



Rules Committee Report

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
1333 Old Bayshore Highway
Burlingame, CA 94010

The California Republican Party Rules Committee met on May 18, 2024, in the Regency Ballroom A/B at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport to consider proposed bylaw changes for adoption by the CRP. Chairman Matt Jacobs called the meeting to order at 4:31PM.

The following Rules Committee members were present: Luis Buhler, Jeff Burns, Rex Frazier, Greg Gandrud, Matt Heath, Linda Lopez Alvarez, Betsy Graves Mahan, Charles Moran, Richard Sherman, Lindsey Stetson, and Rev. Dwight Williams.

Rules Committee Proposal #1: DO NOT PASS
Submitted by Lee DeMeo

Section 2.02.03 Quorum, Proxies and Voting

~~(A) Quorum. Quorum shall be a majority of those voting delegates who have paid convention registration or designated a proxy.~~

~~(B) Proxies:~~

~~(1) At any meeting of the Committee, any regular, appointive or associate delegate may be designated as a proxy for up to two delegates. At any meeting of the Committee, any such proxy or proxies shall be submitted to the Chairman or the Chairman of the Proxies and Credentials Committee no later than 12:00noon on the Saturday preceding the Sunday business session.~~

~~(2) Proxies for any convention or meeting of the Committee shall be in the form prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall be made in writing under penalty of perjury by the person giving the proxy. The use of a photocopy of an approved form shall not be a reason to invalidate the proxy.~~

~~(3) A person who has granted a proxy in the prescribed form may revoke or change a proxy only in writing under penalty of perjury. Where more than one proxy is given by a delegate, the one dated subsequently shall be given effect over the one dated earlier. Any writing which revokes or changes a proxy must be received by the Committee not later than the date and time set forth in subsection 2.02.03(B)(1), and shall indicate the name of the person whose proxy is revoked, the date said proxy was given, and the name of any person or agent to whom the proxy form was given.~~

A) Quorum. A Quorum shall be a majority of those voting delegates who have paid convention or special Committee meeting registration or designated Associate Delegates who have paid convention or special Committee meeting registration as their an Alternate Delegate and have been designated as a proxy.

(B) Proxies.

- (1) Delegates may appoint one and only one Associate Delegate to serve as their Alternate Delegate. Such appointment must be made 3 Days no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the beginning of any meeting of the Committee. Delegates may revoke or change their appointed Alternate Delegate up to 3 days no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the beginning of any meeting of the Committee. Associate Delegates may serve as Alternate Delegate for only one Delegate. Such Alternate Delegate may act as a proxy for the Delegate who has appointed that Alternate Delegate for any meeting of the Committee. Only an appointed Alternate Delegate may carry a proxy for any Delegate. At any meeting of the Committee, any such proxy shall be submitted to the Chairman or the Chairman of the Proxies and Credentials Committee no later than 12:00 noon on the Saturday preceding the Sunday business session.
- (2) Proxies and Alternate Delegate appointments for any convention or meeting of the Committee shall be in the form prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall be made in writing under penalty of perjury by the person giving the proxy or Alternate Delegate appointment. The use of a photocopy of an approved form shall not be a reason to invalidate the proxy.
- (3) A person who has granted a proxy and/or appointed an Associate Delegate or Alternate Delegate in the prescribed form may revoke or change a proxy and/or Associate Delegate and/or Alternate Delegate Appointment only in writing under penalty of perjury. Where more than one proxy and/or Associate Delegate Appointment is given by a delegate, the one(s) dated subsequently shall be given effect over the one(s) dated earlier. Any writing which revokes or changes a proxy and/or Associate Delegate and/or Alternate Delegate appointment must be received by the Committee not later than the date and time set forth in subsection 2.02.03(B)(1), and shall indicate the name of the person whose proxy and/or Alternate Delegate is revoked, the date said proxy was given, and the name of any person or agent to whom the proxy form was given.

Rules Committee Proposal #2: WITHDRAWN*Submitted by: David Chan, Randy Berholtz, Dylan Martin*

Section 2.01.01 Delegates

- (A) The following shall be regular delegates of the Committee:
- (3) The Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, Regional Vice Chairmen, Youth Vice Chairman, and all past Chairmen of the Committee.

Section 2.03.01 Terms of Delegates

- (A) Officers. The following shall be the regular elected officers of the Committee: Chairman, State Vice Chairman, eight (8) Regional Vice Chairmen from the regions designated in Section 2.03.01(c), Secretary, ~~and Treasurer,~~ and Youth Vice Chairman.
- (D) A person may seek office as Youth Vice Chairman only if they are between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election.

Section 2.03.02 (A)

- (5) At the delegate meeting in May 2024, candidates for Youth Vice Chairman may be elected via nomination and second from the floor to fill the office until the next regular election occurring Spring 2025, provided, however, the Youth Vice Chairman shall serve only in an acting capacity for the remainder of the term until the next regular election and shall not be prohibited from being elected to the office of Youth Vice Chairman in the following term or terms, as the case may be.

Section 2.03.08 Duties of the Youth Vice Chairman

The Youth Vice Chairman shall be responsible to provide leadership and support to the Committee, to build Republican strength among the youth in California and to increase the involvement and election of young Republican candidates. They shall report to the committee and subcommittees as necessary on the status of Republican youth organizations such as High School Republicans, College Republicans, and Young Republicans and work to provide these organizations the message of the Republican Party and the Committee. They shall report to the committee and subcommittees as necessary on youth recruitment efforts in the state, as well as the status of youth engagement, viewpoints, and challenges they face. They shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for them respectively by the Board or the Committee.

Section 2.06.02

- (E) The Platform Committee shall consist of the following members:
- (2) All State Vice Chairmen, the Secretary, ~~and the Treasurer,~~ and the Youth Vice Chairman of the Committee.

(K) The provisions of this paragraph will come into effect after the adjournment of the spring meeting of the Committee held in 2024. The Volunteer Organizations Committee should include the following ex-officio members: the state Youth Vice Chairman.

Rules Committee Proposal #3: DO NOT PASS

Submitted by: David Chan

Section 2.01.01 (B)

(8) Persons appointed by statewide Republican volunteer organizations chartered by the Committee and in good standing, according to the following formula:

(b) Two appointments by each of the following organizations: California College Republicans; California Federation of Republican Women; California Republican Assembly; California Young Republican Federation; California Republican League; the Log Cabin Republicans of California; and the California Congress of Republicans.

Section 3.01 (D)

(2) The following nationally - or Committee - chartered volunteer organizations shall be permanently chartered organizations exempt from the biennial requirements set forth in this subsection; provided, however, such organizations shall submit to the Committee Secretary and the chairman of the Volunteer Organizations Committee annually, by February 1st of each year, a list of their current officers: California Federation of Republican Women, with the proviso that said charter in no way contravenes or supersedes the charter granted the California Federation of Republican Women by the National Federation of Republican Women; the California College Republicans; the California Young Republican Federation; the California Republican Assembly; the California Republican League; the Log Cabin Republicans of California; and the California Congress of Republicans.

Rules Committee Proposal #4: DO NOT PASS

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California Young Republican Federation; the California Republican Assembly; the California Republican League; the Log Cabin Republicans of California; and the California Congress of Republicans. A national organization or affiliation is not required to be a permanently chartered organization.

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Section 3.01

~~(E) Permanently Chartered Organizations~~

- ~~(1) Definition. A permanently chartered organization is the highest level of charter with all the rights and protections these bylaws grant.~~
- ~~(2) Requirements to be a permanently chartered organization.

 - ~~(a) To be a permanently chartered organization, an organization must meet all the requirements for a regular charter as described in these bylaws and be added to this section via the bylaw amendment process, or have already been a permanently chartered organization as of January 1, 2024.~~
 - ~~(b) As long as an organization meets the requirements for a regular charter, they are eligible for a permanent charter.~~
 - ~~(c) A national organization or affiliation is not required to receive a permanent charter.~~~~
- ~~(3) Reporting Requirements. Permanently chartered organizations must submit to the Committee Secretary and the chairman of the Volunteer Organizations Committee annually, by February 1st of each year, a list of their current officers to be exempt from the biennial reporting requirements.~~

- (4) The following volunteer organizations shall be permanently chartered organizations:
- (a) California Federation of Republican Women, with the proviso that said charter in no way contravenes or supersedes the charter granted the California Federation of Republican Women by the National Federation of Republican Women;
 - (b) the California Young Republican Federation;
 - (c) the California Republican Assembly;
 - (d) the California Republican League;
 - (e) the Log Cabin Republicans of California;
 - (f) the California Congress of Republicans;
 - (g) California College Republicans
- (5) Re-applying for a permanent charter. Should a previously permanently chartered organization lose its status through inactivity or otherwise, and becomes active again, is in good standing, and meets the requirements of a regular charter, the organization shall be considered permanently chartered once again and shall be added to these bylaws, if not already, as an acknowledgement of this status at the soonest opportunity.

Rules Committee Proposal #6: DO NOT PASS
Submitted by: David Chan and Dylan Martin

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Rules Committee Proposal #7: DO PASS

Submitted by: Randy Berholtz

Section 2.01 State Central Committee Delegates

Section 2.01.01 Delegates

(A) The following shall be regular delegates of the Committee:

(1) The current Republican Party nominees for each of the following Statewide partisan elective offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney

General; Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner; and United States Senator; Members of the State board of Equalization.

(2) The current Republican Party nominees for each of the following partisan elective offices: Member of the State Senate; member of the State Assembly; Member of the United States House of Representatives;

(3) The Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Regional Vice Chairmen, and all past Chairmen of the Committee.

(4) The current Republican National Committeeman and Republican National Committeewoman. The current Chairman of each Republican County Central Committee...

Rules Committee Proposal #8: DO PASS

Submitted by: Kevin Krick

Section 2.01.04 General Rules for Delegate Membership

(A) A person may hold no more than one regular or appointive delegate position.

(B) If a person holds a partisan elective office, and becomes a nominee for a second partisan elective office, the person shall retain the delegate position of the elected office. If a person holds a delegate position as a nominee, and becomes the nominee for a second partisan elective office, the person shall retain one delegate position based upon the second nominee position.

(C) Except as provided above, if a person attains the right to serve as a regular delegate by election to more than one office designated in subsection 2.01.01(A), the person shall hold the delegate position based upon the priority order set forth in subsection 2.01.01(A); provided, however, the person shall retain the right to appoint appointive delegates to which he or she would be entitled by virtue of such election to more than one office.

(D) In all of the situations described in this subsection 2.01.04, the other delegate position shall be considered vacant due to ineligibility.

(E) Any person removed as a delegate pursuant to Section 2.01.07 may not serve as a delegate for a period of 5 years following such removal.

Rules Committee Proposal #9: DO PASS*Submitted by: Kevin Krick*

Section 1.04(B) DETERMINATION OF NOMINEES

However, notwithstanding any other provision in these Bylaws, so long as there is a “top Two” primary under California law for the selection of candidates for State Constitutional Office and for members of the United States Senate, the House of Representatives, California State Senate, California State Assembly, and California Board of Equalization, then the Republican nominees shall be determined as follows:

Category 1 Nominees. Any person who has been a registered Republican for at least one year, who is the only registered Republican on the ballot or the winner of the general election in a race for any of the above-referenced offices is deemed to have received more Republican votes than any other candidate for election to that office and is deemed to be the Republican nominee.

Category 2 Nominees. Any person, who has been a registered Republican for at least one year, who ran for election for any of the above-referenced offices and who is the sole Republican candidate in the general election is deemed to have received more Republican votes than any other candidate for election to that office and is deemed to be the Republican nominee.

Category 3 Nominees. Any person, who has been a registered Republican for at least one year, who ran for election for any of the above-referenced offices and received more votes than any other registered Republican candidate in that primary, but did not finish first or second, is deemed to have received more Republican votes than any other candidates for election as the Republican nominees for that office and is deemed to be the Republican nominee.

Notwithstanding the above, any person removed as a delegate pursuant to Section 2.01.07, may not qualify as a Republican nominee for a period of 5 years following such removal.

Rules Committee Proposal #10: DO PASS AS AMENDED*Submitted by: Randy Berholtz*

Section 2.01 STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DELEGATES

Section 2.01.01 Delegates...

- (B) The following shall be appointed delegates of the Committee:
- (1) Twelve persons appointed by each current Republican elected office holder of an office listed in subsection 2.01.01(A)(1)
 - (2) Eight persons appointed by each current Republican office holder of an office listed in subsection 2.01.01(A)(2). In

addition, one appointment for each 2,500 new Republicans registered by the officeholder if the registrations were submitted through the Committee's current voter registration bounty program and were not counted in any Committee's Republican registrations submitted through the Committee's current voter registration bounty program during the same election cycle.

- (3) Twelve persons appointed by the Chairman of the Committee.
- (4) Four persons appointed by each of the following current party officials: the State Vice Chairman, the Secretary, The Treasurer, and the current Republican National Committeeman and Republican National Committeewoman.
- (5) ...

Section 2.01.03 (B)

- (2) In the case of delegates appointed by the current Chairman, State Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Immediate Past Chairman, shall serve from the day after the election convention or the day on which they are appointed, whichever is later, until the day after the next convention held in the spring of the next odd numbered year.

Rules Committee Proposal #11: DO PASS AS AMENDED

Submitted by: Timothy O'Reilly

Section 2.01.01 Delegates

(B)The following shall be appointive delegates of the Committee: ...

(6) Two persons appointed by each nominee for a partisan elective office listed in subsection 2.01.01(A), subdivisions (1) and (2) if the nominee's percentage of the vote exceeds by five percent the percentage of Republican registration in the district, or the state if the office is a statewide elective office.

(7) Persons appointed by each nominee to a partisan elective office who was not elected at the last election for that office, according to the following formula:

- (a)One appointment if the nominee received 30 percent or more of the vote for that office.
- (b)Three appointments if the nominee received 35 percent or more of the vote for that office.
- (c) Five appointments if the nominee received 45 percent or more of the vote for that office.

(d) In addition to subsections (a), (b), and (c), one appointment for each 2,500 new Republicans registered by the nominee if the registrations were submitted through the Committee's current voter registration bounty program and were not counted in any committee's Republican registrations submitted through the Committee's current voter registration bounty program during the same election cycle.

(e) Delegate appointments in Sections 2.01.01(B)(6) and (7) shall only be awarded to nominees who appear on the ballot in a general election, or in the final vote of a special election.

Rules Committee Proposal #12: DO PASS AS AMENDED

Submitted by: Timothy O'Reilly

Section 1.04(B) DETERMINATION OF NOMINEES

However, notwithstanding any other provision in these Bylaws, so long as there is a "top Two" primary under California law for the selection of candidates for State Constitutional Office and for members of the United States Senate, the House of Representatives, California State Senate, California State Assembly, and California Board of Equalization, then the Republican nominees shall be determined as follows:

Category 1 Nominees. Any person who has been a registered Republican for at least one year, who is ~~the only registered Republican on the ballot~~ or the winner of the general election in a race for any of the above-referenced offices is deemed to have received more Republican votes than any other candidate for election to that office and is deemed to be the Republican nominee.

Category 2 Nominees. Any person, who has been a registered Republican for at least one year, who ran for election for any of the above-referenced offices and who is the sole Republican candidate on the ballot in the general election is deemed to have received more Republican votes than any other candidate for election to that office and is deemed to be the Republican nominee.

Category 3 Nominees. Any person, who has been a registered Republican for at least one year, who ran for election and whose name was listed on the primary election ballot for any of the above-referenced offices and received more votes than any other registered Republican candidate in that primary, but did not finish first or second, is deemed to have received more Republican votes than any other candidates for election as the Republican nominees for that office and is deemed to be the Republican nominee.

Nominee status as defined in this section shall become effective no sooner than the certification by the Secretary of State of the primary election results.