

**LAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN
CENTRAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
RULES AND BYLAWS
Adopted June 2022**

ARTICLE I. NAME:

This organization, consisting of all elected or duly appointed and qualified Republican County Central Committee Members of Lake County, Ohio, shall be known as the LAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE aka LAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND DUTIES:

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Central Committee shall be to further the cause of the Republican Party in Lake County, to establish the policy, and through the Executive Committee, conduct the business, and manage the affairs of the Lake County Republican Party.

Sec. 2 DUTIES

All members of the Central Committee shall strive to work for the benefit of the Lake County Republican Party, its members and candidates. They shall make every effort to attend the biennial meeting, and any regular or special meetings, in person. No Republican office holder or candidate or no member of the Central Committee shall make any public statement, publicly endorse or take any public action (for example, contributions, using yard signs or bumper stickers) to support a non-Republican candidate against a Republican. Central Committee members shall refrain from making any public written or oral negative statement about any other member of the Republican Party, candidate of the Party or the Party itself. Duly elected County Central Committee Members shall serve for two (2) year terms. Central Committee members who wish to retain their seats on the Central Committee shall timely file with the Board of Elections the appropriate declaration of candidacy.

The form to be filed with the Lake County Board of Elections shall be Secretary of State Form No. 2-M titled Declaration of Candidacy (No Petition) Party Primary Election for Member of County Central Committee. Form 2-M shall be the only acceptable form to seek the office of County Central Committee.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS:

The Officers of the Lake County Republican Central Committee shall be the County Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairwoman who shall be elected from the body of the Central Committee at the regular biennial meeting of the Central Committee as prescribed by law. The Officers shall, at all times, be residents of Lake County, duly registered

Republicans and, at the time of their election to their position as an Officer, they must be members of the Central Committee.

The Party Officers shall maintain a bond, funded by the Lake County Republican Party, with surety satisfactory to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Sec. 1. THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN

The County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Central Committee, shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee, will officially speak for the Republican Party in Party matters, and generally exercise the leadership and perform the duties incumbent upon such position. The Chairman shall also be an ex-officio voting member of all standing and special committees of the Central and Executive Committees.

Sec. 2. THE VICE CHAIRMAN

Sec. 2.1 The First Vice-Chairman shall, in the absence of, disability, or removal of the County Chairman, exercise the powers and perform the duties of the County Chairman until such time as the Chairman resumes the duties or the vacancy is filled. The First Vice-Chairman shall be coordinator and an ex-officio voting member of the Standing Committees of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2.2 The Second Vice Chairman shall coordinate and be an ex-officio voting member of the Standing Committees of the Central Committee. The Second Vice-Chairman shall also coordinate the District Chairmen's activities and preside over meetings of District Chairmen. In the absence of the County Chairman and First Vice-Chairman, the Second Vice-Chairman shall preside over meetings of the Central Committee and/or the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of the Minutes of all Meetings of the Central Committee; issue calls for Meetings; keep the roll of members and attendance at Meetings; mail to all members of the Central Committee, within two weeks after a Meeting, a copy of the Meeting's Minutes; and generally, perform all of the functions usually incumbent upon Secretaries, together with such other duties as may be delegated to the Secretary by the Central Committee or prescribed by law.

Sec. 4. THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Party and shall deposit said funds in accounts designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall invest and disburse funds only upon approval of the Executive Committee, and shall, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, prepare an annual budget to be approved by the Executive Committee. All disbursements less than \$500 shall be made by check signed by the Treasurer. All disbursements \$500 or more require written approval in

writing by the County Chairman. (Any form of writing is sufficient, including Electronic mail.) In the absence or disability of the County Chairman, the First Vice-Chairman is permitted to provide written approval. In the absence of the First Vice-Chairman, the Second Vice-Chairman is permitted to provide written approval. In the absence of the Second Vice-Chairman, the Secretary is permitted to provide written approval. In the absence of the Treasurer, checks and other orders for payment of money may be signed by the Secretary with express written approval required by one of the other Party Officers in the order as set forth above.

4a. DEPUTY TREASURER

The Chairman may appoint a Deputy Treasurer, with approval of the Executive Committee, if necessary.

Sec. 5. THE CHAIRWOMAN

The County Chairwoman shall be the official liaison between the Lake County Republican Party and its auxiliary groups and the State and National Woman's' groups. She shall counsel and advise these clubs and shall assist the Chairman as necessary.

Sec. 6. VACANCY

When there is a vacancy for the position of any Officer of the Central Committee, other than removal, the vacancy shall be filled by the Central Committee at a special or regularly scheduled meeting called upon at least 21 days' notice and no later than 60 days after the vacancy has occurred. No absentee ballots will be accepted.

ARTICLE V. ADMINISTRATION:

The day-to-day management of the Lake County Republican Party is delegated by the Central Committee to the Executive Committee and shall be performed by the Executive Committee except as otherwise provided herein.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Sec. 1 BIENNIAL MEETING (Ohio Revised Code 3517.04)

The Biennial Meeting of the Central Committee shall be held not earlier than 6 or later than 15 days following the certification of the results by the Board of Elections of the election of the members of the County Central Committee. Notice of the biennial meeting shall be sent to each member-elect by the retiring Secretary by mail and copy of the notice shall be posted in the office of the Board of Elections at least 5 days prior to any such meeting. The following shall be the Agenda of the Meeting:

- A. The Meeting shall be called to order by the retiring Chairman or Secretary or if there is no such officer, or if such officer is absent, then by a member of the Central Committee designated by the members of the Board of Elections of the same political Party.

- B. A temporary Chairman and Secretary shall be chosen.
- C. The re-adoption of the bylaws, in their entirety, or as amended by the Bylaws Committee, shall be voted upon.
- D. The Committee shall then proceed to organize by the election of a Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairwoman. No absentee ballots for the election of these officers will be accepted.
- E. After the election of Officers, the Central Committee members from each District shall hold a District caucus as set forth below in Article VII, Sections 1.2-1.4 to elect an Executive Committee member and District Chairman.
- F. The Central Committee shall vote on the ratification of the election of the Executive Committee members and District Chairmen.
- G. Any matters for the good of the Party may be brought to the floor.
- H. Adjournment.

Sec. 2 REGULAR MEETINGS

In addition to the Biennial meeting of the Central Committee as prescribed by law, regular meetings of the County Central Committee may be called on a semi-annual basis. The County Chairman shall give at least ten (10) days' notice in writing of any regular meeting.

Sec. 3 SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Chairman may call a Special Meeting of the Central Committee. A Special Meeting may also be called by petition of at least one-fourth (1/4) of the Central Committee Members or the majority of the Executive Committee in writing to the Chairman or Secretary. Written notice of a Special Meeting shall be sent to each Central Committee member at least ten (10) days before the Meeting by regular mail, Fed Ex, UPS, or other delivery services or any electronic means. The business of any Special Meeting shall be limited to the subject or subjects contained in the Notice of Meeting or petition for the Meeting.

Sec. 4. QUORUM

A quorum of the Central Committee is required for all Central Committee Meetings and shall consist of at least 25 percent of the Republican County Central Committee Members, provided however, that a majority of Districts, enumerated in Article VII, Section 1, are represented by those in attendance.

Sec. 5. APPOINTMENT OR REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

In the event any member of the Central Committee resigns or ceases to be qualified to hold office, the Executive Committee may declare the office to be vacant. The Executive Committee may nominate a qualified person to any vacancy by a majority vote of the members present at the Meeting where such vote is held.

Any person to be nominated for appointment to a vacant precinct must be a Republican in good standing with the Lake County Board of Elections unless the Executive Committee, for good cause shown, determines that the person is an undeclared voter and will vote Republican at the next Primary Election. Nominations for members to the open precincts of the Lake County Republican Central Committee shall be made at an Executive Committee Meeting or a Central Committee Meeting only by an Executive Committee member or his or her designee. The nomination for appointment shall be voted on at the next Meeting of the Executive Committee or the Central Committee following the nomination.

ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT CHAIRMAN MEMBERSHIP:

Sec. I ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1.1. DISTRICTS

At the regular biennial organizational meeting, an Executive Committee member and District Chairman shall be elected for a two-year term, as stated in Sec. 1.2 below, and serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Members of the Central Committee must ratify this Election. There shall be one District Chairman and one Executive Committee member from each of the following Districts:

DISTRICT	PRECINCTS
1	EASTLAKE WARDS 1& 2 TIMBERLAKE VILLAGE
2	EASTLAKE WARDS 3 & 4 LAKELINE VILLAGE
3	WILLOWICK
4	WICKLIFFE
5	WILLOUGHBY WARDS 1, 2, & 3
6	WILLOUGHBY WARDS 4, 5, & 6
7	WILLOUGHBY HILLS

8	KIRTLAND KIRTLAND HILLS WAITE HILL
9	MENTOR WARD 1
10	MENTOR WARD 2
11	MENTOR WARD 3
12	MENTOR WARD 4
13	MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE
14	CONCORD A, B, F, I, L, N, O
15	CONCORD C, D, E, G, H, J, K M
16	PAINESVILLE TWP. A, B C, D, E, K, L
17	PAINESVILLE TWP F, G, H, I, J GRAND RIVER FAIRPORT HARBOR VILLAGE
18	PAINESVILLE CITY
19	PERRY TWP PERRY VILLAGE NORTH PERRY VILLAGE
20	MADISON TWP. A, B, C, D, E, G, H, J
21	MADISON TWP. F, I MADISON VILLAGE LEROY TOWNSHIP

The Central Committee shall add additional precincts created by the Board of Elections to the appropriate existing Districts. A review shall be conducted every two years before the biennial organization meeting to determine the need for revision of the established Districts due to population shifts or changes in order that proportionate representation is maintained. This review and revision, if required, shall be completed prior to the biennial organization meeting.

Sec. 1.2 DISTRICT CAUCUS

Republican County Central Committee Members from each District shall hold a District caucus at the place where the biennial organization meeting is held, to elect a member of the Executive Committee and a District Chairman. These are separate offices and cannot be held by the same person.

Sec. 1.3. ABSENT FROM CAUCUS

If any Republican County Central Committee member cannot, for good cause, attend his or her District Caucus, he or she may request in writing or in person an absentee ballot from the Republican Headquarters. The ballot may be handed to the Committee member or mailed to his or her residence along with a return envelope. After casting a vote for each of the two offices, he or she will seal the ballot in the envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Lake County Republican Central Committee and return it by mail or hand delivery to the Lake County Republican Headquarters. The ballot must be received by close of the business day prior to the Meeting or delivered to the Chairman not less than 3 hours prior to the Meeting. At the biennial meeting, the Chairman shall open the envelope(s), record the votes in the proper Districts and dispatch the ballots to the proper District Caucuses for tallying after that District's initial vote.

Sec. 1.4 CAUCUS ROLL CALL

The Chairman of the Central Committee, at the Biennial Organization Meeting, shall call the roll of all Districts to determine their respective elected Executive Committee member and District Chairman. The District Chairman, or in his or her absence, the person chosen as the Acting District Chairman, shall respond. Should the election of an Executive Committee member or a District Chairman be challenged, the County Chairman shall instruct the Secretary of the Central Committee to poll the District delegation. A vote equal to a simple majority of both those present and the absentee ballots shall be sufficient to elect. A Republican County Central Committee member shall be permitted to challenge the vote only in his or her District. In the case of a tie, a flip of the coin will be made by the Chairman, who will also determine which person should make the call before the coin toss.

Sec. 2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER DUTIES

An Executive Committee member will represent the District from which he or she is elected. Executive Committee members shall meet regularly with Republican County Central Committee members from their District and report directly to them concerning the Executive Committee meetings. In the event that the Executive Committee member is unable to attend an Executive Committee meeting, then he or she shall notify the District Chairman who shall attend in his/her place, as a voting member. If the District Chairman is also unable to attend, the Executive Committee member may designate another Republican County Central Committee Member from that District to represent the District as a voting member for that meeting.

Sec. 3. DISTRICT CHAIRMAN DUTIES

The District Chairman shall preside and speak for his or her District at all District and Central Committee meetings. He or she will assist the Executive Committee member in the organization of their District, or in the absence or illness of the Executive Committee member represent the District at the Executive Committee meeting(s). District Chairman will also make every effort to fill the open precincts of the Lake County Republican Central Committee that may be vacant within the District.

Sec. 4. SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

The County Chairman or the Second Vice Chairman may call a special meeting of any District, and any Republican County Central Committee Member may call a special meeting of his or her District, provided all Republican County Central Committee Members in the District are notified in writing at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Sec. 5. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sec. 5.1. REMOVAL OF OFFICER

The removal of an officer or a violation of Article II Section 2 shall occur at a duly called regular or special meeting of the Central Committee. Notice of such meeting shall have been sent at least ten (10) days before to the Officer sought to be removed and to all members of the Central Committee. The notice must have the date, time, place of meeting, and the reason or basis for the removal. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Central Committee members present shall be required for such removal.

Upon removal of an Officer, the Central Committee shall immediately make nominations and vote to elect a new person to fill the unexpired term of the removed Officer.

Sec. 5.2. REMOVAL OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

1) The removal of an Executive Committee Member or a violation of Article II Section 2 shall occur at a duly called regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee. Notice of such meeting shall have been sent at least ten (10) days before to the person sought to be removed and to all members of the Executive Committee. The notice must have the date, time, place of the meeting, and the reason or basis for the removal. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Committee members present shall be required for such removal; or,

2) An Executive Committee member will automatically be removed if he or she has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings of the Executive Committee and had no District Chairman or Alternate committee member there to represent him or her. An absence will be considered unexcused if the absent Executive Committee member does not advise an Officer of the Executive Committee, prior to the meeting, of the reason for the absence or the Executive Committee does not excuse the absence by a majority vote.

Sec. 5.3. REPLACEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERSON

Upon the removal of an Executive Committee person, the District Chairman, after being notified of the removal, will call a meeting of the Republican County Central Committee members in his or her District to elect a new Executive Committee member. If there is no District Chairman in the District, the Central Committee Chairman shall follow this procedure.

Sec. 6. SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Ohio State Central Committeeman and Committeewoman of the Senate District(s) in Lake County shall be voting members of the Executive Committee and Central Committee if the Committeeman or Committeewoman resides in Lake County. The Finance Committee Chairman shall also be a voting member of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 7. VACANCY IN OFFICE OF DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

In the event no District Chairman is chosen for a District at that District's biennial caucus, or a vacancy occurs in said office, the Executive Committee member for that District may call a special meeting of the District's Committee members for the purpose of electing the successor District Chairman. In the event there is no Executive Committee member for the District, the Central Committee Chairman shall follow this procedure.

ARTICLE VIII. ORGANIZATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Within forty-five (45) days after its members are elected by the Central Committee, the members of the Executive Committee shall meet, establish committees and perform other business necessary to the functioning of the Party.

Sec. 2. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Executive Committee shall be the Officers of the Lake County Republican Central Committee and shall consist of the County Chairman, Chairwoman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Officers shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. BUDGET

The Treasurer, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, will prepare an annual budget to be approved by the Executive Committee at the first regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meeting of the calendar year.

ARTICLE IX. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Sec. 1. THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN

The County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and be the official spokesperson for the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. THE FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN

The First Vice-Chairman shall, in the absence, or disability of the County Chairman, preside at meetings of the Executive Committee. The First Vice-Chairman shall be the coordinator and an ex-officio voting member of the standing committees of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. THE SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Second Vice-Chairman shall coordinate and be an ex-officio voting member of the standing committees of the Central Committee. The Second Vice-Chairman shall also coordinate the District Chairmen's activities and preside over the District Chairmen meetings, and shall, in the absence of the County Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman, preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4. THE SECRETARY

Sec. 4.1. The Secretary of the Executive Committee shall keep a true and accurate record of the Minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee, issue calls for Meetings, keep the roll of members and attendance at Meetings, send copies within two (2) weeks after Meetings to all Executive and County Central Committee members, and generally perform all functions usually incumbent upon Secretaries together with such other duties as may be delegated to the Secretary by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4.2. The Secretary of the Executive Committee shall notify the Chairman when any Executive Committee member has had three consecutive unexcused absences.

Sec. 5. THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall prepare and submit a monthly report to the Executive Committee of all receipts and disbursements for all accounts. It shall show all activity since the previous monthly report. The Treasurer shall also prepare and submit an Accounts Payable report each month.

Sec. 6. THE CHAIRWOMAN

The Chairwoman shall be the official liaison between the Lake County Republican Party and the Auxiliary Groups, shall counsel and advise these groups, and shall assist the Chairman as necessary.

Sec. 7. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to retain an Administrative Manager and other Headquarters staff personnel and fix the salaries and duties of the same. The Administrative Manager shall maintain a bond with surety satisfactory to the Executive committee funded by the Lake County Republican Party. The Officers of the Executive Committee shall have the authority to advertise for, interview, and recommend to the Executive Committee a person considered suitable to serve as Administrative Manager, together with any other Party staff personnel. The County Chairman shall supervise all personnel employed by the Lake County Republican Party. Such office personnel may be discharged only by a vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sec. 1. REGULAR MEETINGS

The Lake County Republican Party Executive Committee shall meet regularly once each month at a time and place to be determined by its members.

Sec. 2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following order of business shall be followed in conducting the Executive Committee meetings:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Finance Committee Chairman's Report
6. Reports of Officers
7. Reports of Committees
8. Club Reports
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Good of the Party
12. Adjournment

Sec. 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or on the petition of one-third (1/3) of the Executive Committee members in writing to the Chairman or Secretary. Written notice of a Special Meeting shall be sent to each Executive Committee member at least ten (10) days before the meeting. The business of such special meeting shall be limited to the subject matter specified in the call.

Sec. 4. QUORUM OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

One-Third (1/3) of all members eligible to vote, shall constitute a quorum and be required for all meetings of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The County Chairman shall appoint all committee chairs.

Sec. 2. STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The standing committees of the Central Committee shall include: Bylaws and Redistricting Committee, and Platform Committee.

Sec. 3. STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee Standing Committees shall be the Fair, Picnic, Lincoln Day, Marketing and Public Relations, Campaign, Finance, Golf Outing and Outreach committees.

Sec. 4. COMMITTEE AUTHORITY

No Committee shall take or make public any formal action, or make public any resolution, or in any way commit the Republican Party of Lake County on a question of policy or on matters of public interest without having first received the approval of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5. EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS

Any Committees duly authorized to expend money shall submit their bills to the Treasurer within thirty (30) days of the expenditure. Any committee that receives or collects any moneys shall turn over all funds to the Treasurer within seven (7) days.

ARTICLE XII. PARLIAMENTARY RULES

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary procedure of both the Central and Executive Committees.

ARTICLE XIII. APPOINTMENTS

Sec. 1. PUBLIC OFFICE (OHIO REVISED CODE 305.02)

If a vacancy occurs in the office of County Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, County Auditor, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Sheriff, County Recorder, County Engineer, or

Coroner, the County Central Committee of the Political Party with which the last occupant of the office was affiliated shall meet to appoint a person to hold the office until a successor is elected. Said meeting shall occur not less than five or more than forty-five days after the vacancy occurs. Not less than four days before the date of such meeting, the Chairman or Secretary shall send to every member a written notice which states the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

A candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast by the County Central Committee members present in order to be declared the winner. If a candidate is not elected by a majority vote of the Central Committee present on the first ballot, then a second vote between the two candidates who received the highest number of votes will occur. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes on this second ballot shall be declared the winner.

There will be no Absentee Ballots accepted (OAG 80-082).

Sec. 2. NON-ELECTED OFFICES, POSITIONS, JUDGES, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In the case where the Republican County Central Committee is not required, by law, to make the appointment, but the Lake County Republican Party is requested to make a recommendation, then the Executive Committee may make the recommendation itself or call a special meeting of the Lake County Republican Central Committee to vote on the recommendation. A majority of the Executive Committee present or if applicable, the Central Committee present shall be required to designate the Party's recommendation. If a person is not recommended on the first ballot by a majority of the Executive Committee present, or if applicable, the Central Committee present, then a second ballot between the two persons who received the highest number of votes will occur. The person receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot will then be designated the Party's recommendation. If more than one recommendation is requested, the election will be held, and each Executive or Central Committee member may cast the same number of votes as recommendations that are sought. The complete results of the vote shall be certified to the appointing authority.

Sec. 3. BOARD OF ELECTIONS (OHIO REVISED CODE 3501.07)

The Executive Committee shall make and file the recommendation for appointment to the Board of Elections of a qualified elector with the Secretary of State. The meeting to make the recommendation shall be held not more than sixty (60) days or less than fifteen (15) days before the expiration of the term of office of a member of the Board of Elections. In case a vacancy occurs on the Board, the meeting shall be held within fifteen (15) days of the vacancy to make the recommendation.

ARTICLE XIV. ENDORSEMENT OF ISSUES OR CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION TO OFFICE

Any candidate or issue committee seeking endorsement must send a written request to the Chairman within 10 days following certification. No candidate(s) or issues(s) shall be endorsed by the Lake County

Republican Party without approval of the Central Committee. However, if any Republican candidate(s) is unopposed by another Republican in any election cycle, or is the only candidate who has timely requested an endorsement, they may be endorsed with the majority approval of the Executive Committee or the Central Committee. Such approval shall be voted upon at a regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee or the Central Committee provided that notice of such meeting shall have been sent at least ten (10) days before the meeting to all members of the Republican Central Committee stating that the issue of endorsement of candidate(s) or issue(s) by the Lake County Republican Party shall be considered at that meeting.

No Officer of the Party may use their Party title or position to endorse a candidate or issue unless the candidate or issue has received the endorsement of the Republican Party Central Committee or Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XV.

No Republican officeholder or candidates, including Central Committee members, shall violate the Duties referenced in Article II Section 2, or make a public endorsement of a non-Republican candidate who is opposed by a Republican Candidate. Should this occur, the Executive Committee or Central Committee may, by vote, impose sanctions as appropriate, including Censure, which shall be sent at Party expense to all members of the Central Committee and Republican office holders as well as the Media. Any person who is subject to a continuing Censure, shall be prohibited from speaking at any Central or Executive Committee Meeting, except at the Reorganizational Meeting.

ARTICLE XVI. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws shall become effective bylaws of the Republican Central and Executive Committees immediately upon their adoption. They shall be re-adopted entirely, or as amended, at each biennial meeting of the Central Committee. They may be amended at any Central Committee meeting.

A copy of the proposed amendments shall be sent to each Central Committee member at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the vote on the proposed amendment. An affirmative vote of the majority of the Central Committee present shall be required for adoption of the proposed change(s), provided that a quorum is present.

Any member of the Lake County Republican Central Committee may propose an amendment to the bylaws provided that a copy of the proposed amendment(s) is given to the Secretary at least seventeen (17) days prior to the Central Committee meeting so that the Secretary may have sufficient time to provide the requisite notice. Upon timely receipt of a proposed amendment from a Lake County Republican Central Committee member, the Secretary shall send the proposed amendment to each Central Committee member as set forth above.