



Rules Committee Report

Sheraton San Diego Resort
April 11, 2026

The Rules Committee met on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 4:30PM to consider proposed bylaw changes for support by the CRP. Rules Committee Chairman, Luis Buhler, called the meeting to order at 4:33PM

The following Rules Committee members were present: Vern Costa, Matthew Craffey, Joseph Day, Matt Heath, Linda Lopez Alvarez, Mike Murray, Robert Rego, Lindsey Stetson, Kathy Tavoularis, David Ter-Petrosyan, and Todd White.

Proposal 1 – Committee Action: DO PASS
Submitted by: David Ter-Petrosyan

Section 2.01.05 Vacancies and Filling of Vacancies

- (A) A vacancy shall exist in a regular or appointive delegate position if the delegate resigns, dies, ceases to be registered to vote as a Republican in California, is certified as incapacitated, or is removed from the Committee pursuant to section 2.01.07 of these bylaws, or has his or her delegate position vacated for the reason set forth in subsection 2.01.01(A)~~(7)~~(6) of these bylaws.
- (B) A vacancy in an appointive delegate position shall be filled by the regular delegate who has the power to make the appointment pursuant to these bylaws, and shall be for the balance of the term of the vacant delegate position.
- (C) A vacancy in a regular delegate position shall be filled 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.

Proposal 2 – Committee Action: DO PASS
Submitted by: Lindsey Stetson

Section 2.03.01

(B) Eligibility to Seek or Hold Office.

(1) Any person who holds elected public office as a state constitutional officer, state legislator, member of Congress, or a member of a county board of supervisors representing a county of 700,000 persons or more, or a full-time staff person employed or appointed by any of the above listed public officers, or any person who has announced his or her candidacy or has filed nomination papers for such public office, whichever occurs first, shall not be eligible to seek or hold an elected office of the Committee. Upon the occurrence of one of the above conditions with respect to any officer, a vacancy shall exist in the office held by that officer, which shall be filled according to subsection 2.03.02(B) of these bylaws. For purposes of this section, the term “staff person” shall not be construed to apply to civil service employees of federal, state, or local governments.

(2) No person may be elected to the same regular elected office of the Committee for more than two terms except as provided in Section 2.03.01(B)(3). Notwithstanding subsection 2.03.02(B) of these bylaws, this subsection shall also apply to any person who has been appointed or elected to fill an unexpired term or a vacant office, if the person so appointed or elected serves for more than one-half of the unexpired term.

~~(3) — Any person holding regular elected office of the Committee as of the date of this amendment may seek an additional term at the spring convention of 2023.~~

~~(4)~~ In order to run for an additional consecutive term, the Chairman shall have given written notice of the intent to do so to the Secretary of the Committee not less than four months prior to the meeting at which such election will occur, and then the Chairman only can run in an election for Chairman. The Secretary shall transmit a copy of any such notice to all members of the Board of Directors within five days of receipt of such notice of intent from the Chairman.

Proposal 3 – Committee Action: DO PASS
Submitted by: Joseph Day

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 serve as a County Chairman and 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 (A) or (B) may not serve as a delegate for a period of 5 years following such removal.

Proposal 4 – Committee Action: DO PASS
Submitted by: Kathy Tavoularis

Section 2.01.02 Delegate Appointments

- (1) An appointment of a delegate, once made, shall not be revoked except by the removal process of subsection 2.01.06. Any appointment made by a regular delegate in excess of the number of appointments to which he or she is entitled, is void.
- (2) An appointment of a delegate, to be effective for any convention or meeting of the Committee, shall be made electronically or in writing by the person or committee authorized to make such appointment, and shall be made either by input to a secure CRP web portal or by personal delivery, email, facsimile, guaranteed overnight delivery, or by delivery by first-class mail, postage pre-paid, to the office of the Committee set forth in Article III, section 3.08 of these bylaws, and shall be electronically submitted or postmarked no later than 17 calendar days before the date on which the convention or meeting convenes.

Proposal 5 – Committee Action: DO NOT PASS
Submitted by Thomas Weissmiller

Section 2.02.03 Quorum, Proxies and Voting

(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 Portal and Credentials Committee no later than 12:00 noon the day preceding the business session.

- (2) Proxies for any convention or meeting of the Committee shall be ~~in the form prescribed~~ done online in accordance with the procedures set 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. The online procedures must be secure and include:~~
- (a) Verification by the proxy giver under penalty of perjury by eSignature or passkey or other secure method.
 - (b) Proxy givers can update or revoke their proxy until the deadline (Section 2.02.03(B)(1)); the latest submission overrides previous ones.
 - (c) Proxy holders and givers receive notifications when assigned or removed.
 - (d) Proxy holders must accept via eSignature, passkey or other secure method.
 - (e) Delegates have access to the list of proxy givers and holders to include name, county and region of both the giver and holder.
 - (f) Paper proxies will not be accepted.
- (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.~~

Respectfully Submitted.

Luis Buhler
Chairman, Rules Committee