

BY-LAWS OF THE WELD COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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*These By-Laws must be distributed to each newly-elected member of the Central Committee upon election.
Weld County Republican Central Committee members are responsible for reading and upholding these By-Laws.*

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Weld County Republican Central Committee.

Section 1. DEFINITIONS

Section 2 **A.** All provisions of the statutes of the State of Colorado applicable to party organization and party central committees shall be considered a part of these By-Laws.

B. All references to male include the female and the masculine pronoun includes the feminine.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to perform the functions set forth in the election laws of the State of Colorado and to support the objectives of the Republican Party as reflected in the Republican State Platform and in the rules and platform adopted by the Republican National Convention and the Colorado State Convention.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Weld County Republican Central Committee shall be:

- (a) The Chairman, the first Vice-Chairman, the second Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer;
- (b) The duly elected Republican precinct committee people of each of the precincts in Weld County;
- (c) District Captains;
- (d) The duly elected County, State and Federal officials, and District Attorney residing in Weld County who are members of the Republican party.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Chairman, the Secretary and the Weld County Republican Treasurer shall be elected by majority vote of the said Weld County Republican Central Committee, aforesaid, cast at a meeting upon notice previously given, by those present and voting.

Section 2. Fifteen District Captains shall be elected at the organizational meeting of the Central Committee. The District Captains shall be elected by the precinct committee people residing in their respective districts.

For the purpose of electing District Captains, the County shall be divided into fifteen areas. The Executive Committee shall propose the boundaries of each area to be approved by the Central Committee at the organizational meeting.

Section 3. Such elected officer must be a duly registered member of the Republican Party in Weld County, for at least one year, and must take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Colorado.

Section 4. Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority of members of the Central Committee at a regular meeting held in accordance with law. The first Vice-Chairman and the Second Vice-Chairman shall be elected by a plurality of the members of the Central Committee by a single ballot at a regular meeting held in accordance with law. Members of the Central committee may vote for up to but no more than two candidates for Vice Chairman on such ballot.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. The organizational meeting of the committee shall be held in Weld County, Colorado, between the first day of February and the fifteenth day of February of odd numbered years. This meeting shall be a required meeting of the committee, and shall be called by the chairman or any other elected official of the committee, should the chairman fail, refuse, or be unable to call such a meeting.

Section 2. Other meetings, regularly-set or special, shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Chairman, or other elected official of the committee as aforesaid in the event the Chairman shall fail, refuse, or be unable to call such other regular or special meeting. It shall be the duty of the Chairman, either Vice-Chairman, or the Secretary, acting under proper authority, to call and hold a meeting of the committee within two weeks after receiving a written request to hold such a meeting, signed by one-third (1/3) or more of the membership of the committee.

Section 3. Calls of the meetings shall be made via email, in writing and mailed, or by use of other technological means delivered to the last known address, or last known electronic address, of each member of the committee, not less than seven days or as otherwise required prior to the date of the meeting. In the event of an emergency, at the direction of the majority of the Executive Committee, telephone notice shall be permitted and the required notice period shall be waived. The call shall sufficiently state the purpose of the meeting, the date, time and place of the meeting; the call shall not limit the business transacted at such meeting, and a full disclosure shall be made of all matters to be considered, if known at the time the call is issued.

Section 4. Any meeting of the committee may be recessed periodically by vote of the majority of the members of the committee present at such meeting. It shall not be necessary to give notice of the recess of a meeting, nor the business to be taken up at such reconvened meeting, unless the period of recess shall exceed a period of eight days, in which event notice shall be given as for the original calling of such a meeting.

Section 5. A quorum shall consist of one third (1/3) of such members of the committee.

Section 6. Participation by Electronic Means: Any member of the Executive Committee or other Committees appointed by the Chairman or Executive Committee, may participate in a meeting of the Executive Committee or other committees by means of telephone conference, web interaction or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear and/or see a visual image, when such technological means are available.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of the committee shall be a Chairman, First Vice-Chairman and Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and a Treasurer. When elected, such officers shall be known as, and shall be, County Chairman, County First Vice-Chairman, County Second Vice-Chairman, County

Secretary and Weld County Republican Treasurer of the Committee and of the Weld County Republican Party. They need not be committee people, nor elected, nor appointed County or State officials. The officers shall be knowledgeable of their responsibilities in relation to all election laws, Colorado Republicans, and Weld County Republican By-Laws.

Section 2. Such elected officers shall hold office until the next required meeting of the committee, as set forth in Article V, Section 1 hereof, and until successors are elected and qualified. No officer shall openly support a candidate in a contested primary election without first resigning from their position as an officer. No officer shall openly support a candidate of another political party without first resigning their position as an officer. The Executive Committee may remove, by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, of those present at a regularly scheduled meeting such officer that refuses to resign. If an Administrative Assistant is employed, that person shall not hold any position paid or unpaid with any other political entity or campaign.

Section 3. The **Chairman** shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Weld County Republican Central Committee and of the Weld County Republican Party. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the committee, and shall observe and enforce these By-Laws. He/she shall call any County Republican Assembly or Convention to order and may preside there at, or with the consent of the majority of the Executive Committee may select some other person to do so, until a permanent chairman thereof shall have been chosen, for which he/she shall also be eligible. He/she shall appoint all Standing Committee personnel, except the Auditing and Vacancy Committees, and the officers thereof. He/she shall also appoint all other needful committees, and the committee personnel and officers thereof, with the consent of the majority of the Executive Committee. He/she shall be ex-officio member of all committees aforesaid, but shall have no vote therein, except in the case of a tie. He/she shall promote the best interests of the Republican Party in Weld County and exercise his/her best efforts to keep and develop harmony in the party.

Section 4. The **First Vice Chairman** shall exercise the functions and duties of the Chairman during any temporary absence, temporary disability or permanent vacancy of the Chairman until successor is duly elected and qualified. The **Second Vice Chairman** shall exercise the functions and duties of the First Vice Chairman in his absence or incapacity. Each Vice Chairman shall also perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman or these by-laws. Each Vice Chairman shall only be entitled to cast one half vote as a member on such other party central committees or vacancy committees of which they are ex-officio members except when voting by proxy for another member of the central committee. The First and Second Vice Chairmen shall promote the best interests of the Republican Party in Weld County and exercise their best efforts to keep and develop harmony in the party.

Section 5. The **Secretary** shall be the chief clerical officer of the committee. He/she shall keep a complete record of all the proceedings of the committee, the Executive Committee and perform such other duties as may be delegated to the Secretary by the committee or by the Chairman or acting Chairman. He/she shall issue and attend to the service of all notices of meetings and Committee appointments. He/she shall issue all calls for meetings of the Committee and all County assemblies or conventions. The Secretary is ultimately responsible for obtaining all necessary forms signed and filed with the Secretary of State immediately following the assembly or convention. He/she will schedule and coordinate training for District Captains and committee people as to their duties and responsibilities. The Secretary shall remain current in changes of the election laws. The Secretary shall promote the best interests of the Republican party in Weld County and exercise the best efforts to keep or develop harmony in the party.

- Section 6.** The **Weld County Republican Treasurer** shall maintain, receive and expend funds and make, or cause to be made, proper disclosure reports to the IRS and to the committee. He/she shall maintain an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures and perform such other duties as assigned to him by the County Chairman. The Treasurer shall be bonded for an amount to be determined by the Executive Committee on a yearly basis. Said bond shall be acquired and paid for by the Weld County Republican Central Committee.
- Section 7.** An **Administrative Assistant** may be employed by the Chairman, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. The Administrative Assistant shall be responsible to the Chairman. The Executive Committee will set the hours and wages of the Administrative Assistant.
- Section 8.** The **District Captains**, or their valid proxy, (pursuant to the proxy qualifications as set forth in Article X), shall attend all Central Committee and Executive Committee meetings. They shall assist the committee people in their district by coordinating party activities and shall perform all other duties assigned to them by the County Chairman or the Executive Committee. Any registered Republican residing in his district may be elected District Captain, but no one may have more than one vote in the Weld County Republican Central Committee because he may be a District Captain.
- A District Captain shall not openly support a candidate from another political party without first resigning their position. The Executive Committee may remove, by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present at a regularly scheduled meeting, such District Captain that refuses to resign.
- Section 9.** **Committee people** of each precinct shall attend all Central Committee meetings and shall participate in all precinct activities equally. They shall sign notices of elections and caucuses and obtain a place for caucus. They shall obtain workers for elections and help in working the precinct. They shall keep a record of the precinct, canvass the precinct prior to each general election and bring the precinct record up to date. They shall promptly perform all other duties assigned to them by the District Captain, County Chairman, or the Executive Committee, and shall report promptly to the District Captain, County Chairman or Executive Committee when called upon to do so. They shall vote individually.
- A precinct committee person shall not openly support a candidate from another political party without first resigning their position. Upon recommendation from his/her District Captain, the Executive Committee may remove, by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present at a regularly scheduled meeting, such precinct committee persons that refuses to resign.
- Section 10.** Any other officers elected by the Weld County Central Committee who openly support a candidate for another political party (i.e. Bonus Members, Standing Committee Members, etc.) may be removed by the Executive Committee by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Section 11.** In partisan elections, members of the Weld County Republican Central Committee and/or Executive Committee will not publicly support any candidate other than Republican candidates or they may be removed by the Executive Committee by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Impermissible public support of non-Republican candidates includes social media posts that promote non-Republican candidates and participation in non-Republican campaign or candidate events.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

- Section 1.** The subcommittees of the committee shall consist of (a) Executive Committee, (b) Standing Committees, and (c) Temporary Committees.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the County Chairman, the two (2) County Vice-Chairmen, County Secretary, Weld County Republican Treasurer, Chairmen of the various Weld County Republican auxiliary organizations as recognized by the Central Committee, the Chairman of each respective senatorial, representative and judicial district in Weld County, the Chairman of each of the County Commissioner Districts and a Representative for each county-wide elected office, which the latter members shall be elected by the Weld County Republican Committee people from their respective county Commissioner District and the Central Committee as a whole for the At-Large Commissioners and county-wide elected officials, at the regular required meeting. Auxiliary Club Chairmen shall be non-voting members of the Executive Committee. If the Chairman of a district is not a Weld County resident, then a designee, who is a Weld County resident of that district, shall sit on the Weld County Executive Committee. District Captains shall be voting bonus members of the Executive Committee. The members of the Executive Committee shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

The function of the Executive Committee shall be to conduct the affairs of the Republican Party in Weld County, as representatives of the Weld County Republican Committee, and shall meet at the call of the County Chairman, or either County Vice-Chairman when acting under proper authority, and must be called when written request is made therefore, signed by forty (40) or more percent of the Executive Committee.

Section 3.

The Standing Committees of the Weld County Republican Central Committee shall be as follows: **Auditing, Finance, Arrangements, Public Relations, Patronage, Candidates and Vacancy.**

Each committee shall have a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and at last three other members. They shall be appointed by the County Chairman, with the advice of the Executive Committee, except the Auditing Committee. They need not be members of the Weld County Republican Central Committee. They shall hold office at the pleasure of the County Chairman. The Chairman of the Finance Committee must be appointed a member of the Patronage on Committee. The County Chairman is urged to insist upon continual alertness and reasonable activity by such committees and to work in cooperation with them.

There shall be an **Auditing Committee**, consisting of three members, who shall be chosen by the majority vote of the Weld County Republican Central Committee and responsible only to it. The Auditing Committee shall select its own Chairman. It shall audit the books of the Finance Committee and of any other office or committee of the Weld County Republican Central Committee receiving funds or paying out funds, at least once each year, and shall make its report and recommendations to the Executive Committee at interim times and to the Weld County Republican Central Committee.

The **Finance Committee** shall attend to all fundraising functions and efforts on behalf of the Republican party, including individual, corporate, and other solicitations. The Weld County Republican Party Treasurer will recommend finance committee members to the Executive Committee for approval and will serve as chair of the Finance Committee.

The **Arrangements Committee** shall attend to the location, furnishing and equipping of the County Republican headquarters, all meetings of the Weld County Republican Central Committee, the Party Assemblies and Conventions and any special occasions, when requested by the Chairman. Either the First Vice Chairman or the Second Vice Chairman of the County Republican Central Committee will recommend arrangements committee members to the Executive Committee for approval and will serve as chair of the Arrangements Committee.

The **Public Relations Committee** shall attend to and be alert to all news and publicity matters, in order to promote the best interests and excite the best interests of and in the Republican Party, from whatever source. This committee shall strive for excellent rapport with all news media on behalf of the Republican party and maintain a record of Party activities.

The **Patronage Committee** shall diligently recommend persons or firms for position to be filled

upon the basis of qualifications for the office, accompanied by consideration of Republican affiliation and party work and assistance record. When the position relates to a precinct, certainly the precinct committee people recommendation should be noted and given weight, but the Party's best interests are to be considered. The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall automatically be a member.

The **Candidates Committee** shall be ever alert to public attitudes, and potential candidates for public office. The personnel should be persons who have broad horizons and good balance, free of jealousy or bigotry. It shall be the duty of the Candidates Committee to interview all potential Republican candidates for public office and report to the Executive Committee. Strict confidentiality of interview details is required unless the Chairman of the candidates committee believes and a majority of the candidate committee agree that failure to disclose certain details would likely result in significant harm to the party.

The **Central Committee Vacancy Committee** shall consist of the Weld County Executive Committee. The county Chairman shall serve as chairman of the Vacancy Committee.

Section 4. There shall be such other committees as shall be required, or shall be needful to carry out and make productive or efficient the work, purposes, aims, and intentions of the Republican Party in Weld County. The committees and their memberships, a minimum of three, shall be designated and appointed by the Chairman or First Vice Chairman properly acting with the consent of the majority of the Executive Committee, and such committees shall continue, and the personnel shall hold office, at the pleasure of the County Chairman.

Section 5. The **Chairmen of Committees**, appointed by the County Chairman or Acting Chairman, shall not be entitled to vote in the deliberations of the Weld County Republican Central Committee, based solely upon their chairmanship.

ARTICLE VIII - DISTRICT MEETINGS AND ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND RANKING OF ALTERNATES TO HIGHER ASSEMBLIES/CONVENTIONS

Section 1. A district meeting shall be held on the same day and time in each district of Weld County, no later than the second Saturday following the precinct caucus. The district captain or designee who shall reside within the district and be a duly registered member of the Republican Party, shall preside. Only delegates or their officially seated alternates to the Weld County Assembly/ Convention elected within their district shall be allowed to vote.

The purpose of the meeting shall be to elect all of the delegates and alternates to the Colorado State Assembly/Convention and the Second, Fourth, Seventh, or Eighth Congressional Assembly/Convention allotted to the district. Two reserve alternates to the Colorado State Assembly/Convention and two reserve alternates to the Second, Fourth, Seventh, or Eighth Congressional Assembly/Convention shall also be elected from each district, if possible. Alternates are elected in each district to vote in the place of a delegate who is unable, for whatever reasons, to be in attendance to cast their vote. The delegates may not authorize another to vote in their place by use of a proxy. Delegate vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the procedure set forth in Section 2 of Article VIII below.

Section 2. A meeting of all of the district captains shall be held the day of the district meetings, following their adjournment. The Chairman or First Vice-Chairman of the Weld County Republican Party shall preside. The purpose of this meeting shall be to rank all of the alternates to the Colorado State Assembly/Convention Second, Fourth, Seventh, or Eighth Congressional Assembly/Convention elected at the district meetings, and to fill any delegate and alternate vacancies that may exist. A majority of the district captains shall determine the ranking of the alternates and reserve alternates

by fair, proportionate, random drawing. Any delegate vacancies shall be filled by ranked alternatives in descending numerical order of ranking, and alternate vacancies shall be filled by reserve alternates in the same manner.

ARTICLE IX – VETO – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- Section 1.** Whenever a meeting shall be called for that purpose, by at least ten days notice, and the purpose therefore is expressly set forth in such written notice served upon all members, the Weld County Republican Central Committees may veto any action taken by the officers of the committee or any committee appointed by it, by the County Chairman, the County First Vice-Chairman or the County Second Vice Chairman acting for the County Chairman, or by the Executive Committee. Such veto shall be effective upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members of the committee present at the meeting and voting. It is urged that no veto be exercised unless good grounds exist and calm deliberation is given the matter.
- Section 2.** Whenever a meeting shall be called for that purpose, by at least ten days' notice, and the purpose therefore is expressly set forth in such written notice served upon all members, the Weld County Republican Central Committee may remove the County Chairman, County First and/or Second Vice- Chairman, County Secretary, Weld County Republican Party Treasurer, all aforesaid, or all of them, upon good cause shown, and elect a replacement or replacements to hold office for the balance of such person's or persons' term. Such removal shall be effective upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the committee present and voting at such meeting. Such removal shall be made after calm deliberation and for the best interests of the Party.
- Section 3.** Failure of the District Captains and committee people to uphold their duties as detailed in the By-Laws of the Weld County Republican Central Committee may result in removal from office by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- Section 4.** Missing three (3) consecutive Central Committee or Executive Committee meetings shall result in a vacancy in that position, unless excused by the Chairman, or the presiding officer, (first Vice Chairman or Second Vice Chairman acting for the Chairman), of the scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE X – PROXIES

- Section 1.** Any regular member of the Executive Committee who desires to be represented via proxy at any meeting of the committee may do so by causing to be delivered said proxy to the Chairman not later than the time of the convening of the meeting to which the proxy applies. Said proxy shall be a Republican elector and shall reside within the respective precinct or district boundaries and shall only apply to a single meeting. Any member of the committee shall have the right to examine and challenge the validity of such proxy. Proxy forms shall be dated, signed by the member, and witnessed. Each proxy submitted shall be verified, and accepted, by the Secretary or the presiding officer of the meeting, to be considered valid. The Chairman shall call for the proxies prior to the time designed for the convening of the meeting. Only one proxy per member shall be allowed. If more than one proxy is presented, the Secretary shall accept the proxy dated closest to the date of the meeting, or if dated the same day, the valid proxy shall be determined by the presiding officer. A person may not be a proxy for more than one member at a meeting.
- Section 2.** Any regular member of the Central Committee who desires to attend any meeting of the committee by proxy shall designate his proxy in writing and deliver or cause to be delivered said proxy to the Chairman of the Central Committee no later than the time of the convening of the meeting to which the proxy applies. The proxy shall apply only to a single meeting and no person can represent more than one proxy. The individual designated by proxy shall be a Republican elector and shall reside within the boundaries which his principal represents. Any member of the Central Committee shall have the right to examine the proxies prior to the taking of votes and challenge their validity. Proxy forms shall be dated, signed by the member, and witnessed. Each proxy submitted shall be verified,

and accepted, by the Secretary or the Chairman, or the Vice-Chairman acting in the place of the Chairman, to be considered valid.

The Chairman of the Central Committee meeting shall call for the proxies prior to the time designated for convening of the meeting. Only one proxy per member shall be allowed. If more than one proxy is presented, the Secretary, or Chairman, shall accept the proxy dated closest to the date of the meeting, or if dated the same day, the valid proxy shall be determined by the presiding officer. A person may not be a proxy for more than one member at the meeting.

ARTICLE XI – VACANCIES

Section 1. ***Officer Vacancies:*** when vacancies occur in any elected office of the Central Committee, except Chairman (provided for in Article XI, Section 2) the Chairman shall appoint a temporary officer to serve until that vacancy is filled by the Central Committee Vacancy Committee. This vacancy must be filled within ninety (90) days

Section 2. ***Chairman Vacancy:*** when a vacancy occurs for the office of Chairman, the First Vice- Chairman shall call to order a special meeting of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee with ten (10) days notice for the specific reason of filling the vacancy. This meeting must be held within thirty (30) days. Other business may be considered at this meeting.

Section 3. ***District Captain Vacancy:*** when there are vacancies to be filled for District Captain, all recommendations for filling said vacancy shall be directed to the Central Committee Vacancy Committee which shall act within thirty (30) days of any resignation of a District Captain or upon any written recommendation to fill such vacancy and those persons appointed shall be notified by the Chairman. Notification may be in written form, (email is an acceptable notice method), or orally if witnessed by another member of the vacancy committee. Recommendations of the outgoing district captain and/or precinct committee people residing in the district shall be considered.

Section 4. ***Committeeperson Vacancy:*** when there are vacancies to be filled for precinct committee people, all recommendations for filling said vacancy shall be directed to the Central Committee Vacancy Committee which shall act within thirty (30) days of any written recommendation, or oral recommendation of the precinct's District Captain made at an Executive Committee meeting, to fill such vacancy and those persons appointed shall be notified by the Chairman as set forth in section 3 above.

Section 5. ***Elected Official Vacancies:***

- A. When a vacancy occurs in the office of United States Senator, United States Representative, State Senator, State Representative, State and District offices, or District Attorney such position shall be filled as provided by State statute.
- B. When a vacancy occurs in any County Public Office it shall be filled as provided in the Weld County Home Rule Charter.

Section 6. General Statements

- A. The Weld County Republican Party is required, by these By-Laws, to keep and make available copies of all District By-Laws and Rules that affect Weld County political party organization.
- B. The Weld County Republican Party is not responsible for establishing Vacancy Committees in districts whether wholly within or partially within Weld County. If Districts do not designate Vacancy Committees, then State statutes apply. It is the Weld

County Republican Party's desire for all Districts to actively manage their districts properly and in accordance with State statutes or governing By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII – STATE BY-LAWS

Section 1. All of the foregoing notwithstanding the by-laws shall conform to those by-laws adopted by the State of Colorado Republican Central Committee.

ARTICLE XIII – ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall control unless otherwise provided for herein or by state statute.

Section 2. The Chairman shall appoint a parliamentarian for each meeting of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE XIV – STATE STATUTES CONTROL

Section 1. Where Colorado statutes pertain to a method or course and a provision of these By-Laws Conflict therewith, such statutes control. There is no need to recite herein matters which are covered by Colorado statutes in effect at the time. Should any provision, term or statement herein, be found to be in conflict with said statutes or be otherwise illegal, it is provided that such provision, term or statement shall not affect nor make illegal other parts, term, provisions or statements of By-Laws not in conflict or illegal.

ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Weld County Republican Central Committee, properly called, and of which written notice of the question of the amendment shall be given at least ten days prior to the date of such meeting, specifying the part to be amended, the reasons thereof, and the proposed amendments if available. Amendments shall become effective upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

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ATTEST:

Chairman: _____
Tom Van Lone

Secretary: _____
Eric Rinard