



# Rules Committee Report

Sacramento Convention Center  
1401 K Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The California Republican Party Rules Committee met on March 15, 2025, in Ballroom A8-10 at the Sacramento Convention Center to consider proposed bylaw changes for adoption by the CAGOP. Chairman Matt Jacobs called the meeting to order at 4:03PM

The following Rules Committee members were present: Luis Buhler, Jeff Burns, Matthew Dobler, Greg Gandrud, Matt Heath, Linda Lopez-Alvarez, Betsy Mahan, Dr. Richard Sherman, Lindsey Stetson, and Rev. Dwight Williams.

**Rules Committee Proposal #1: DO NOT PASS**

*Submitted by: Matthew Munson*

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**Rules Committee Proposal #2: DO NOT PASS**

Submitted by: Dr. Vanaya Singh

Section 6.07: Campaign Management and Fundraising Committee (CMFC)

- (A) Establishment – The Sacramento Republican Central Committee shall establish a standing **Campaign Management and Fundraising Committee (CMFC)**. This committee shall operate as a permanent subcommittee under the Executive Committee in compliance with *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 12th Edition, §50: “Committees.”
- (B) Purpose and Scope - The CMFC shall be responsible for:
- (1) **Candidate Recruitment**: Identifying and recruiting qualified individuals to run for public office within the Sacramento region. Candidates must align with Republican values and demonstrate dedication to the community.
  - (2) **Campaign Support**: Providing strategic guidance, media outreach, and organizational support to ensure best possible candidate success.
  - (3) **Fundraising**:
    - Develop and execute annual fundraising campaigns to meet monetary goals for state-wide campaigns as well as district-wide and local campaigns.
    - Ensure equitable distribution of funds to candidates based on voter demographics and campaign needs, giving consideration to external factors such as polling data, and other indicators regarding probability of success.
  - (4) **Litmus Test Implementation**: Ensuring all candidates meet the qualifications outlined in the Candidate Vetting and Litmus Test Framework (detailed in Subsection C).
- (C) Mandatory Duties - To ensure compliance with California Election Code §20201 (pertaining to campaign finance transparency) and Government Code §84308 (addressing political contribution regulations), the CMFC shall:
- (1) **Centralized Fundraising**: Coordinate all fundraising activities at the central committee level to minimize donor fatigue and ensure efficient allocation of resources.
  - (2) **Public Outreach**: Collaborate with local, state, and national GOP representatives to host town halls, rallies, and community events to publicize candidates’ platforms.
  - (3) **Candidate Vetting and Litmus Test**: Establish and enforce the following qualifications for Republican candidates seeking local campaign support:
    - a) **Commitment to Republican Values**: Candidates must demonstrate a clear and documented commitment to the principles outlined in the Republican Party Platform, including fiscal responsibility, individual liberty, and limited government.
    - b) **Policy Alignment**: Candidates must articulate positions on key local issues such as public safety, education reform, and tax policy, consistent with conservative values.
    - c) **Community Engagement**: Evidence of prior or ongoing active involvement in the local community or related civic initiatives.
    - d) **Electability**: A demonstrated ability to connect with and energize Republican

voters, supported by metrics such as polling data, endorsements, or grassroots support.

(4) **Grievance Resolution:** Serve as a liaison to address concerns raised by candidates or their campaign teams.

(D) Long-Term Planning - The CMFC shall develop a **four-year strategic plan**, updated biennially, to strengthen Republican influence and ensure California Assembly districts are adequately supported. This plan shall align with GOP bylaws, particularly sections addressing election strategy and candidate support.

(E) Committee Membership

(1) **Qualifications:** Members of the CMFC must possess:

- Demonstrable experience in fundraising or campaign management.
- Networking skills relevant to political campaigns.
- A record of supporting Republican principles.

(2) **Appointment Process:** Membership appointments shall be ratified by the Executive Committee in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*, Chapter 14, §47, to ensure transparency and fairness.

(F) Reporting and Accountability

(1) **Quarterly Reports:** The CMFC shall submit quarterly reports to the Central Committee, detailing:

- Fundraising achievements,
- Campaign progress, and
- Voter outreach metrics.

(2) **Legal Compliance:** The CMFC must ensure compliance with applicable state and federal election laws, particularly those governing campaign finance disclosure and contribution limits (see Federal Election Commission [11 CFR Parts 100–116]).

**Rules Committee Proposal #3: DO NOT PASS**

*Submitted by: Matthew Munson*

Section 2.01.01 Delegates

(C) Amending of delegate eligibility rules

(1) Any changes to delegate membership eligibility in the bylaws shall be for the following even year election where retroactive changes shall be prohibited. Policy changes to eligibility must be made during the convention before or after the even year election to be in effect.

**Rules Committee Proposal #4: DO NOT PASS**

*Submitted by: Matthew Munson*

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(h) 1 delegate is awarded to county parties that contain at least five electoral districts, have all their state legislative and congressional districts run with candidates in all the elective districts that are in their county during the Top 2 primary election as a ballot qualified candidate not as a write-in.

**Rules Committee Proposal #5: DO NOT PASS**

*Submitted by: David Hernandez*

Article II Committee

Section 2.01 ~~and~~ STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DELEGATES

Section 2.01.01 Delegates

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

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

Section 2.03.01 List of Officers and Restrictions on Eligibility of Candidates for Office

(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 Associate Delegate Vice Chairman.~~

[...]

(D) A person may seek office as Associate Delegate Vice Chairman only if they are between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of the election.

Section 2.03.02 Election of Officers, Vacancies and Removals

(B) Except as provided below and subject to Section 2.02(C)(3), the officers shall be elected at the election meeting of the Committee as provided by these bylaws.

(5) For purposes of election of the Associate Delegate Vice Chairman, the election shall be held at the Associate Delegate meeting immediately preceding the general business session of the election meeting of the Committee as specified in Section 02.03, 01(A).

Section 2.03.08 Duties of the Associate Delegate Vice Chairman

(B) The Associate Delegate Vice Chairman shall be responsible to provide leadership and

support to the Associate Delegates of the Committee and represent them on the Board of Directors of the Committee.

(C) The Associate Delegate Vice Chairman shall have the duty to build and recruit the membership of the Associate Delegates of the Committee, to train a “farm team” of competent, knowledgeable and experienced activists ready to assume delegate status where available or when necessary, and to increase their involvement in and support of the campaigns and elections of Republican candidates to public office throughout California.

(D) The Associate Delegate Vice Chairman shall report to the Committee and subcommittees as necessary on Associate Delegate recruitment efforts and Associate Delegate activities supporting Republican campaigns throughout California, including the status of their engagement, viewpoints, and the challenges they face.

(E) The Associate Delegate Vice Chairman shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for them respectively by the Board of Directors or the Committee.

***Rules Committee Proposal #6: DO NOT PASS***

*Submitted by Thomas Weissmiller*

Section 2.01.05 Vacancies and Filling of Vacancies

(C) A vacancy in a regular delegate position as described in Section 1.04(B), shall only be filled upon certification of a special election. in the following manner:

(1) ~~For a vacancy in the office of a nominee for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner, Member of the State Board of Equalization, United States Senator and Republican National Committeewoman and Republican National Committeeman, or any other vacancy not specifically provided in this subsection (C), the vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of the Chairman of the Committee, with the concurrence of a majority of the Committee or the Executive Committee.~~

(2) ~~For a vacancy in the office of a nominee for the Member of the State Senate, Member of the State Assembly or Member of the United States House of Representatives, the vacancy shall be filled by the election of the Republican County Central Committee that has the largest number of registered Republicans within the respective Senate, Assembly or congressional District of any county that contains a portion of the district. An election to fill the vacancy shall be held not later than 60 days after notice of the vacancy is sent by the Committee to the appropriate Republican County Central Committee or Committees. A vacancy in such office shall be filled only by a person who is a registered Republican voter within the Senate, Assembly or Congressional district to be represented.~~

**Rules Committee Proposal #7: DO NOT PASS**

*Submitted by: Deborah Baber*

Section 2.01.10 Associate Delegate Dues

Fifty percent (50%) of the dues collected from the Associate Delegates shall remain in the Associate Delegate Fund. The remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be remitted to the California Republican Party (CAGOP). The CAGOP Treasurer is to open an account named "Associate Representatives Account." The Associate Representatives Chair will authorize the Treasurer to issue payments and audit the account.

**Rules Committee Proposal #8: DO NOT PASS**

*Submitted by: Tom Hudson*

Section 2.02.03 Quorum, Proxies and Voting

(B) Proxies.

(1)

- (1) At any meeting of the Committee, any ~~regular, appointive, or~~ associate delegate may be designated as a proxy for any regular or appointive delegate who is not present or registered up to two delegates. No individual may carry more than one proxy or cast more than one vote. 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 12:00 noon 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~~ that 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.

**Rules Committee Proposal #9: DO NOT PASS**

*Submitted by: Tom Hudson*

Section 2.02.03(B)

- (4) Delegates and associate delegates shall not buy or sell proxies, nor shall they solicit or conspire with others to engage in these prohibited activities. Proxies that were obtained or submitted as a result of these prohibited activities may be invalidated by the Board of Directors, the Rules Committee, the Proxies and Credentials Committee, and the Executive Committee, but any action or inaction by these committees may be appealed to the Committee and resolved by the adoption or amendment of the Proxies and Credentials Committee report. Delegates and associate delegates who have engaged in these prohibited activities may be removed or censured in the same manner as set forth in Section 2.01.06 (Discipline of Delegates).

**Rules Committee Proposal #11: DO NOT PASS**

*Submitted by: Timothy O'Reilly*

Section 2.01.01 Delegates

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

[...]

- (7) Three appointments ~~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 40 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.~~

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Jacobs, Chairman