



CALIFORNIA COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Bylaws

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Article I: Name and Logo.

Section 1: Name. The name of this organization shall be the California College Republicans, to be also referred to as “CCR,” “CFCR,” “CACollegeGOP,” “California Federation of College Republicans,” “College Republicans,” “College Republicans of California,” and as “the organization.” Herein referred to as the California College Republicans, the Committee, or as the organization.

Section 2: Logo. The logo of CCR may be changed by the House of Delegates every 5th year beginning in 2030 and only during that year. The logo may not be changed until 2030. To change the logo, a proposal must be submitted to the Secretary in accordance with any other amendment procedure. Color and similar small variations to the current logo may be enacted by the BOD, Communications Director, and relevant committees. The House of Delegates will only entertain substantively new logo designs.

Article II: Purpose and Objectives.

Section 1: Purpose. The organization shall support conservative policies and fulfill the objectives listed in this document, and those extended in legislations passed by the Board of Directors or House of Delegates.

Section 2: Objective. The organization’s main objectives are:

- A. To represent the interests of College Republicans;
- B. To contribute to the growth and influence of the Republican Party on college campuses in California;
- C. To serve as a liaison between Republican College Students, GOP campaigns, and other GOP organizations;
- D. To work for the election of Republican nominees for public office;
- E. To train future leaders for service in local, state, and federal government;
- F. To promote good government at all levels.

Article III: Membership.

Section 1: Student Member. A student member of the organization must:

- A. Be an active college student over age 18 of at least part-time status within the last 120 days, be a recent graduate within the last 120 days;
- B. Be a member of the chartered College Republican chapter on said campus or be approved by the president of a different chartered chapter if the student’s college does not currently have a chartered chapter;
- C. Be a registered Republican, unless they are ineligible to register, in which case a statement of intent to register Republican upon becoming eligible shall suffice.

Section 2: Alumni Member. An alumni member of the organization has limited voting rights before the organization and committees, as laid out in these bylaws. An alumni member of the organization must:

- A. Have 1) graduated from a CA college and receive permission from Alumni Committee or BOD to register as a member or 2) graduated as a member of a CR chapter in good standing beginning with class of 2018;
- B. Register as a member of the College Republican Alumni Association;
- C. Be a registered Republican, unless they are ineligible to register, in which case a statement of intent to register Republican upon becoming eligible shall suffice.

Section 3: Associate Member. An associate member of the organization does not have any voting rights before the organization or any committee, with exception of appointed Party Advisors. Associate members are those that wish to participate in limited events, and may consist of:

- A. Minor teenagers and high schoolers;
- B. College-age adults not enrolled in college;
- C. Other interested Republicans;



Section 4: *Revocation of Membership.* Membership may be revoked by the Board of Directors or House of Delegates for commission of acts contrary to the declared purposes, bylaws, policies, procedures or programs of the organization, for failure to comply with the legal filing requirements of federal or state government agencies, or upon request of the Chapter from which the member is from.

Section 5: *Chapters and Chapter Chartership.* The Board of Directors, or delegated committees, shall hold the sole authority to require member chapters maintain appropriate governing documents and shall set standards for those governing documents. They shall hold the sole authority to charter and revoke the charters of chapters yearly prior to annual convention. Mediation with member chapters is required before a club can be dechartered from the state or national organization. The following types of clubs shall make up the organization:

- | **A. College Clubs.** A chapter shall be considered chartered upon a record of the following:
 - 1. The constitution or other governing document of the chapter;
 - 2. A complete list of the chapter’s executives;
 - 3. A complete list of the chapter’s general membership, which shall include the member’s name, school email address, and registered voter address (used to verify their registration as a Republican) — or, if not registered to vote, their mailing address;
 - 4. Evidence of the chapter’s registration as an on-campus student organization;
 - 5. If a school restricts partisan chapters on campus, a chapter may be formed in the name of the city where the college resides to represent CRs within that city.

- | **B. California High School Republicans Chapters (CAHSGOP).** A chapter shall be considered chartered upon a record of the following:
 - 1. The constitution or other governing document of the chapter;
 - 2. A complete list of the chapter’s executives or advisors;
 - 3. A complete list of the chapter’s membership, which shall include the member’s name and email address;
 - 4. Evidence of the chapter’s registration as a student organization (if applicable);
 - 5. If a school restricts chapters on campus, a chapter may be formed in the name of the city where the high school/ youth group resides to represent teens within that city.

- | **C. Alumni Clubs.** The College Republican Alumni Association may establish units. A unit shall be considered chartered upon a record of the following:
 - 1. The constitution or other governing document of the chapter if applicable;
 - 2. A complete list of the chapter’s executives;
 - 3. A complete list of the chapter’s general membership, which shall include the member’s name, email address, and registered voter address (used to verify their registration as a Republican) — or, if not registered to vote, their mailing address;
 - 4. Submission of dues as required in these or inferior governing documents.

Article IV. The Board of Directors.

Section 1: *Powers.* The Board of Directors, herein also referred to as the BOD, shall be responsible for the general vision of the organization, and they shall hold the sole authority to contract, hire, and/or appoint an Executive Director – or agency to fill the role of the Executive Director or Executive Committee – to carry out that vision and day-to-day affairs of the organization. They shall hold sole authority to remove or decline to renew the contract of the Exec. Director as well, pursuant to these bylaws and contract terms. They shall also be empowered to amend the bylaws, or pass legislation inferior to these bylaws, and collect dues from membership, as set by these bylaws.

Section 2: *Composition.* The membership of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the following elected positions: the two at-large student representatives; the student regional representatives from each region; and the



two at-large alumni representatives. The BOD shall also include these ex-officio members:

- | A. The Party Advisor. He shall be a non-College Republican who works or volunteers with, for, or as a representative of the state or a county Republican party. He is nominated by the President of the College Republicans and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- | B. The Parliamentarian. He shall be a College Republican or Alumni member who assists the Board in interpreting governing documents and navigating motions and votes according to the parliamentary authority in these bylaws.
- | C. Chairman of the College Republican Alumni Association. The chairman of this committee is selected by the methods prescribed in its committee charter. If no charter or other provision exists, the Chairman of the BOD may appoint a Chair.
- | D. Executive Committee. Of this committee, only the Executive Director and Membership Director shall hold an ex-officio vote on the Board of Directors;
- | E. The Immediate Past Chairman of the BOD;

▶ **Section 3: *Directly elected positions and duties.*** These positions are directly elected by delegates of the organization, and elections shall take place at the annual convention, or House of Delegates, as outlined in these bylaws. These elected positions sit on the Board of Directors and are responsible for carrying out the duties prescribed to the Board of Directors by these governing documents and the law. These positions have the duty of representing the region from which they are elected and informing the members in their regions about the affairs of the organization. The following are elected positions of the organization:

- | A. Student member positions. Student member positions are elected by and from student members only, and consist of the following:
 - 1. Two at-large representatives;
 - 2. One representative from each region of the organization;
 - a. A region must contain at least one chapter in order to elect a Regional representative. If a region does not have at least one chapter, the Chairman may appoint a Regional representative from that region, with consent from the BOD, to aid in establishing chapters. The regions are as follows:
 - (1) Northern. Amador, Alpine, Lake, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Nevada, Sierra, Glenn, Butte, Plumas, Tehama, Lassen, Shasta, Modoc, Mendocino, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Humboldt, Trinity, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, and San Joaquin counties.
 - (2) Bay Area. Solano, Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties.
 - (3) Central Coast. Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.
 - (4) Central Valley. Kern, Kings, Tulare, Inyo, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Tuolumne, Mono, Mariposa, Stanislaus, and Calaveras Counties.
 - (5) Southern. San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside counties and the City of Pomona.
 - (6) Los Angeles. Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, minus the City of Pomona.
 - (7) San Diego. San Diego and Imperial counties.
- | B. Alumni member positions. Alumni member positions are elected by and from alumni members only, and consist of the following:
 - 1. Three at-large representatives;

▶ **Section 4: *Qualifications for Holding Office.*** In order to qualify to be elected a member, the candidate must satisfy the following qualifications:

- | A. He must meet all qualifications of student or alumni membership and be in good standing;
- | B. No member shall be eligible to run for election to the office of Regional Representative for a region other than the one where they attend school.
- | C. No member shall be eligible to be elected chair if they are not a student member at the time of election.



Section 5: Officer elections. The membership of the BOD shall choose leadership of the Board as follows:

- A. Chairman.
 1. Nomination of candidates. Members running for a Board of Directors position must declare their intent to run for Chairman of the Board 30 days before the election, but they will only be qualified to advance if they are first elected to the BOD and meet other qualifications for Chairman. If there are more than one qualified candidate, the House shall hold a single vote for the declared candidates. If one candidate receives 2/3 of the vote of those present and voting, they shall be elected Chair outright. If this threshold is not hit, the top vote-getter, or, if there is only one candidate, the candidate shall be referred to the BOD for consideration as the nominee of the House.
 - 2. Election of Chairman. If the Chair is not elected outright by the House, the BOD shall choose a Chairman of the Board among themselves, with first consideration to the nominees of the House of Delegates. The Board shall first vote to see if the nominee can secure a majority vote of the Board. If the nominee cannot secure a majority vote of the Board, the Board may consider the other candidates who declared by the deadline. If no candidate can achieve a majority of the Board, the Board may consider nominating new candidates amongst themselves until one Member is able to achieve a majority vote. If no candidate can achieve a majority vote, the Immediate Former Chairman shall act as chair until a successor can be chosen. The newly elected Chairman shall appoint a Vice Chairman.
- B. Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairman of the Board shall nominate a Secretary, to be voted on and confirmed. If no Chairman exists, the offices prescribed shall remain vacant until one is chosen to fulfill their duty to advise and consent. The Chairman and Board of Directors shall consult with the Executive Committee to contract with an external professional treasurer to maintain the financial records of the organization in the term beginning June 2024. In the case this becomes impracticable, the Chairman of the Board shall nominate a Treasurer, to be voted on and confirmed, with the advice and consent of the College Republican Alumni Association Chairman. If no Chairman exists, the offices prescribed shall remain vacant until one is chosen to fulfill their duty to advise and consent.
- C. National Committeeman. The Chairman of the Board shall nominate a representative to the College Republican National organization, to be voted on and confirmed.
- D. Parliamentarian. The Chairman of the Board may appoint a parliamentarian.

Section 6: Officers and Duties. The following shall be the officers of the BOD and their respective duties:

- A. The Chairman. Shall preside over all convention and BOD meetings. He shall work with the Executive Committee to coordinate the organization's activities. He shall be able to contract on behalf of the organization. He shall appoint to committees as necessary and appoint Committee Chairs with consent of the BOD, unless a committee's charter provides for their internal method of choosing a chair and members. He shall serve as an ex-officio member of every committee. He may pardon any individual found guilty by the BOD for disciplinary action (except himself). He shall be a delegate to the California Republican Party, along with the Executive Director, and may appoint any additional delegates available.
- B. The Vice Chairman. They shall act for the Chairman in his absence and shall assist in his duties. They shall oversee the operations of all Committee Chairs. They shall serve as an ex-officio member of every committee and shall report committee progress to the BOD in the absence of a committee chairman.
- C. The Secretary. He shall record the minutes at Board meetings and Conventions. He shall maintain the official records of the organization, including the minutes of past Board meetings, governing documents, resolutions, and a current Board roster. Unless another officer is designated by the Board, he shall send out the call to meetings and Conventions in accordance with these bylaws, and he shall act as Historian by collecting and maintaining newspaper articles, photographs, and other records of state and local activity.
- D. The Treasurer. He shall collect and record all money accruing to the organization. He shall collect all dues owed by membership. He shall deposit money paid to the organization at a financial institution. He shall maintain records of all transactions and shall report all expenditures and receipts to the BOD if requested.



Section 7: *Term Length and Term Limits.* All members and officers are elected to approximately one year terms, beginning at the convention at which they are elected or appointed and ending at the next convention, and they may serve more than one term.

Section 8: *Vacancies.* Vacancies shall be filled by the BOD. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman or next officer in the line of succession shall become the Chairman. Positions on the Board of Directors shall be determined vacant by the Chairman if an officer fails to attend 3 duly called Board meetings in a row without an excuse, or if a seat is not filled due to resignation, impeachment and removal, or death.

Section 9: *Meetings and Quorum.* The Chair or Vice Chair may call the BOD to meetings. Regular meetings must be declared at least three (3) days in advance with the proposed agenda and minutes from the prior meeting. Quorum shall be 1/3 of the Board's voting members.

Article V. The Executive Committee.

Section 1: *Powers.* The Executive Committee, herein also referred to as Executives, shall be responsible for the general supervision of the day-to-day affairs of the organization, and perform other such duties as are necessitated by the BOD or office. They shall assist in the functioning of all committees. They shall prepare reports on recommended actions for the Board of Directors to take in appointments and other business of the organization at Board meetings. They shall work with the Chairman to set any and all BOD agendas with these recommendations.

Section 2: *Membership.* The following shall be the Executives of the organization, as well as any other Executives or interns deemed necessary and contracted, sub-contracted, hired, and/or appointed by the Executive Director:

- A. Executive Director;
- B. Communications Director;
- C. Membership Director;
- D. Fundraising Director;

Section 3: *Executives and Duties.* The following shall be Executives' respective duties:

- A. The Executive Director. He shall run the day-to-day functions under direction of the BOD. He shall be authorized to contract, hire, sub-contract, and/or appoint to Executive Committee positions on behalf of the organization. He shall be authorized to contract on behalf of the organization. He shall work with the Chairman and BOD to coordinate the organization's activities with other Republican organizations. Unless another officer is assigned by the BOD, he shall coordinate statewide recruitment efforts, maintain communications with the Presidents of chartered chapters, and organize campaign deployments. He shall be a delegate to the California Republican Party. He shall keep and manage properties and passwords of the organization. He shall plan and assist the other officers in planning and implementing events and conventions. He shall help develop and implement strategies to increase efficiency and team building in the organization. He shall develop and implement fundraising strategies for the organization and work with the Treasurer to ensure funding goals and metrics are hit. He shall assign votes in accordance with the rosters at conventions. He shall help book speakers for state and chapter events.
- B. The Communications Director. He shall assist the Executive Director in his duties pertaining to the representation in the media. He shall be responsible for working with the Executive Director and BOD to prepare press releases and statements.
- C. The Membership Director. He shall chair the Internal Affairs Committee unless another officer is selected by the Executive Committee. He shall work with the Chairman and represent the Chairman at all Internal Affairs hearings or other committees. The Membership Director shall work with the Executive Director and



Chairman to ensure all legal documents, ethics, and other standards of the organization are adhered to. He shall work towards assisting the Chairman in interpreting legal documents, petitioning the Internal Affairs Committee for violations of the governing documents, and investigating ethical violations. He shall be responsible to make all governing documents publicly accessible. He shall maintain the rosters of all chartered chapters and assist the BOD in credentialing chapters.

- D. The Fundraising Director. The Fundraising Director shall plan and execute email, text, call, and other digital fundraising campaigns to generate revenue for the organization.

Section 4: *Term Length.* Executives shall serve until their resignation, removal, a successor is confirmed, or their contract expires.

Section 6: *Vacancies.* Vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Director. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the Executive Director or agency that fills the role of staffing the Executive Director, the vacancy is filled by the BOD.

Article VI. Committees.

Section 1: *Purpose.* Unless stated otherwise, Committees serve at the pleasure of the Chairman under the direction and oversight of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Committees serve to carry out the bureaucratic functions of the BOD.

Section 2: *Standing Committees.* The following are the standing committees of the organization:

- A. Press and Publications. It shall work to assist the office of the Communications Director as requested.
- B. Fundraising. It shall actively fundraise for the organization and explore new avenues of attaining funding.
- C. Credentials. It shall maintain rosters, help the subcommittees charter new chapters, and organize materials for Convention.
- D. Events. The Committee shall plan activism events on campus, run and set up in-person and/or online speakers, and organize Convention as outlined in these Bylaws.
- E. Internal Affairs. The Internal Affairs Committee reports to the Chairman in all cases unless the Chairman is under impeachment, in which case it shall report to the Vice Chairman. It shall advise the BOD on cases of impeachment and decide on punishments. The Committee shall keep records signed by Officers, deal with internal conflict and resolve all disputes that are reported. It shall also have the power, by majority vote of the Internal Affairs Committee and subject to the due-process protections of these bylaws, to place any member or officer of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors under interim suspension from office for a period not to exceed twelve (12) weeks during an investigatory period involving alleged gross negligence or violation of law, these bylaws, or the mission statement of CCR. Unless otherwise specified by the Committee, such suspension shall include suspension from voting, deliberation, exercise of title-based authority, and all other privileges of office. Any such suspension may be appealed to the Board of Directors, excluding the suspended person, and overturned by a two-thirds vote. Interim suspension shall not constitute impeachment, removal, or vacancy. The subject of any interim suspension shall receive written notice stating the grounds for suspension. In all matters not involving impeachment or suspension, the Internal Affairs Committee will have the following responsibilities:
 - 1. If Officers wish to engage in a workplace relationship, they must declare it with the Internal Affairs or Executive Committee;
 - 2. To investigate, report, and mediate internal disputes;
 - 3. To investigate, report, and recommend measures for maltreatment from school administrators;
 - 4. To handle all disclosures.
- F. Intelligence. It shall advise the BOD on the organization's relations with unaffiliated chapters and



organizations and initiate interorganizational special projects. The Committee shall also keep records of all joint legislations between the organization and others, deal with external conflict and report on its resolutions.

- | G. College Republican Alumni Association. It shall serve as a bridge between active College Republicans and alumni members of the organization. The committee shall be tasked with building out an alumni network, creating and encouraging alumni social events and their loyalty as donors to the College Republicans, and other duties as directed by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors. The committee shall be composed of alumni members and its officers shall be elected and filled by its committee charter.
- | H. Rules. The Rules Committee shall consider proposed amendments to these bylaws, as provided in these bylaws. The committee shall have a maximum of 4 members in addition to the chair of the committee.
- | I. The California High School Republicans (CAHSGOP). Shall represent high school age students and include them as affiliate members in accordance with its committee charter.

Article VII. Annual Convention Meeting.

▶ **Section 1: *Annual Convention.*** The organization shall hold a convention, or a House of Delegates, presided by the Chairman or appointed presiding officer, once per year to elect new officers and participate in other business presented to it. The convention dates and location are confirmed by a majority vote of the BOD between March and August unless an emergency provision is adopted by the BOD.

▶ **Section 2: *Membership.***

- | A. General Session.
 - 1. Voting delegates of the annual convention’s general session shall be:
 - a. All student members that purchase tickets and registration for the convention. These delegates must be named on the submitted membership list by their chapter President, and may be required to present a valid form of student identification;
 - b. BOD members.
 - c. All alumni members that purchase tickets and registration for the convention unless otherwise specified or a BOD member;
 - 2. Non-voting delegates of the general session shall be:
 - a. Associate members;
- | B. Student Session.
 - 1. Voting delegates shall be:
 - a. All student members that purchase tickets and registration for the convention. These delegates must be named on the submitted membership list by their chapter President, and may be required to present a valid form of student identification;
- | C. Alumni Session.
 - 1. Voting delegates shall be:
 - a. All alumni members that purchase tickets and registration for the convention.

▶ **Section 3: *General Session and Other Sessions’ business.***

- | A. General Session shall serve to report on and consider the following:
 - 1. Status of the organization;
 - 2. Bylaw amendments;
 - 3. Endorsements;
 - 4. Resolutions;



- | B. Student Session shall serve to consider the following:
 - 1. Student member elections;
- C. Alumni Session shall serve to consider the following:
 - 1. Alumni member elections;

➤ **Section 4: *Requirements of the Call to Convention.*** The call to convention for the Annual Convention shall be sent by the BOD at least 90 days prior to the Convention. The Call shall be delivered to all members of the general membership to the extent possible. The Call shall include at least the following:

- | A. Date, time, and place of the Annual Convention;
- | B. Cost of registration for delegates and guests (including the cost of late registration, if different);
- | C. Accommodations information (including cost);
- | D. Documents required for affirming chapters and members;
- | E. Deadlines for the return of all convention materials;
- | F. Requirements for running for elected office, and email of the Secretary;
- | G. Name, phone number, email address, and title of the Convention Director and/or other persons to whom questions about Convention may be directed;
- | H. Time and place of the General Session, Student Session, and Alumni Session;
- | I. Contact information for the Credentials Committee.

➤ **Section 5: *Credentials Committee.*** The Credentials Committee shall publish guidelines for officially confirming delegate status. The Credentials Report, as adopted by the Convention, shall suffice to set the voting delegates.

➤ **Section 6: *Notice of Candidacy.*** All those wishing to become candidates for elected positions at convention must send written notice to the BOD no later than twenty (60) days before the start of general session. Those who miss this deadline will not be eligible for elected office at Convention. Deadline may be waived by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of delegates at Convention.

➤ **Section 7: *Voting for at-large (statewide) or regional office.*** At-large offices are elected by student and alumni members, respectively, from their total delegate membership. Regional Representatives are elected by only those delegates from chapters within the region they are seeking to represent.

➤ **Section 8: *Voting for disputed office.*** If there is more than one qualified candidate for any at-large or regional office, a counted rising vote or roll call vote shall be conducted. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of all votes cast for any office, a run-off election shall be held immediately between the persons receiving the first and second highest vote totals.

➤ **Section 9: *Acts of God or impossibility.*** Upon an act of God or governmental authority prohibiting an in-person convention, the Annual Convention may meet online under the standard of simultaneous aural communication.

Article VIII. Vacancies and Removal.

➤ **Section 1: *Impeachment.*** BOD members may be impeached and removed for violations of these bylaws, violations of the law, or other misdemeanors that cast shame or embarrassment on the organization.

- | A. Powers of the House of Delegates. The House may impeach any member of the BOD with a two-thirds (2/3) vote pursuant to the parliamentary authority.
- | B. Powers of the BOD. The BOD may impeach any member of the BOD with a two-thirds (2/3) vote pursuant to the parliamentary authority.

➤ **Section 2: *Removal or Sanction from Impeachment.*** Upon impeachment, the Internal Affairs Committee shall



review the process and, if in order, remove the offending BOD member. Upon appeal, the BOD, by a four-fifths (4/5) vote, or the House, by a two-thirds (2/3) may overturn the rulings of the Internal Affairs Committee.

Section 3: *Vacancies.* Vacancies shall be filled on the BOD and Executive Committee in accordance with these bylaws.

Article IX. Endorsements.

Section 1: *Endorsements.* The organization has the authority to endorse and revoke endorsements of political candidates for office and ballot measures. The following are the requirements for endorsement decisions:

- | A. The BOD and House of Delegates may issue endorsements, and the House may overrule the BOD;
- | B. The organization and its member chapters shall not endorse:
 - 1. A third party, independent, or Democrat for any office — unless there is no Republican running or it is a nonpartisan position;
 - 2. The explicit defeat of any Republican in a Republican vs Democrat or Republican vs Third Party race;
- | C. The organization is not bound to endorsements by the CAGOP or any other group;
- | D. The Chairman may endorse on behalf of his position — but not the organization — and may not conflict with or overrule an endorsement by the BOD or House of Delegates;
- | E. The Republican nominee for a general election, resulting from a primary election, shall be automatically endorsed by the organization unless it is a Republican versus Republican general election race or a decision is made not to endorse.

Article X. Affiliations.

Section 1: *Affiliations.* This organization is voluntarily affiliated with the Republican Party, and it is voluntarily affiliated with and chartered by the California Republican Party and College Republicans of America.

Article XI. Parliamentary Authority and Arbitration.

Section 1: *Authority.* Federal, state, and local law and the newest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) shall be the authority for all disputed matters not specifically covered by these Bylaws or subsequent governing documents.

Section 2: *Arbitration.*

- | A. If a dispute arising from these governing documents is not resolved by the appropriate authority, it may be submitted to arbitration. The following authorities are listed in order of adjudicative priority, with the first holding the highest level of authority. Only one of these methods may be utilized for arbitration. The next authority in the order may only be approached only if the preceding authority submits in writing that it is unable or unwilling to address the appeal, or if it fails to adjudicate within a timeline set by the Board of Directors, which shall be a minimum of ten (10) days and a maximum of thirty (30) days.
 - 1. Fortuna Arbitration;
 - 2. Any national organization designated by these governing documents;
 - 3. The California Republican Party;
- | B. A resulting arbitrator’s award or injunction may be enforced by any court having jurisdiction.

Article XII. Rights of Members and Chapters.

Section 1: *Right to due process and access.*

- | A. No member or associate member shall be compelled in any case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of position, station, status, or other, without due process.



- | B. No member shall be deprived of right to observe all aspects of elections process as permitted by the Bylaws.
- | C. No members or member chapters shall be denied equal access to materials, legal assistance, and other such resources as are available to the best of the organization's ability.
- | D. No member shall be denied the right to communicate or meet with the Board of Directors, by the organization or leadership of member chapters, without due process.
- | E. No member shall be subject to ex post facto (something that retroactively changes the consequences of actions that were committed) legislation, rules, requirements, or otherwise. Any actions resulting from ex post facto applications may be reviewed and struck down by the Internal Affairs Committee. This provision may only be amended by a 3/4 vote of the House of Delegates and supersedes other amendment requirements in these bylaws.

➤ **Section 2: *Right to seek redress.*** No member or associate member shall be deprived of his right to seek redress for violations of governing documents.

➤ **Section 3: *Right to chapter endorsements.*** Member chapters shall not be denied the right to endorse candidates separately to those endorsed by CCR, but may not endorse a Democrat for any office, unless there is no Republican running, and may not endorse the explicit defeat of any Republican in a Republican vs Democrat race. All cases shall be reviewed under due process in accordance with these bylaws.

➤ **Section 4: *Right to free speech.*** No member or member chapter shall be denied the right to free speech, except in the following cases under due process in accordance with these bylaws:

- | A. Disparaging or attacking the CA Republican Party or county Republican parties in CA— or officers therein;
- | B. Use of vulgar (R or X rated) language;
- | C. Promotion or endorsement of Democrats;
- | D. Personal attacks on the basis of race, sex, or religion with clear hurtful or malicious intent;

➤ **Section 5: *Right to governing documents.*** No member shall be denied the right to review these and subsequent governing documents, and governing documents must be made easily accessible.

➤ **Section 6: *Right to Refuse.*** No chapter shall be required to host, sponsor, or promote an official state CCR event, under their own name, occurring on their campus.

Article XIII. Legal Jurisdiction.

➤ **Section 1: *Legal Representation.*** Any legal representatives secured by the organization for a member chapter, or put in contact with a member chapter, for means of solving a College Republican-related legal matter, shall be ultimately answerable to the Board of Directors on whether to pursue said College Republican-related legal matter with a member chapter. For member chapters whose constitutions and bylaws grant supremacy to the CCR Bylaws, this organization may pursue legal action on behalf of any member chapter, and use the name and likeness of any member chapter and willing members in said legal action. The organization shall assume all risk for any legal action it seeks to pursue on behalf of its chapters or willing members.

➤ **Section 2: *“College Republican” name.*** College Republican chapters derive their name and right to use their name through our national committee, this organization, our charter with the California Republican Party, and copyright and trademark law. No chapter may retain or use the “College Republican” name if not a member of the state or national College Republicans.

Article XIV. Amendments.

➤ **Section 1: *BOD Amendments.*** The BOD may make amendments to these bylaws upon referral by the Rules



Committee via a 3/4 majority vote and may not make amendments that affect this article/amendment powers, terms of office, finances, the logo, or the name of the organization.

➤ **Section 2: *House of Delegates Amendments.*** Proposed amendments to these bylaws reported favorably by the Rules Committee may be adopted by a majority of the voting delegates present. Proposed amendments not reported favorably or neutrally (no recommended action) may be adopted by a 2/3 majority of voting delegates present.

➤ **Section 3: *Notice.*** All proposed amendments must be submitted to the House of Delegates at least twenty (20) days — or to the BOD at least three (3) days — before the day on which voting is to occur. The Secretary shall make copies of all proposed amendments available upon request. Any delegate that has paid their convention registration, member of the Executive Committee, or member of the Board of Directors may propose a bylaw amendment unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.