

Bylaws of The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County

ARTICLE I: NAME

The organization shall be named the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County (LPLAC), hereinafter referred to as “Party”.

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

The object of this Party shall be to elect Libertarians to public office, to advocate for Libertarian policies, and to communicate libertarian philosophy to the public.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Section 1: The membership of the Party shall be all members of the Libertarian Party of California State Central Committee who reside in Los Angeles County, or who choose to affiliate with Los Angeles County regardless of their County of residence.

Section 2: Members of the Libertarian Party of California State Central Committee who reside in Los Angeles County and affiliate with another County Central Committee in the state of California shall not be considered members of the Party.

ARTICLE IV: REGIONS

Section 1: The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County shall be divided into the following Regions:

Region 61: Region 61 shall include San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and the Antelope Valley.

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

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

Region 64: Region 64 shall include north east and central Los Angeles.

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

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

Section 2: The Membership of a Region shall be all Members of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County who reside in, or who choose to affiliate with the Region.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall have the power to declare a Region inactive and merge it into an active Region, and shall have the power to create a new Region by dividing up an existing Region.

Section 4: It shall take a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee to declare a region inactive or create a new Region.

Section 5: At least 30 days notice shall be given to County Membership before changing of Regions.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers and Duties. The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2: Elections, Term of Office. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. Nominations shall be from the floor.

Section 3: Interim Removal and Appointment of Officers. A County Officer may be removed from Office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board after failure to attend two (2) consecutive board meetings. In the case of an interim vacancy of County Office, the Executive Board shall have the power to appoint a member to that office upon a majority vote at a regular Executive Board meeting.

Section 4: Office-Holding Limitations. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual Meetings. A meeting shall be held annually at a convenient time and place for the purpose of electing officers, one Regional Representative for each Region by caucus (and one Alternate if the Region members so choose), electing the Los Angeles county representative to the Executive Committee, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 2: Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or the Executive Board and shall be called upon the written request of ten members of the Party. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days' notice shall be given.

Section 3: Quorum. Fifteen members of the Party shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: Board Composition. The officers of the Party, the Regional Representatives, and two At Large Members shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2: Board's Duties and Powers. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Party, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Party, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Party.

Section 3: Board Meetings. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held monthly at a time and place to be determined by the Chair. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair and shall be called upon the written request of three members of the Board. Electronic meetings of the Board via email, chat, video chat or teleconferencing, may be called by the Chair and shall be called upon the request of three members of the Board. In the event of email meetings, all subsidiary motions shall have a seconding and voting period of three (3) days, all main motions, seconding and voting shall have a voting period of five (5) days. For all electronic meetings all main motions shall require an absolute majority of the Board to pass.

Section 4: Quorum. A quorum at monthly Executive Board meetings shall consist of a majority of the current members of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall be three members elected at the annual meeting. Vacancies shall be filled by the remaining members. By petition of at least five members, the Judicial Committee may review any action of the Executive Board or any Officer for compliance with these bylaws or the bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California. No member of the Judicial Committee shall hold any other Party office.

Section 2: Other Committees. Other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chair of the Party as the Chair or the Executive Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Party.

ARTICLE IX: STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES

Nominations for delegates to the Libertarian Party of California convention shall be made by the Regional Representatives. The delegates shall be elected by the Board.

ARTICLE X: CONFLICTING AUTHORITY

The bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California shall supersede any conflicting provision of these bylaws.

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Party may adopt.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Party by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall cause any submitted proposals to be published on the Party's website within five days.