vote for approval. Any plank defeated for the platform may be considered as a resolution.
- 15.4.4. The County Chair shall call the Convention to order as the Temporary Chair. At all Caucuses and Conventions, the unit rule shall not be

permitted. All business shall be governed by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, except where they are inconsistent with these Bylaws, or with specific rules adopted for Precinct Caucuses and Legislative District Caucuses as announced by the County Executive Committee or as adopted by the Legislative District Caucus or County Convention as part of their organizational procedure.

ARTICLE XVI - Party Discipline

16.1. Authority of the Chair.

The Chair has the sole authority and discretion for initiating and executing Disciplinary Action Decisions relating to King County Precinct Committee Officers. Elected officers must be notified immediately if action is initiated.

16.2. Disciplinary Action Decisions.

Disciplinary Action Decisions include, but are not limited to,

- a. establishing any procedures to provide fair notice to be heard or notice of decision
- b. and loss of good standing defined as "no further voting rights in any meeting of the Central Committee or any of its constituent parts, such as Legislative Districts and committees, shall be ineligible to hold a Precinct Caucus or to serve as an automatic or elected delegate to the King County Republican Convention or any District Conventions, shall be ineligible to be elected to represent King County Republicans at any convention called by the Republican State Committee of Washington, and shall be ineligible to serve on any other committee established by or under the authority of the Central Committee."

16.3. Effectivity.

Disciplinary decisions of the Chair are effective immediately and are final unless a two-thirds vote of the Elected Officers of the Central Committee reverses the decision of the Chair.

ARTICLE XVII - Amending the Bylaws

17.1. Amending the Bylaws

The Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Central Committee by a two-thirds majority vote of the committee present and voting,

provided that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments has been included in the notice of the meeting. This provision does not apply to the adoption of the Bylaws at the Biennial Organization Meeting, which shall be accomplished by a majority vote.

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