



CALIFORNIA COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Constitution

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Article I: Name and Logo.

Section 1: *Name.* The name of this organization shall be the California College Republicans, herein also referred to as “CCR,” “College Republicans United of California,” and as “the organization.”

Section 2: *Amendments to Name.* Barring approval by the Convention, the name of the organization cannot be changed. Members of the Executive Board and Board of Directors (BOD) shall be barred from entering into external negotiations that will change the name, form a new organization that could reasonably compete with CCR, or dissolve CCR in any capacity.

Section 3: *Logo.* The logo of CCR may be changed by the BOD every 5th year beginning in 2025 and only during that year. To change the logo, a proposal must be submitted to the Secretary at least two weeks before a BOD meeting. A 4/5 vote of the BOD is required to approve the proposed logo. Color and similar small variations to the current logo may be enacted by the Communications Director and relevant committees. The BOD will only entertain substantively new logo designs.

Article II: Purpose and Objectives.

Section 1: *Purpose.* The purpose of the organization shall be to support conservative policies and fulfill the objectives listed in this document, and those extended in legislations passed by the Executive Board or BOD.

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

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

Article III: Membership.

Section 1: *Member.* A member of the organization must:

- | A. Be a college student or sitting Executive Committee member;
- | B. Be a member of the chartered College Republican club on said campus or be approved by the president of a different chartered club 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: *Club Chartership.* A club shall be considered chartered if the Credentials Committee has a record of the following:

- | A. The constitution or other governing document of the chapter;
- | B. A complete list of the club’s executives;
- | C. A complete list of the chapter’s general membership, which shall include the member’s name and school email address;
- | D. Evidence of the chapter’s registration as an on-campus student organization;
- | E. If a school restricts partisan clubs on campus, a chapter may be formed in the name of the city where the college resides to represent CRs within that city.



Section 3: *Alumni Members.* Any prior member who no longer qualifies as a member may, if a registered Republican, in good standing, and upon payment of dues, be admitted into the organization as a non-voting, alumni member. Alumni members do not hold a deliberative role in the organization and may not run for office, with the exception of the National Committeeman.

Article IV. The Board of Directors.

Section 1: *Composition.* The following members are entitled to be voting members of the BOD:

- | A. Every chapter president, or the representative they send in their place;
- | B. Every voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: *Officers.* The Chairman, or an appointed presiding officer, shall serve as the President of the BOD to preside, and the Secretary shall maintain minutes.

Section 3: *Powers.* The BOD shall be empowered to draft bylaws or additional governing documents inferior to this constitution, establish declarations, and approve budgetary measures. The BOD shall hold the sole power to remove chartered chapters and Elected Executive Committee Officers, pursuant to the process specified in the constitution and parliamentary authority.

Article V. The Executive Committee and Officers.

Section 1: *Powers and Composition.* The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general supervision of the affairs of the organization, and perform other such duties as are necessitated by the BOD or office. Officers shall include the Chairman, National Committeeman, Elected Regional Chairmen, Appointed Cabinet Members, and Deputies.

Section 2: *Qualifications for Holding Office.* In order to qualify to run to be an Elected Officer, the candidate must satisfy the following qualifications:

- | A. He must show registration to vote as Republican;
- | B. He must be older than 18 years of age;
- | C. In order to hold an Elected position, he must currently be a member of a chapter which is in good standing, solo-chartered with CCR (not affiliated with any other state College Republican organization). Appointed voting officers, or transition staff, and the National Committeeman must meet the preceding conditions or have graduated as a member of a CCR chapter.

Section 3: *Elected Membership.* The following Elected Officers are entitled to be voting members of the Executive Committee.

- | A. Chairman;
- | B. National Committeeman;
- | C. Northern Region Chair;
- | D. Bay Area Region Chair;
- | E. Capitol Area Region Chair;
- | F. Central Valley Region Chair;
- | G. Central Coast Region Chair;
- | H. Southern Region Chair;
- | I. Los Angeles Region Chair;
- | J. San Diego Region Chair;

Section 4: *Appointed Voting Membership and Succession.* The following Appointed Officers are entitled to be



voting members of the Executive Board. They are appointed by the Chairman and approved by a majority vote of quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee. The National Committeeman may also hold an appointed office, but he does not get an extra vote on the Committee. Any appointed position not listed in this section may be created at the discretion of the Chairman but is not eligible to vote. With the exception of the Internal Affairs Director, who may be removed only by impeachment or a unanimous vote of the Regional Chairmen, appointed Officers serve at the pleasure of the Chairman and may be dismissed by the Chairman at any time without a vote of the Executive Committee. The order of this list serves also as the line of succession to the Chairman. Officers that have graduated may not hold the position of Chairman, and it shall fall to the next qualified Officer:

- | A. Vice Chairman;
- | B. Chief of Staff;
- | C. Communications Director;
- | D. Treasurer;
- | E. Secretary;
- | F. Internal Affairs Director;
- | G. Professional Development Director;
- | H. Activism Director;
- | I. Membership Director.

➤ **Section 5: *Appointed Non-voting Membership.*** The Chairman or any Region Chairman may appoint non-voting Deputies at their discretion, to serve and be dismissed at their pleasure without a vote of the Executive Committee. The Chairman may also appoint a CCR Advisor from the CAGOP, California Federation of Republican Women, or other Republican organization to advise on Executive matters.

➤ **Section 6: *Meetings.*** The Chair, or by a petition of the majority of voting members, may call the Executive Committee to meetings. Regular meetings must be declared at least three (3) days in advance with the proposed agenda and minutes from the prior meeting. Emergency meetings may be called at any time, but may not pass any resolution other than the single item outlined as the reason for the meeting, and quorum must still be met.

➤ **Section 7: *Officers and Duties.*** The following shall be the officers of the organization and their respective duties:

- | **A. *The Chairman.*** Shall preside over all convention and Executive Committee meetings. He shall serve as the President of the BOD. He shall design and present a budget to the BOD. He shall disburse funds in accordance with the budget. He shall coordinate the organization's activities with other Republican organizations and shall represent the organization in its relationship with the Republican Party. He shall create, appoint, and dissolve committees as necessary and appoint Committee Chairs at their discretion without a vote of the Executive Committee, and shall serve as an ex-officio member of every committee. He shall oversee the operations of the Communications Director and regularly meet with them to assign duties. He shall have the ability to appoint, hire, fire, or reassign any Appointed Officers or Committee Chairs as deemed necessary (except Internal Affairs Director). He may pardon any individual found guilty by the BOD for disciplinary action (except himself).
- | **B. *National Committeeman.*** Shall represent the organization, as directed by the Chairman, to the College Republicans United Central Committee and those other organizations to whom he is appointed by the Chairman.
- | **C. *The Vice Chair.*** An appointed member of the Chairman's Cabinet. He shall act for the Chairman in his absence and shall assist in his executive duties. He shall oversee the operations of all Committee Chairs (other than Communications Director) and regularly meet with them to assign duties. He shall serve as an ex-officio member of every committee and shall report committee progress to the Executive Committee in the absence of a committee chairman.



- D. *The Chief of Staff.*** An appointed member of the Chairman’s Cabinet. He shall assume the office of Vice Chairman in the event of a vacancy in that office. He shall act as Chairman in the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman. He shall assist the Chairman in his executive duties as assigned, and act as the Chief Manager of any bureaucratic functions established by the chair or other governing body. Unless another officer is assigned by the BOD or Executive, he shall coordinate statewide recruitment efforts, maintain communications with the Presidents of chartered chapters, oversee the activities of the Region Chairmen and meet with them at least once per month, organize campaign deployments, maintain a roster of chartered clubs and Presidents, and assist the Credentials Committee as requested.
- E. *The Communications Director.*** An appointed member of the Chairman’s Cabinet. He shall assist the Chairman in his Executive duties pertaining to the representation in the media. He shall be responsible for working with the Chairman to prepare press releases and statements, and act as the primary press contact if the Chairman is unavailable. He shall also maintain the website and store, maintain all social media sites, assist in maintaining the historical archive of past administrations, and oversee the production of all graphics and digital communication. His office shall maintain the guidelines for use of the logo and other materials.
- F. *The Treasurer.*** An appointed member of the Chairman’s Cabinet. He shall collect and record all money accruing to the organization. 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 and Executive Committee at least quarterly. The Treasurer shall issue a monthly cash flow report to the Executive Committee. He must make those reports available to any full meeting of the BOD.
- G. *The Secretary.*** An appointed member of the Chairman’s Cabinet. He shall record the minutes at Board meetings, Executive Board and Committee meetings and Conventions. He shall maintain the official records of the organization, including the minutes of past Board and Executive meetings, governing documents, resolutions, and a current Board roster. Unless another officer is designated by the Board or Executive Committee, he shall send out the call to Executive Committee meetings, Board of Director meetings, and Conventions in accordance with this Constitution, and he shall act as Historian by collecting and maintaining newspaper articles, photographs, and other records of state and local activity.
- H. *The Internal Affairs Director.*** An appointed member of the Chairman’s Cabinet. He shall advise the presiding officer at the Executive Committee meetings and Conventions on matters pertaining to parliamentary procedure, this Constitution, or any subsequent Bylaws. He shall work with the Chairman and represent the Executive Committee and Chairman at all Internal Affairs hearings or other committees. The Internal Affairs Director shall work with the 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.
- I. *The Professional Development Director.*** An appointed member of the Chairman’s Cabinet. He shall work with various outside groups to train CCR members for roles after college. He shall run resume workshops and trainings as directed by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and work with the Chief of Staff to promote workshops and seminars.
- J. *The Activism Director.*** An appointed member of the Chairman’s Cabinet. He shall plan, organize, and oversee all electronic and in-person events on campuses including but not limited to CCR Speaker Series events, conservative activism, conferences, and Republican Party related events and conventions.

- K. *The Membership Director.*** An appointed member of the Chairman’s Cabinet. He shall maintain the rosters of all chartered chapters and be the point of contact for credentials. He shall assign votes in accordance with the rosters at conventions.
- L. *Regional Chairmen.*** Shall help the Chair recruit, form chapters, and plan activities locally. The Regions shall be as follows:
- *i. Northern.* Amador, Alpine, Lake, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Nevada, Sierra, Glenn, Butte, Plumas, Tehama, Lassen, Shasta, Modoc, Mendocino, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Humboldt, and Trinity Counties.
 - *ii. Capitol.* Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, San Joaquin, and Solano counties.
 - *iii. Bay Area.* Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Santa Clara counties.
 - *iv. Central Coast.* San Benito, Monterey, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Ventura counties. Malibu city.
 - *v. Central Valley.* Kern, Kings, Tulare, Inyo, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Mariposa, and Calaveras Counties
 - *vi. Southern.* San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside counties.
 - *vii. Los Angeles.* Los Angeles County.
 - *viii. San Diego.* San Diego and Imperial counties.

Section 8: *Minimum Chapters.* A region must contain at least one chapter in order to elect a Region Chair. If a region does not have at least one chapter, the Chairman may appoint a Regional Chair from that region, with consent from the Executive Board, to aid in establishing chapters.

Section 9: *Tenure.* All officers shall serve from the Convention at which they are elected or appointed until the next Convention, except appointed voting officers. Appointed voting officers shall act as transition staff between Boards and may continue to serve at the pleasure of the Chair until their dismissal or resignation.

Article VI. Committees.

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

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

- A. *Press and Publications.*** The Chair of the Committee shall be the Communications Director, and shall work to assist the office of the Communications Director as requested.
- B. *Fundraising.*** The Treasurer shall serve as Chair of the Committee. It shall actively fundraise for the organization and explore new avenues of attaining funding.
- C. *Credentials.*** The Membership Director shall serve as Chair of the Committee. It shall maintain rosters, charter new chapters, and organize materials for Convention.
- D. *Professional Development.*** The Professional Development Director shall serve as Chair of the Committee. The Committee shall train CCR members for staffer and canvassing jobs in republican politics. It shall provide seminars and training on various skills required for the political field and assist CCR members into the job pipeline. It shall regularly organize résumé workshops to help CCR members build and write their résumés.
- E. *Events.*** The Activism Director shall serve as Chair of the Committee. The Committee shall plan activism



events on campus, run and set up in-person and/or online CCR Speaker Series, and organize Convention as outlined in this constitution.

- | **F. *Internal Affairs.*** The Internal Affairs Committee serves under the Chairman’s Cabinet and reports to the Chairman in all cases unless the Chairman is under impeachment, in which case it shall report to the Vice Chairman. The Internal Affairs Director shall serve as Chair of the Committee. It shall advise the BOD on cases of impeachment and decide on punishments. The Committee shall also keep records signed by Officers, deal with internal conflict and resolve all disputes that are reported. In all matters not involving impeachment the Internal Affairs Committee will have the following responsibilities:
 - i. If Officers wish to engage in a workplace relationship, they must declare it with the Internal Affairs and sign non-disclosures (NDA) and other documents required by governing provisions;
 - ii. To investigate, report, and mediate internal disputes;
 - iii. To investigate, report, and recommend measures for maltreatment from school administrators;
 - iv. To handle all NDAs and other disclosures.

- | **G. *Republicans United (Alumni).*** The National Committeeman shall serve as Chair of the committee. The Republicans United, or Alumni, Committee serves to assist, organize meetings of and dinners for, receive advice, and collect donations from Alumni Members.

- | **H. *California Teenage Republicans (TARS).*** The CCR Advisor shall lead the committee. The Committee shall serve to assist and organize high school students.

▶ **Section 3: *Special Committees.*** The Chairman may create and appoint special committees at his will.

Article VII. Convention.

▶ **Section 1: *Annual Convention.*** The organization shall hold a convention, 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 site and date are confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

▶ **Section 2: *Membership.*** Delegates of the annual convention shall be:

- | **A.** Those delegates appointed by their chapter President. The President is not required to be a delegate. Delegates must be named on the submitted membership list by the President, and must present a valid form of student identification;
- | **B.** Executive Committee members.

▶ **Section 3: *Requirements of the Call to Convention.*** The call to convention for the Annual Convention shall be sent by the Executive Board at least 30 days prior to the Convention. The Call shall be delivered to all members of the BOD and 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.** Requirements for receiving a charter or renewing a charter;
- | **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;
- | **I.** Contact information for the Credentials Committee.



Section 4: *Credentials Committee.* The Credentials Committee shall publish guidelines for officially appointing delegates and auditing chapter charters. The Credentials Report, as adopted by the Convention, shall suffice to set the voting delegates.

Section 5: *Notice of Candidacy.* All those wishing to become candidates for office at CCR convention must send written notice to the Executive Board no later than twenty (20) 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 6: *Voting for disputed office.* If there is more than one qualified candidate for any statewide office, a counted rising 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 7: *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.* The BOD may impeach any Officer of the Executive Committee with a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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 Officer. In the case of impeachment of the Internal Affairs Director, the officer in violation is immediately removed. Upon appeal, the BOD, by a four-fifths ($\frac{4}{5}$) vote, or the Convention, by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) may overturn the rulings of the Internal Affairs Committee.

Section 3: *Removal for Inactivity.* If and only if an Elected Officer is inactive for thirty (30) days without notice, the Chairman, upon approval by the Executive Committee, may declare the position vacant and nominate a successor to be approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 4: *Vacancies and Appointments.* The Chairman may appoint vacancies, in accordance with this governing document.

Article IX. Endorsements.

Section 1: *Endorsements.* CCR has the authority to endorse political candidates for office. The following are the requirements for endorsement decisions:

- | A. CCR, members of the Board of Directors, and its member clubs may not endorse a third party, independent, or Democrat for any office, and they shall not endorse the explicit defeat of any Republican in a Republican vs Democrat race;
- | B. CCR may choose to revoke any endorsement;
- | C. CCR is not bound to endorsements by the CAGOP or any other group and may choose to not endorse or endorse another candidate so long as their party preference is Republican.

Article X. Affiliations.

Section 1: *Affiliations.* This organization is voluntarily affiliated with Republicans United National Committee and chartered by the California Republican Party.



Article XI. Parliamentary Authority and Rights of Members.

Section 1: *Authority.* The newest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) shall be the authority for all disputed matters not specifically covered by this Constitution or subsequent governing documents.

Section 2: *Right to due process.* 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. No member shall be deprived of his right to observe all aspects of the elections process as permitted by the constitution.

Section 3: *Right to seek redress.* No member or associate member shall be deprived of his right to seek redress for violations of CCR governing documents.

Article XII. Amendments.

Section 1: *Necessary Vote.* This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the convention.

Section 2: *Notice.* All proposed amendments must be submitted to both the Chairman and Secretary at least thirty (30) days before the first day of the general session for the Convention. The Secretary shall make copies of all proposed amendments available upon request to Board members and to the presiding officers of chartered CCR clubs prior to the Convention. Any member of a chartered club or any Board member may propose a constitutional amendment.