

**Guidelines Nominations Paper Ballot #e-aps-22 for Los Angeles City Mini-state (ss11-9)**

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**Directions**

Please print out this page for paper ballot, mark with ink and mail to address below..

Do not use X marks. Mark your choice(s) with numbers only.

Put the figure 1 beside your first choice, the figure 2 beside your second choice, the figure 3 beside your third choice, and so on. Consecutive numbers beginning with the #1 only.

You may rank as many choices as you please.

Do not put the same figure beside more than one choice/name.

**Proposed Bylaws and Parliamentary Procedures Nominations of the Libertarian Party and Los Angeles City Mini-state - Blank Ballot #e-aps-22**

Mark your rankings in spaces in left column.

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\_\_\_ Bylaws of

\_\_\_ The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County

\_\_\_ ARTICLE I: NAME

\_\_\_ The organization shall be named the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County (LPLAC), hereinafter referred to as "Party".

\_\_\_ ARTICLE II: OBJECT The object of this Party shall be to elect Libertarians to public office.

\_\_\_ ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

\_\_\_ Section 1: The membership of the Party shall be all members of the Libertarian Party of California State Central Committee who reside in Los Angeles County, or who choose to affiliate with Los Angeles County regardless of their County of residence.

\_\_\_ Section 2: Members of the Libertarian Party of California State Central Committee who reside in Los Angeles County and affiliate with another County Central Committee in the state of California shall not be considered members of the Party.

#### \_\_\_ ARTICLE IV: REGIONS

\_\_\_ Section 1: The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County shall be divided into Regions.

\_\_\_ Section 2: The Membership of a Region shall be all Members of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County who reside in, or who choose to affiliate with the Region.

\_\_\_ Section 3: The Executive Committee shall have the power to declare a Region inactive and merge it into an active Region, and shall have the power to create a new Region by dividing up an existing Region.

\_\_\_ Section 4: It shall take a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee to declare a region inactive or create a new Region.

\_\_\_ Section 5: At least 30 days notice shall be given to County Membership before changing of Regions.

#### \_\_\_ ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

\_\_\_ Section 1: Officers and Duties. The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and Regional Representative from each Region.

\_\_\_ Section 2: Elections, Term of Office. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. Nominations shall be from the floor.

\_\_\_ Section 3: Interim Removal and Appointment of Officers. A County Officer may be removed from Office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board after failure to attend two (2) consecutive board meetings. In the case of an interim vacancy of County Office, the Executive Board shall have the power to appoint a member to that office upon a majority vote at a regular Executive Board meeting.

\_\_\_ Section 4: Office-Holding Limitations. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

#### \_\_\_ ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

\_\_\_ Section 1: Annual Meetings. A meeting shall be held annually at a convenient time and place for the purpose of electing officers, one Regional Representative for each Region by caucus, electing the Los Angeles county representative to the Executive Committee, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

\_\_\_ Section 2: Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or the Executive Board and shall be called upon the written request of ten members of the Party. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days' notice shall be given.

\_\_\_ Section 3: Quorum. Fifteen members of the Party shall constitute a quorum.

#### \_\_\_ ARTICLE VII: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

\_\_\_ Section 1: Board Composition. The officers of the Party, including the Regional Representatives, shall constitute the Executive Board.

\_\_\_ Section 2: Board's Duties and Powers. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Party between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Party, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Party, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Party.

\_\_\_ Section 3: Board Meetings. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held monthly at a time and place to be determined by the Chair. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair and shall be called upon the written request of three members of the Board. Electronic meetings of the Board via email, chat, video chat or teleconferencing, may be called by the Chair and shall be called upon the request of three members of the Board. In the event of email meetings, all subsidiary motions shall have a seconding and voting period of three (3) days, all main motions, seconding and voting shall have a voting period of ten (10) days. For all electronic meetings all main motions shall require an absolute majority of the Board to pass.

Section 4: Quorum. A quorum at monthly Executive Board meetings shall consist of a majority of the current members of the Board.

#### \_\_\_ ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

\_\_\_ Section 1: Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall be three members elected at the annual meeting.

\_\_\_ Vacancies shall be filled by the remaining members. By petition of at least five members, the Judicial Committee may review any action of the Executive Board or any Officer for compliance with these bylaws or the bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California. No member of the Judicial Committee shall hold any other Party office.

\_\_\_ Section 2: Other Committees. Other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Chair of the Party as the Chair or the Executive Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Party.

#### \_\_\_ ARTICLE IX: STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES

Nominations for delegates to the Libertarian Party of California convention shall be made by the Regional Representatives. The delegates shall be elected by the Board.

#### \_\_\_ ARTICLE X: CONFLICTING AUTHORITY

The bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California shall supersede any conflicting provision of these bylaws.

#### \_\_\_ ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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

## \_\_\_ ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Party by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall cause any submitted proposals to be published on the Party's website within five days.

\_\_\_ Ranked choice voting (RCV): All voting and vote counting shall be in the form of ranked paper ballots only (and eballots when practical and verifiable).

Consecutive numbers beginning with the #s 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. etc. must always be used when marking on (e)ballot of all names and decision-items. Deviation from this guideline #1 will disqualify the ballot, and the ballot will be marked "SPOILED", separated from the stack of ballots with numerical purity and only the pure stack after being separated from the spoiled ballots are considered democratically legit.

\_\_\_ Election of Names Under Pure Proportional Representation (PPR) - The Election of names are only held in multiple-winner election districts of two or more only using limited voting with no exceptions. Limited voting using "Xs" brings semi-proportional results and limited voting using ranked choice votes (RCV) brings pure proportional representation (PPR).

Limited voting is used where there are fewer votes cast per voter than there are open seats at-large. By using ranked choice voting (RCV) each paper ballot is one whole vote, one-man-per-vote and each uses the single transferable vote (STV).

There are two equations involved that are used for PPR. First is the Hagenbach-Bischoff Method with the Hare or Droop Quotas and the second is the single transferable vote (STV).

\_\_\_ Elections of Decision-items - Many decision-items may be ranked simultaneously to save time and that's where each numeral starting with #1 is like one whole vote. Any item attaining 50% plus one vote or more is considered approved "by the team".

In decision-making items, ranked choice voting (RCV) is always used, with no exceptions.

There is no STV when using RCV with decision-items.

In cases of ties, we add the sum of all numerals (or "tics"), and the item(s) in a tie with the lowest sum of rankings gets prioritized above items with larger sums of the rankings. This system is known as "Ogle Method" or "Count the Tics".

\_\_\_ The object of this Mini-state shall be to elect candidates to public office.

\_\_\_ Electing the Directors for Los Angeles County Mini-state (ss11-9)

\_\_\_ All paper ballots are brought in one stack to the annual convention, and the one total stack of paper ballots will be replicated and distributed before the approval of totals results.

\_\_\_ In California during 2020 and through July 4th 2021 with 26,060,000 eligible voters, there will be a cap at 501 names elected as "Electors" to the California Super-state as the Electors/Directors, they may affiliate with any county as long as the State total doesn't surpass the State cap of 501.

\_\_\_ Up to 501 consecutively ranked names will be announced based on the vote count and all names ranked below #501 will not have a vote unless elected as a results of an existing name who dies or resigns at which time the next highest name is automatically elected.

\_\_\_ The number of Electors or Directors elected to ss-11-9 is to be calculated and is always effective immediately, to where each of California's Elector seats as defined by the US Constitution were based on the 50,000 (50K) cap on voters within each current Congressional District, the cap applied as though

George Washington's Article the First had been approved. Two seats as "Senator Elector" seats will be elected under the cap of 501.

\_\_\_ The top-ranked 55 names will be recognized as the 55 Electors for the pure proportional representation (PPR) Electoral College. The Electors' names may serve as "Directors" or "Electors/Directors" in the Los Angeles County Mini-state.

\_\_\_ Electors may spill over into all twelve mini-states within the state of California. Elector seats will be distributed as a set in each Congressional district where limited voting must be used to elect the set of Electors at-large within each Congressional District.

\_\_\_ The Elections of Electors/Directors will be perpetual through the conclusion of the one-year term of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County.

\_\_\_ All Electors/Directors may communicate with each other based on the contact information by their name on the party-list paper ballot.

\_\_\_ All elected executives will be subject to perpetual votes of confidence.

\_\_\_ For electing the LPCityLA/ss11-9-1 executives for day-to-day decisions, first the votes are tallied and then the top-ranked elected name picks the open executive officer seat first, followed by every consecutively-ranked elected name which follows until all seats are picked.

\_\_\_ The Mini-state ss11-9 shall have the same number of executives as LA City Council.

\_\_\_ Officers and Duties. The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, three Judicial Committee members and Regional Representatives who pick titles from each Region.

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\_\_\_ Annual Meetings. A meeting shall be held annually at a convenient time and place for the purpose of electing officers, one Regional Representative for each Region by caucus, electing the Los Angeles county representative to the Executive Committee, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

\_\_\_ The date of the annual meeting shall be determined by votes on rules.

\_\_\_ The Los Angeles Mini-state election of rules starts with the two votes cast before all others, the two votes cast by the two top-ranked names of the elected Directors/Electors, top-ranked being "President" and 2nd-ranked being "Vice President".

\_\_\_ On September 28th 2020 Jeff Drobman voted to defer his vote on rules/guidelines as President and now on September 28th 2020 Mark Herd might vote for rules/guidelines as 2nd-ranked name (Vice President).

\_\_\_ The ballot for the "First Los Angeles Mini-state Election of 2021" will be released upon the approval of these rules, and the names on the ballot will include all names of current members, all executives of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County and new nominees.

\_\_\_ Voting for up to 501 Directors begins on date ballot is released and all nominees are added in perpetuity until the votes are approved at the annual in-person, or by conference, meeting.

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