

Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of King County

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

RECOGNIZING that all people have certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty and property;
REJECTING the initiation of force, threat of force, or use of fraud to deprive others of their rights as inherently illegitimate;

UNDERSTANDING that where governments exist, they are obligated to uphold the natural and political rights of all persons at all times, whether exercised individually or through voluntary associations; and

DESIRING to voluntarily associate ourselves in defense of these principles in order to maximize individual liberty;

We, the members of the Libertarian Party of King County, adopt these Bylaws:

Article I. Name and Affiliation

Section 1.01 The Libertarian Party of King County (LPKC) is affiliated with the Libertarian Party of Washington (LPWA) and is governed by these Bylaws, which shall supersede the controlling documents of the Libertarian Party of Washington. The duration of this party shall be perpetual.

Article II. Mission

Section 2.01 It shall be the mission of the LPKC to implement our Statement of Principles by:

- (a) Engaging in education and advocacy of libertarian positions and our philosophy of governance;
- (b) Recruiting and supporting Libertarian candidates at all levels of government;
- (c) Demonstrating private-sector solutions to problems in our communities;
- (d) Supporting the development of Libertarian groups within geographical subdivisions of the state of Washington wholly or partially within King County;
- (e) Calling a County Libertarian Convention (hereafter “County Convention”) each year; and
- (f) Collecting and disbursing funds and conducting such other business as necessary to further the above objectives.

Article III. Membership

Section 3.01 The membership of the LPKC shall consist of individual citizens of the United States of America residing in King County, Washington who are either (1) an active member of the LPWA or (2) an active member of the national Libertarian Party (hereafter “LP”), or (3) have made donations totaling at least \$25 to LPKC within the period beginning one year prior to the date their membership is in question, and (4) have met one of the preceding conditions at least one week prior to the date their membership is in question, having certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals. Individuals who are disqualified by name from membership with LP or LPWA are not eligible to be part of the membership of LPKC. The membership shall constitute the County Central Committee. Each member may require that their membership information not be distributed to any organization other than an affiliate of LPKC.

Article IV. Officers and Duties

Section 4.01 Elected officers shall be those officers defined in this article beginning in section 4.06. Each such office shall be elected at the County Convention and shall serve from the close of that Convention until their successor is elected.

Section 4.02 Appointed Officers shall be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Executive Board, and must be approved or removed by a majority of all Elected Officers. As necessary, the Chair may appoint legal counsel who shall serve without compensation unless expressly provided for by the Executive Board.

Section 4.03 All officers shall prepare reports of their activities for each board meeting and for submission at the County Convention and in addition to the duties enumerated herein, shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the LPKC. Holding an office within the LPKC shall not preclude an individual from holding any office in any other level of the Libertarian Party. Each officer who may have a conflict of interest in discharging their duties shall fully disclose the possible conflict to the Executive Board and if requested shall abstain from voting on any issues pertaining to such conflict. Each officer shall transfer all records, accounts, and other Party property within their possession to their successor within one month of the succession. No officer may incur expenses, liabilities, or encumbrances beyond budget without approval of the Executive Board. Any such unapproved expenses, liabilities, and encumbrances shall be the personal responsibility of the individual who incurred them.

Section 4.04 To be consistent with LPWA controlling documents, any elected officer who participates in another political party convention, openly endorses another political party candidate, contributes financially or works on a campaign of another political party candidate in a race where a Libertarian candidate is running will not be eligible to serve as a party officer during the time of such participation, endorsement, contribution, or work.

Section 4.05 The Executive Board may adopt a policy for the reimbursement of officer expenses.

Section 4.06 The County Chair shall:

- (a) Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the LPKC responsible for Libertarian Party activities in King County, including the day-to-day operations and business of the LPKC;
- (b) Preside over all meetings of the Central Committee and the Executive Board (with vote);
- (c) Represent the LPKC as a member of the Libertarian State Central Committee in accordance with the controlling documents of the LPWA;
- (c) Together with the Secretary (or Treasurer in the case of financial instruments), execute all legal documents authorized by the LPKC;
- (d) Represent the LPKC as its primary spokesperson and act as a liaison between LPKC and the Regional Representative;
- (e) Together with the Secretary, prepare an agenda for all Central Committee and Executive Board meetings.

Section 4.07 The Vice Chair shall:

- (a) Preside in the absence of the County Chair at any meeting where the County Chair would otherwise preside and shall perform the duties of the Chair in absence or incapacity of the Chair;

Section 4.08 The Secretary shall:

- (a) Maintain all records (except those specifically enumerated as the responsibility of another officer) and any other correspondence that may be relevant to the LPKC and make such records available to

any member of the LPKC upon request;

(b) Cause to be recorded minutes of all meetings and submit those minutes for approval at the next meeting of the same body;

(c) Make public the current controlling documents of LPKC on the website and provide meeting minutes to members electronically upon request;

(d) Together with the Chair, execute all legal documents (excluding financial instruments) authorized by the LPKC;

(e) Together with the Chair, prepare an agenda for all Central Committee and Executive Board meetings;

(f) Ensure that members are notified of meetings at which they are eligible to vote by sending notice via email, website, and any appropriate social media of the LPKC as far in advance of such meeting as shall be required by these Bylaws.

Section 4.09 The Treasurer shall:

(a) Issue receipts for all monies or any other thing of value received by the LPKC, retaining a copy for the records of the LPKC;

(b) Make deposits in one or more depositories approved by the Executive Board;

(c) Together with the Chair, execute all financial instruments and disburse funds as authorized by the LPKC and report such disbursements at each meeting of the Executive Board;

(d) Maintain a system of account of all funds and make such information available to any member of the LPKC upon request;

(e) Ensure LPKC compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements including but not limited to all taxation and campaign finance requirements;

(f) Assist Libertarian candidates with compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements relating to their campaigns;

(g) Coordinate fundraising activities for the LPKC and candidates;

(h) Prepare an annual budget for approval by the LPKC;

(i) Submit quarterly financial reports.

Section 4.10 Two at-large Representatives shall be elected by a single approval vote, where the top two candidates with the highest number of approval votes win. Representatives are not precluded from being appointed and serving as unelected officers in other capacities. Candidates must be part of the membership of LPKC at the time they are nominated.

Article V. Meeting Requirements

Section 5.01 A meeting of the County Central Committee is referred to as a convention. All conventions besides the County Convention shall be designated as Special Meetings. Special Meetings may be called by the Executive Board. Ten members including a majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5.02 The Executive Board shall transact all business of the LPKC between conventions and shall meet at such times and places as it may determine. The Chair or on petition of a majority of Executive Board members may call an emergency meeting with 24 hours' notice stating the purpose(s) of the meeting. Voting members of the Executive Board shall be the Elected Officers specified in Article IV, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5.03 All notices of meetings shall be sent to all voting members and officers by electronic

transmission at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and specifying the agenda, date, time, and place of the meeting. In the event a meeting or venue for a meeting is cancelled due to circumstances beyond the control of the LPKC, the Chair and/or Executive Board may make necessary arrangements to reschedule, even on short notice.

Section 5.04 Any voting member who is unable to attend a meeting may issue a written notice delivered electronically authorizing a proxy to represent that member at the meeting specified in the notice. The presiding officer should receive notice of the proxy and announce it prior to any votes being taken at the meeting. No proxy may be issued for more than one meeting. Attendance by proxy shall count toward a quorum.

Section 5.05 A member may be given the option to participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or online, provided that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participating by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

Section 5.06 A majority of the votes in favor of a matter to be voted upon by the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption thereof unless a greater proportion is required by law or by these bylaws.

Section 5.07 Any action which is required by law to be taken at a meeting of the LPKC, or any action which may be taken at such a meeting, may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing setting forth the action to be taken shall be signed (including through electronic means) by a number of members eligible to vote on the action such that the action would pass regardless of the votes of all other members eligible to vote.

Section 5.08 All Executive Board meetings shall be open to any member of the LPKC unless the Board shall convene in executive session for a purpose for which a public body would be authorized to do so under the Open Public Meetings Act.

Section 5.09 In the event that the Chair and Vice Chair are absent from a meeting, the members present shall elect a Temporary Chair from among themselves for the meeting. In the event that the Secretary is absent from a meeting, a Temporary Secretary shall be appointed by the presiding officer.

Section 5.10 The LPKC may establish committees to examine and investigate issues of interest and make recommendations for action by the LPKC. Such committees may include individuals who are not members of the LPKC.

Section 5.11 In the event that there is a tie in voting on a matter normally voted upon among voting members of the Executive Board, appointed officers present may vote to break the tie at the request of the party sponsoring the motion. Voting members are not counted as appointed officers for purposes of such a vote. If there is still a tie, the motion is defeated.

Article VI. Vacancies

Section 6.01 An office becomes vacant upon the death, resignation, or removal from office of the current officer.

Section 6.02 Officers may also be removed for cause by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Central

Committee or of the Executive Board.

Section 6.03 Any vacancy may be filled for the unexpired term of the position by a LPKC member or any member of the LPWA or member of the LP residing in Washington state upon approval by the Executive Board.

Article VII. Indemnification

Section 7.01 The LPKC shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless all officers, agents and employees against liability, damage, and expense arising from or in connection with good faith service as such and arising from defense of claims or lawsuits under all circumstances permitted by law in accordance with RCW 24.03.035 (14). The rights conferred on any person by this section shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be an officer, agent or employee and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person. These rights shall not be exclusive of any other right such a person may have or hereafter acquire with respect to such service provided that amount of indemnification by the LPKC shall be reduced by the amount of any indemnification received from other sources. Without the necessity of entering into an express contract, all rights under this section shall be deemed to be contractual rights and be effective to the same extent and as if provided for in a contract between the LPKC and the person entitled to such rights. This section may be altered or amended at any time as provided in these Bylaws, but any such amendment shall be prospective and shall not have the effect of diminishing the rights of any person who is or was entitled to such rights under this section as to any acts or omissions occurring prior to the effective date of such amendment that is the cause of any proceeding against any agent of the LPKC. The LPKC may pay for or reimburse, in advance of final disposition of the proceeding, the reasonable expenses incurred by a person granted indemnification under this section.

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority

Section 8.01 The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the LPKC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws or any special rules of order the LPKC may adopt.

Article IX. Amendments

Section 9.01 These Bylaws may be amended at any County Convention or Special Meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote provided there is a quorum present, and provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been included in the notice of the meeting.

Section 9.02 The LPKC may adopt, modify or revoke other policies not inconsistent with these Bylaws by a majority vote.

Section 9.03 The LPKC may be dissolved by the same majority required to amend these Bylaws. After payment of any outstanding obligations, any remaining assets shall be transferred to the LPWA unless another method for the distribution of assets is specified in the motion to dissolve. No member, officer or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any assets of the LPKC on its dissolution.

Article X. Legal

Section 10.01 Any provisions of state law which are incompatible with these Bylaws are hereby superseded in accordance with the rights of political parties recognized by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Eu v San Francisco Democratic Comm.*, 489 U.S. 214 (1989).

Section 10.02 Should any section, clause, or provision of these Bylaws or its application to a particular person, group or circumstance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of the Bylaws as a whole or of the remaining portions thereof or their applicability to any other person, group or circumstance. Each section, clause, and phrase is declared severable.

Section 10.03 During times when the LPKC has major party status under Washington state law, the organizational meeting of precinct committee officers shall be given the option to ratify these Bylaws.

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), the Libertarian Party of King County hereby adopts these Bylaws on March 18, 2017, and all prior Bylaws, amendments, interpretations and other versions are null and void. The undersigned signatures certify the adoption of these, the complete and only Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of King County, until changed as provided herein.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands:

Libertarian Party of King County

County Chair

Co-Chair

Vice-Chair

Secretary