

# Bylaw Proposals

(additions are underlined, removals ~~strikethrough~~)

## **Bylaw Proposal Article 1 – Recognizing the Cache County Republican Veterans Caucus**

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### ARTICLE 1. THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Republican Party Central Committee of Cache County, Utah, hereinafter referred to as the "Central Committee," shall consist of all Voting Precinct Chairs, Vice Chairs, Treasurers, and Secretaries elected at the most recent Republican Party Caucuses (mass meetings) held in their respective Precincts, the duly elected or appointed members of the Executive Committee listed in Article 5 below, the Cache County Republican Women's Chair, the Utah State University College Republicans Chair, the Cache County Teenage Republicans Chair, the Cache County Republican Veterans Caucus Chair, and the elected Republican state and county officials representing or residing in Cache County. The Central Committee shall govern the affairs of the Republican Party in Cache County and shall exercise those powers conferred by the Utah Republican Party Constitution and by these Bylaws.

*Discussion:*

*The Cache County Republican Veterans Caucus was formally established on February 22, 2023 in Logan, Utah with the encouragement, promotion, and cooperation of the Cache GOP executive leadership, for which it is grateful. It is a service organization, honored to be the official “Alpha Chapter” of the Utah Republican Veterans’ Caucus. Its purpose includes promoting Republican principles as embodied in the Cache Republican Party’s governing documents, advising elected officials of U.S. veteran and military issues, and encouraging the adoption of conservative practices.*

*Already it has grown membership to nearly 30 individuals while demonstrating its determination to benefit local Party causes. It purchased a full table at the 2023 Lincoln Day Dinner, has assisted the new officers of the Cache County Republican Women auxiliary, and has provided two speakers for the USU College Republicans veteran event this past April. As valuable contributors to our Party, veterans should be afforded the same respect and status as other auxiliaries already recognized in the same manner in our Bylaws. Please support our veterans by voting in favor of this amendment.*

## **Bylaw Eliminate Signature Candidate Advantage Over Caucus**

*Filed by Geoff Cox, WEL01. Please contact Geoff if you have questions at glc466@yahoo.com. Removing four words:*

(9G) A candidate for a county, state legislature or state school board office who filed an official intent to gather signatures ~~and has submitted~~ **signatures** but who has not been chosen by a party convention will not receive any recognition as a candidate or assistance in any form from the county party until after the primary election, unless required by law. Signature gathering candidates are always listed on ballots after non-signature gathering candidates and speak before convention only candidates.

*Discussion: The purpose of the Cache County GOP is to enable delegates chosen by voters in a neighborhood caucus to select political candidates for primary and general election races. The legislature passed SB54 allowing signature candidates to bypass delegates and the caucus-convention selection process, often by paying to collect signatures with outside money. It is unfair to give signature-buying candidates the additional advantage of delegate contact lists. The caucus-convention system allows any citizen without wealth or outside funding to run for office.*

*Some candidates suggest they declare as a signature candidate only to establish recognition of candidacy on the county elections web page. This grants an additional advantage over caucus-convention candidates who are not officially allowed to declare until later in the year. The phrase that this bylaw change seeks to remove is designed to protect candidates who claim only to file for recognition. In the days of social media, the "filing as a signature candidate for recognition only" argument is weak.*

*Some candidates may claim they are dual candidates - both signature and convention candidates - as allowed by SB54. How many signature candidates personally contacted you before the convention? This bylaw change does not prevent a candidate from the convention ballot.*

*20A-9-408, 9Aii of the state code says signature candidates "submit the signatures to the election officer before 5 p.m. no later than 14 days before*

*the day on which the qualified political party holds the party's convention to select candidates..." If most candidates submit their signatures near the deadline, the current reading of this bylaw only prohibits the county party from providing signature gathering candidates "recognition...or assistance" during the 14 day period between submitting signatures and the convention.*

*Approving this bylaw change will continue to allow signature gathering candidates to legally buy the signatures they need to bypass convention delegates without giving them the additional unfair advantage of official Party delegate contact information that should only be used by candidates who respect the delegate convention system. Please approve this bylaw and protect the reason the Cache County GOP exists.*

## **Bylaw Electronic Meeting and Voting**

*This is a new suggestion that will allow the Executive Committee to conduct binding business electronically. Robert's Rules 9:30 only allows business conducted electronically IF authorized by the bylaws. Per bylaw 2b, the chair can call an emergency meeting and if 6 attend, business can be conducted. With the text/groupme option, all members of the committee receive information and the opportunity to vote.*

5A8 When the Executive Committee uses text or group chat services (such as GroupMe) to vote on motions outside of a noticed meeting, results are binding if all members are notified of the vote at the same time and at least 6 members vote. The balloting period starts at the time the call to vote is issued and closes when all members have voted or 6 hours has elapsed excluding the hours of 10 PM through 8 AM and all day Sunday. The party Secretary shall record minutes on electronic votes.

## **Bylaw District Vice Chairs On Executive Committee**

Filed by: Pam Budge: The purpose is to ensure the District Vice Chairs have a voice on the Executive Committee, while still maintaining their non-voting member status. The "5 non-voting members who may be appointed by the Chair..." has been removed because we haven't used this part of the bylaw and it keeps our EC total membership to 18, instead of 23.

(5A2) The Executive Committee of the County Central Committee shall consist of the officers of the Central Committee, and County Council District Chairs, ~~and as many as five (5) non-voting members who may be appointed by the Chair from among appropriate party workers.~~ County Council District Vice Chairs shall be members of the Executive Committee, but shall have voting status only when the County Council District Chair is absent.

## **Bylaw Robert's Rules for Small Boards**

Filed by: Pam Budge: Robert's Rules allows for a less formal set of rules for small boards like the Executive Committee if there are 12 or fewer members. This bylaw change allows the Executive Committee to use the small board procedure if there are more than 12 members.

(5A6) Meetings of the Executive Committee may be convened at any time upon the call of the County Chair, or at the written request of any four (4) members of the Executive Committee. Executive Committee meetings shall be held at least quarterly. Executive Committee meetings of any size may follow Roberts Rules of Order Procedure in Small Boards (section 49.21) at the discretion of the committee. Notice of all meetings shall be given at least seven (7) days beforehand, except in cases of emergency as determined by the County Chair.

## **Bylaw Candidate Filing**

*Delegates need to know what candidates think about our Platform. This bylaw defines how every candidate is treated by the party, addressing the concern about party officers favoring one candidate over another.*

(11A) individuals seeking to run for elected office must file with the Party:  
one, information listed in 7A;  
two, a signed statement declaring support for the Cache County GOP Platform with itemized exceptions, if any;  
three, a signed 'Candidate Use of Cache County Delegate Contact Information' agreement approved by two-thirds of the Executive Committee; four, a signed 'Candidate Ethics Pledge' approved by two-thirds of the Executive Committee.

(11B) Upon receipt of items listed in 11A, the Party will publish on its website and social media accounts notice of candidate filings for office with their signed platform declaration and ethics pledge within 24 hours of receipt beginning at no earlier than the first day of the candidate filing period for national, state or county elected officials or for county party positions and special elections, no earlier than 45 days before the next convention or election.

(11C) For non-signature gathering candidates, party will provide electronic delegate contact information in a spreadsheet file within twenty-four hours of filing but no earlier than 30 days before the next convention or election and will provide delegate RSVP status to candidates immediately upon request at most three times after providing the delegate list.

(11D) Party will not charge candidates any fees for filing or running or campaigning or using delegate contact lists or convention booth space, or any other reason.

(11E) Candidates who violate the 'Candidate Use of Cache County Delegate Contact Information' or 'Candidate Ethics Pledge' as determined by two-thirds of the executive committee will no longer be allowed to use delegate contact information in the current election.



## Bylaw Financial Management

*This bylaw completely replaces 4D3. The two-signature requirement is not necessary as a vote is already required by the Executive Committee and has never been followed once. The last sentence will not allow officers to enter into contracts that continue beyond their term of office that financially binds future Executive Committees.*

~~(4D3) No payments shall be made by the Treasurer for other than approved budget items without the prior approval of the Executive Committee and without the signature of two people designated by the Executive Committee.~~

(4D3) The Executive Committee shall approve a budget for future expenses. The Treasurer or a signer on the bank account shall only make payments by check or debit card for items approved by the Executive Committee and if budgeted, within the total budgeted amount approved by the Executive Committee. The budget category shall be printed in the memo line of the check. Any budgeted expense over \$100 must be a separate line item. Credit cards may not be issued in the name of the Party. All contracts and budgets terminate on the last day of the month following each organizing convention. The County Central Committee by a two-thirds vote may remove any officer who violates this bylaw.

## **Bylaw Financial Review**

*Bylaw 4A2 already requires the chair to ensure an outside review of company finances. 4D2 requires the Treasurer to arrange for an outside review, but this is a conflict of interest as the Treasurer should not facilitate a review of their own activity. This change removes the redundant requirement and adds a requirement that the Treasurer provide information to support the 4A2 review.*

~~(4D2) The books and records of the treasury shall be subject to a biennial review by a qualified person approved by a majority of the executive committee, who is not a member of the executive committee. The Treasurer shall also make an interim report on the state of the treasury at every other meeting of the Executive Committee and at the semiannual Central Committee meetings. The Treasurer shall give the audited financial report at the Organizing Convention each year. The Treasurer shall provide all information requested for the financial review required in 4A2.~~

## **Bylaw Auxiliaries**

*Bylaw 6B5 gives Auxiliary Chairs/Presidents Ex officio status to the Nominating and Organizing Conventions. However, the bylaws have no definition of an Auxiliary or process to recognize one. This bylaw suggestion is modified from the state bylaws.*

12) Groups may petition the Executive Committee to become or continue as an official Auxiliary every two years by meeting and maintaining the following criteria:

1. Groups bylaws and platform are consistent with the Cache GOP Platform. and;
2. The group has a list of at least 25 active registered Republican members and;
3. All officers of the group are registered Republicans, and;
4. The group's documents shall outline a method of election of officers with terms of office not being greater than two years.
5. The group shall meet at least quarterly with a minimum of 10 members in attendance. Notice of all meetings shall be noticed to all members.

The Executive Committee approves or rescinds auxiliary status by majority vote. If the Executive Committee determines that an auxiliary no longer meets any of the above criteria, it may rescind the auxiliary status of the group at any time.

## **Bylaw Vice Chair Ex-Officio**

*Bylaw 6B5 gives Executive Committee voting members ex officio delegate status to the county and state conventions. This proposal adds District Vice Chairs.*

(6B5) Ex Officio Delegates: The County Executive Committee voting members, **District Vice Chairs**, members of the State Republican Central Committee who represent Cache County, and Republican State and Cache County elected officials who reside in Cache County shall have ex officio delegate status to the county and state conventions, if they so desire. Ex officio delegates to the state convention are subject to ratification by the county nominating convention. Voting precinct chair and Auxiliary Chairs/ Presidents shall have ex officio delegate status to the county nominating convention. Precinct Officers and Auxiliary Chairs/Presidents shall have ex officio delegate status to the county organizing convention. Ex officio delegate status shall go with the office, not with the person. Ex officio delegates are in addition to the delegate allocation determined above (6B2).

## Bylaw Voting Methods

*The Nominating Convention must select a balloting method - multiple ballot rounds or preference voting per State GOP Constitution. The State Constitution does not have any balloting requirement for the Organizing Convention or Special Elections. The term "preference voting" is not defined by the State or County bylaws. Adding this language will mean we do not need to spend time in conventions and special elections debating the voting method we will use. Add the following to 9A:*

9A1. The Organizing Convention and Special Elections use multiple ballots in races with three or more candidates for one position. Per State Party Constitution, the Nominating Convention must choose multiple ballots or preference voting for races with three or more candidates for one position.

9A2 MULTIPLE BALLOT METHOD: The election will have a maximum of three rounds until one candidate receives a majority vote. If there are four or more candidates, the first round narrows the field to three, and subsequent rounds drop one candidate each time. In the event the final two candidates tie at 50% a coin toss shall determine the winner.

9A3 PREFERENCE VOTING METHOD: Voters rank candidates on the ballot in order of preference: 1,2,3 etc. with 1 being the most preferred. Ballots are counted to establish the number of votes for each candidate. If one candidate has more than half of the first-choice votes, that candidate wins. If not, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and the voters who selected that candidate as their first choice have their votes added to the total of the candidate who was their next choice. This process continues until one candidate receives a majority of the votes, and that person is declared the winner. In the event the final two candidates tie at 50% a coin toss shall determine the winner.

## **Resolution On Voting in Cache County**

WHEREAS,

We the people are not able to do our own post-election reviews or investigations because election data is “sealed” and kept from us AND vendors being paid with our taxpayer money use a “proprietary” clause and “threat of void of warranty” to conceal from us the very data for which we paid. And...

WHEREAS,

The Cache County government has not provided a way for the people of Cache County to independently verify the vote totals reported through the ES&S voting systems used by Cache County to tabulate the vote data.

And....

WHEREAS,

The Nye County, Nevada County Commissioners voted 5-0 in favor of discontinuing the use of ES&S voting machines because of their vulnerabilities to invasion AND Cache County uses the same type of voting system . And ...

WHEREAS,

Access to the software and hardware contents of the machines is restricted to a handful of people controlled by the Lieutenant Governor. This tends to the concentration of power into the hands of a few, a principle antithetical to the founding our state and nation where this power was aggregated amongst the communities of the people, and is a threat to the most sacred of our rights which is intimately connected to our God-given agency, the right to choose and determine our own destiny. And...

WHEREAS,

We can see the post-tabulation electronic image of our ballot, but we are not allowed to determine for ourselves how the computer program counted our ballot. They are tabulated according to the rules that programmers and operators unknown to us have fed into the computer machines. And...

WHEREAS,

Voting systems were foisted on Utah citizens, through collusion between Diebold corporation and the Utah state government to force the Emery County Clerk, Bruce Funk out of office after 23 years of loyal service as Emery County Clerk because he found serious security problems with them.

<https://truthsocial.com/users/tworedpills/statuses/109072518766869711>

WHEREFORE,

We, believing the above to be of such weight and persuasiveness, submit this resolution for the ratification of the Cache County Republican Central Committee to urge the Cache County Council to return us to the paper ballot voting system we had before the electronic machines to bring transparency back to our elections and which served us well for many years.

Signed

David V Palmer, Vice-Chair, Smithfield Precinct 8

## **Platform ESG**

We do not support the use of “Environmental, Social, Governance” ESG or “social credit scores” or similar non-financial measures to discriminate against, advocate for, or cause adverse or preferential treatment of a person or be used to evaluate the credit ratings of states, counties, government entities, private businesses or citizens.



## **Platform DEI**

We do not support any effort to teach in public schools or state-funded universities the concepts inconsistent with the principles of inalienable rights, equal opportunity, and individual merit, including but not limited to “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion”, DEI, 1619 Project, or concepts attributed to Critical Race Theory that reference race, color, ethnicity, gender identity or sexual orientation.