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RULES OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

IN BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

As Revised June 24, 1972

PREAMBLE

The official name of the Republican organization in Bucks County shall be the THE BUCKS COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

The Bucks County Republican Committee shall be an unincorporated association, which acting through its officers and executive committee representatives, shall have the power to acquire, own, hold, sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber, lease and manage real estate, to acquire and own or lease personal property, to incur obligations and indebtedness, to hire and fire employees, and to conduct all business transaction involving the Party, and shall be governed by the following rules:

RULE I

ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY

ARTICLE 1. PARTY ORGANIZATION

The organization of the Republican Party in Bucks County shall consist of:

Section A. A COUNTY COMMITTEE to be composed of one Committeeman and Committeewoman from each election district, and officers.

Section B. An EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE to consist of:

Representatives from executive committee districts apportioned by the County Chairman;

Officers of the County Committee; and,

Ex-officio members.

Each such district shall have one elected executive committee member for each approximate 4,000 registered Republican voters, and one matching appointed executive committee member. Elected Executive Committee members shall be subject to recall on year from the date of their election by a vote of the members of the county committee whom they represent. In the event of a recall, a new member shall be elected in accordance with Rule IV, Article 3, Section F, hereof for the balance of the term of t he recalled. Appointed members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the County Chairman from within the district represented and shall serve at his pleasure.

ARTICLE 2. ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD PARTY OFFICE AND/OR COMMITTEE POST

Section A. Only a person who is a qualified Republican elector, currently registered to vote in Bucks County, is eligible to hold a Party office or serve as a member of a Party committee.

Section B. Definitions.

Party Office is defined to include the position of:

Committeeman or Committeewoman with a duly constituted election district or precinct;

Officer of the County Committee;

Executive Committee Representative;

State Committeeman or State Committeewoman;

Delegate or Alternate Delegate to a Republican National Convention; and

Any appointed Assistant Committee member.

Party Committee is defined as a committee, standing or special, created by these rules or constituted by the County Chairman under the powers granted him by the Executive Committee of the County Committee.

ARTICLE 3. DISQUALIFICATION TO HOLD OFFICE

Whenever it shall appear a person holding a Party Office is not a qualified Republican elector, or has directly or indirectly supported a candidate for election in opposition to any nominee of the Republican Party in a general election, or is neglecting or refusing to attend to the duties of his or her office (which as an executive committee member includes attendance at scheduled executive committee meetings and meeting at least quarterly with the Committeepeople represented) he or she shall be disqualified and his or her membership or office shall be declared vacant. No such disqualification shall occur nor such membership be declared vacant until so determined by the Executive Committee as hereinafter set forth.

Absences of the County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and/or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer from scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting as a matter of record, and after missing two consecutive meetings, a formal letter will be sent to the individual by the Chairman (or by the Vice-Chairman if the Chairman is the person missing the meetings) noting that a third missed meeting will be grounds for removal from office. After dispatch of such a letter, said fact shall be made a matter of record in the minutes of the next following Executive Committee meeting for information of all members of the County Committee.

The Executive Committee shall by majority vote determine whether or not the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman if the Chairman is the person involved) may declare a vacancy provided however that before such action by the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman) the Party officer shall be

given an opportunity for a full hearing before the Executive Committee after due notice of the nature of the charges, the time and place of the hearing, and his or her entitlement generally to the elements of due process in the conduct of such proceedings

RULE II

THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

The general supervision, regulation and direction of the affairs of the Republican Party in Bucks County shall be vested in the County Committee.

ARTICLE 2. ELECTION OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Members of the County Committee shall be elected by the Republican electors at the Primary Election in the even numbered years, and serve for a term of two years, beginning the first Monday of June of the year elected.

ARTICLE 3. NEW ELECTION DISTRICT

Whenever a new election district is created, the County Chairman shall appoint County Committee members to fill vacancies created.

ARTICLE 4. STATUS OF COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All members of the County Committee, whether elected or appointed shall enjoy equal status in the conduct of Party affairs.

ARTICLE 5. ASSISTANT MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

The County Chairman may appoint assistant members of the County Committee in each election district. Said person, however, shall not be members of the County Committee and shall serve at the Chairman's pleasure.

RULE III

OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

The officers of the Republican Party in Bucks County shall consist of a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman who shall not be of the same sex, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers shall be elected in even numbered years by the County Committee at a meeting called for that purpose as provided for in Rule V, Article 1, Section A.

ARTICLE 3. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office for all officers of the Party shall begin the date of their election and continue for a period of two years or the fourth Saturday in June of even numbered years or until their office becomes vacant, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE 4. DUTIES OF THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN

The County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the party in Bucks County and, as such, put into operation the resolutions and actions of the County Committee and the Executive Committee, and shall preside at meetings thereof and be ex-officio member of all committees appointed by the County Chairman, or by the Vice Chairman, except the Ethics Committee. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside, and in the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the County Committee or the Executive Committee, as the case may be, shall elect on of its members to preside. The County Chairman shall have the responsibility for the supervision of the General and Municipal Election campaigns in the County.

ARTICLE 5. DUTIES OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN

The Vice Chairman, in the absence of the County Chairman, shall have charge of the conduct of affairs of the Party and preside at meeting of the County Committee and the Executive Committee. The Vice Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees appointed by the Chairman or Vice Chairman except the Ethics Committee.

ARTICLE 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the County Committee and Executive Committee in books provided for that purpose. All papers, documents and data in the Secretary's possession shall be turned over to his or her successor. The Secretary shall attend to such other duties as the Chairman may from time to time direct.

ARTICLE 7. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse, upon proper authorization, all monies contributed for Party purposes. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer shall submit the books for an annual audit. The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31. All funds, books, documents and other data in the Treasurer's possession shall be turned over to his or her successor. When appropriate, the Treasurer shall comply with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

ARTICLE 8. DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall serve in the absence of either the Secretary or Treasurer.

ARTICLE 9. BANK ACCOUNTS

The County Chairman shall designate the banking institution(s) in Bucks County in which the Party's funds shall be deposited. All Party checks shall be drawn by one of the following: the Treasurer, the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer or at the discretion of the County Chairman such other Party officer as the county Chairman from time to time authorizes. Checks shall be drawn only with the prior authorization of the County Chairman (or the Vice-Chairman in the absence of the Chairman).

RULE IV

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Executive Committee shall be to conduct the business of the Party between meetings of the County Committee.

ARTICLE 2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICTS

The County Chairman shall, from time to time as he shall determine, but not more frequent than each six months, nor less than each two years, divide the county into district of approximately 4,000 registered Republican electors each. When determining district boundaries, he shall consider keeping political sub-divisions intact, and when it is necessary to combine political sub-divisions to form a district of approximately 4,000 registered Republican electors, he shall combine like political sub-divisions when possible. Elected representation within a political sub-division shall be at-large, unless otherwise determined by the County Chairman. He shall present the district plan once established to the Executive Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting, or at the county committee convention, whichever shall first occur.

ARTICLE 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Section A. The duly elected members of the County Committee of each district as created by these Rules shall meet between the first Monday of June and the third Saturday of June un even numbered years for the purpose of electing their representative to the Executive Committee. The meeting shall be called by the incumbent representative or by the County Chairman.

Section B. A certification that such a meeting was held and the resulting vote must be submitted to the Chairman alone with a signed copy of the "Standards of Performance", further described below, before the seating of an elected Executive Committee representative. The certification shall be signed by the person calling the meeting or by persons attending the meeting sufficient in number to constitute a quorum.

Section C. A majority vote of the entire district (including any vacancies) is necessary for the election.

Section D. The members of the County Committee in any district at a valid meeting called for the purpose of electing their representative to the Executive Committee may, by

majority vote of the entire district (including any vacancies) petition the County Chairman to appoint their Executive Committee member or members of said district. Such petition shall be accompanied by the meeting certification. Such appointment or appointments shall not be included in the total number of appointment authorized to be made by the County Chairman as authorized in Rule I, Article 1, Section B.

Section E. Should the members of the County Committee in any district fail to elect their representative or representatives to the Executive Committee by the third Saturday in June, the County Chairman shall appoint such member or members. Such appointment or appointments shall not be included in the total number of appointments authorized to be made by the County Chairman as authorized in Rule I, Article 1, Section B.

Section F. Elected Executive Committee representative (including those appointed by the County Chairman under the provisions of Section D and E above) shall serve for a term of two years beginning the day of the first Executive Committee meeting in July of even numbered years and may have a re-evaluation by the committeepeople of the district at the end of the first year. In the event of replacement, the new member(s) shall serve the balance of the term of the replaced member(s). Such replacement action shall be taken in the same manner as herein provided for the election of the Executive Committee members outlined above.

Section G. After ninety days from the certification of an elected member of the Executive Committee, The County Chairman may for cause recommend to the Executive Committee the removal of said Executive Committee member. Upon notification on writing that the Executive Committee has replaced said representative, the committeepeople shall have thirty days during which to elect another representative (under the procedure set forth above). Failure to fill the vacancy as stated above shall entitle the County Chairman to make an appointment to fill any such vacancy. Any elected Executive Committee member who has been removed from office shall not be eligible for re-election for a two year period.

Section H. As authorized by the provisions of Rule I, Article l, Section B, the County Chairman shall appoint one matching Executive member for each elected Executive Committee member from an executive committee district. (The appointments made under the provisions of Section D and E above shall not be included against the total number of appointments authorized by the County Chairman under this specific authorization.) Anyone appointed under this provision shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman, and may be removed without the concurrence of the Executive Committee. The County Chairman shall make his appointments after the County Committee convention, but, prior to the first Thursday in July.

Section I. No later than the first meeting of the Executive Committee in July, each Executive Committee member shall have signified willingness to serve the Party according to the standards listed below by signing a copy of these standards which will be maintained on file at the County Committee's headquarters.

STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

1) Registration - I agree to work directly with the County Registration Chairman and pursue with diligence the registration of new voters and changeovers in my district.

2) Voter Turnout - I assume responsibility (or joint responsibility where more than one Executive Committee member) in both the Primary and General Elections for the voter turnout in my (or our) area of responsibility.

3) Finance – I will appoint (or will jointly appoint where more than one Executive Committee member) a Finance Chairman in my (or our) district who shall work directly with the County Finance Coordinator and shall pursue with diligence the raising of funds.

4) Communications - At all times I shall see that effective communications exist between committeepeople in my district and the County Committee headquarters and County Chairman.

5) Campaigns - I will appoint (or will jointly appoint where more than one Executive Committee member) a Campaign Chairman to work directly with the County Campaign Chairman.

6) Attendance at Executive Committee Meetings - I agree to attend scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee, and I am fully aware that I may be removed from my post as Executive Committee member if I miss three consecutive Executive Committee meetings.

7) Meetings with Committeepeople - I agree to hold (or will jointly hold where more than one Executive Committee member) at least quarterly meetings with the committeepeople of my district, and I am fully aware that I may be removed from my post as Executive Committee member for failing to hold the minimum number of meetings cited above.

8) In addition to the above-specified duties, I shall organize and carry out all other functions that can reasonably be expected to be associated with my responsibilities as an Executive Committee representative.

Section J. Whether appointed or elected, the Executive Committee member must at all times in which he or she holds office be duly registered to vote in the district represented, and failure to be so registered shall, without more, cause immediate disqualification and removal from office.

ARTICLE 4. COORDINATORS

For the purpose of administration, the County Chairman may appoint no more than eight coordinators, who shall be voting members of the Executive Committee, and shall serve at the Chairman's pleasure and may be removed without the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 5. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITH A VOTE

State Committee members shall be voting members.

ARTICLE 6. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITHOUT A VOTE

Section A. All Bucks County elected Republican Federal, State and County office holders.

Section B. The Chairman of the Young Republicans in Bucks County.
Section C. The representative elected by the Councils of Republican Women in Bucks County.
Section D. The representative of the Bucks County Negro Republican Council.
Section E. Legal Counsel.
Section F. The Parliamentarian.
Section G. In addition, the County Chairman may invite Chairman of Committees or Others to attend from time to time.

ARTICLE 7. LEGAL COUNSEL

The County Chairman shall appoint an attorney or attorneys of the Bucks County Bar Association to serve as Legal Counsel to the Republican Party in Bucks County. Counsel(s) shall serve at the Chairman's pleasure.

ARTICLE 8. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The County Chairman shall appoint a parliamentarian who shall serve the County Committee and the Executive Committee and he shall serve at the County Chairman's pleasure.

RULE V

MEETINGS

ARTICLE 1. MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section A. The County Committee shall meet on the fourth Saturday of June in even numbered years to effect its own re-organization, and at such other times as business may require. Party officers and members of the Executive Committee who are not members of the County Committee may attend ex-officio without a vote.

Section B. In addition to the re-organization meeting, the County Committee may assemble from time to time at the call of the County Chairman for any purpose.

Section C. Except as provided under Rule X. Article 1, the County Committee may also convene for any purpose upon written call of one-third of all members of the County Committee.

ARTICLE 2. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly, on the second Thursday of each month unless changed by resolution of the Executive Committee and at any other time at the discretion of the County Chairman.

Section B. The Executive Committee may also assemble on its own motion upon written call of one-half of the members thereof, whenever the County Chairman refuses to call a meeting.

Section C. No person attending an Executive Committee meeting shall have more than one vote.

Section D. Roll call will be taken at each meeting, the time for which will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Executive Committee members arriving before or after a roll call, even if initially represented by proxy, must have attended a substantial part of the meeting to be marked on the rolls as present. The Chairman of the meeting shall make this determination.

ARTICLE 3. WRITTEN NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Five (5) days written notice (except under Rule XI, Article 1) of every meeting of the County Committee, the Executive Committee or meetings held for the purpose of electing representatives to the Executive Committee shall be given by mail to members of said committee. Purpose of the meeting shall be stated in any written notice.

ARTICLE 4. QUORUM

Section A. A quorum for a meeting of the County Committee shall consist of one-third of the total committee (including any vacancies).

Section B. A quorum for the election of representatives to the Executive Committee or for meetings of the Executive Committee shall consist of one more than one-half of the entire district or committee as the case may be (including any vacancies).

ARTICLE 5. PROXIES

Section A. Any member of the County Committee shall have the power to substitute by proxy another member of the County Committee or Executive Committee member, including ex-officio members, from his Executive Committee district to act for him at any meeting of the County Committee. This proxy holder shall be present, in person, at the meeting.

Section B. Any elected or appointed Executive Committee member unable to attend any meeting thereof may appoint by proxy a member of the County Committee from his Executive Committee district to attend and vote as the representative of the absent member. However, as cited in Rule V, Article 2, Section C, no person attending an Executive Committee meeting shall have more than one vote.

Section C. Proxies are not permitted at meetings for the elector of representatives to the Executive Committee.

Section D. All proxies shall be in writing, signed and witnessed and dated the day of execution. Attendance at the meeting shall revoke the proxy.

ARTICLE 6. VOTING

Section A. Voting on all questions before the County Committee and Executive Committee shall be by roll call vote, or by Ayes and Nayes.

Section B. Voting on election of representatives to the Executive Committee shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE 7. ROBERT'S RULES

All matters not provided for in these Rules shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

RULE VI

STANDING AND, SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 1. COMMITTEE TENURE

All members of standing and special committees shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman with the exception of the Ethics Committee.

ARTICLE 2. ETHICS COMMITTEE

Section A. No later than the first meeting of the Executive Committee following election, the County Chairman shall appoint the Ethics Committee Chairman and no less than nine (9) other members to serve a two year term. The County Chairman may fill vacancies and appoint additional members during said two year term. This committee shall serve in an investigative and advisory capacity, and shall convene at the pleasure of the County Chairman and/or Ethics Committee Chairman. Three (3) members of the Ethics Committee shall constitute a quorum to consider any matter before the committee.

Section B. The County Committee shall adopt a Code of Ethics and Rules of Procedure shall be adopted by the Ethics Committee. The Code of Ethics may be amended from time to time by a two-thirds vote of the County Committee and the Rules of Procedure may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Ethics Committee.

ARTICLE 3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

At the first meeting of the Executive Committee following election, the County Chairman shall appoint a Finance Coordinator. The Finance Coordinator shall effect the necessary organization to prepare budgets, to devise ways and means to finance the operation of the County Committee, to finance campaigns and to collect funds for that purpose as provided by law.

ARTICLE 4. REAL ESTATE - BUILDING COMMITTEE

The officers of the County Committee, namely the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer together with six other persons appointed by the County Chairman to serve two year terms, said terms expiring at the regular bi-annual meeting of the County Committee shall constitute the Building Committee which shall have the duty to manage the real estate of the County Committee and which Building Committee shall with the approval of the Executive Committee acquire, sell, lease, mortgage and otherwise encumber any real estate owned or held by the County Committee for the purposes of the County Committee. Vacancies on the Building Committee shall be filled by appointment by the County Chairman and persons filling such vacancies shall serve for the unexpired term of the person he or she replaced. Resolutions for such actions with respect to any such real estate may be submitted for approval at any regular meeting of the County Executive Committee. For purposes of execution

of papers, including without limitation deeds, notes, mortgages, agreements of sales on behalf of the County Committee with respect to any real estate owned or to be owned by it, upon the recommendation of the Building Committee and approval of the Executive Committee, the County Chairman shall execute the same on behalf of the County Committee with the joinder of the Secretary of the County Committee or Assistant-Secretary in the event the Secretary is unavailable.

ARTICLE 5. REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

At the first meeting of the Executive Committee following election, the County Chairman shall appoint a Registration Chairman and/or Co-chairman. The Registration Chairman and/or Co-chairman shall effect the necessary organization to maintain an active Republican voter registration program.

ARTICLE 6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The County Chairman may appoint committees for other special purposes as he deems necessary.

RULE VII

CODE OF ETHICS

The Republican Party of Bucks County values its endorsement and support of elected and appointed public officials. It believe their responsibilities to the community exceed the obligations of the ordinary citizen. These responsibilities can be fulfilled through literal adherence to the tenets embodied in their oath of office and are subject to final determination by the voters. However, if such office holders or aspirants seek the endorsement of the Republican Party of Bucks County, they should freely agree to abide by such principles as are established by the Party for the guidance of those who receive the benefit of its support. Not every situation which the office holders may encounter can be foreseen, but fundamental ethical principles must always be present for guidance.

It is assumed that an office holder has the right to seek for himself the things that will provide him and his family the means to take their proper place in the community. But it is also assumed that his service to the public takes precedence over all other considerations.

The primary responsibility of serving the public is fulfilled by providing the highest type of service of which he is capable and by avoiding any conduct which leads directly or indirectly to lowering the public's esteem for his office or the Republican Party of Bucks County.

This responsibility cannot be reduced to a fixed series of urgings and prohibitions, for while the basic obligation remains unchanged, its fulfillment may vary with the changing demands of society. It is the spirit, not the letter of the obligation that must be weighed in determining the acceptable conduct of the office.

The public also has the right to expect the same level of ethical conduct from each non-elected appointee or associate of the office holder' in any matter pertaining to the public office.

The office holder must ultimately assume responsibility for the conduct of each of his employees and associates.

The CODE OF ETHICS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BUCKS COUNTY provides the following ethical standards:

Each Republican office holder and appointee shall:

1. Conduct himself at all times in a manner which shall reflect creditably on Party.
2. Adhere to the spirit and the letter of his oath of office.
3. Accept no remuneration by virtue of the improper exertion of influence.
4. Accept no gift of substantial value from any individual or group of individuals directly affected by the exercise of the functions of his office.
5. Accept no excessive honorarium.
6. Keep campaign funds separate from personal funds.
7. Treat as campaign contributions all proceeds from testimonial or other fund raising events if the sponsors of such affairs do not give clear notice in advance to the donors or participants that the proceeds are intended for other purposes.
8. Faithfully and conscientiously perform the duties of his office.
9. Observe suitable standards or morality and integrity in the conduct of his personal life.
10. Recognize and respect the constitutional rights of all men and avoid extreme philosophies which would be inconsistent with such rights.

In the final analysis, however, it is the desire for the respect and confidence of the Society which he serves that should motivate an office holder toward the highest possible degree of ethical conduct.

RULE VIII

VACANCIES

ARTICLE 1. METHOD OF FILLING VACANCIES FOR NOMINATION ON THE REPUBLICAN TICKET AND FOR NOMINATION FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Vacancies existing or happening on the Republican ticket after the date of a Primary Election, and nominations for candidates to fill vacancies when, under the Election Code of 1937, as amended, a Primary nomination is impossible, shall be filled as follows:

Section A. In the case of Federal, State and County offices, the Executive Committee shall nominate a candidate as soon as practicable to fill the vacancy. The Executive Committee may not fill the vacancy with anyone other than a registered Republican elector.

Section B. In the case of a vacancy on the ticket of any political sub-division or district thereof, the members of the County Committee of the unit affected shall nominate a candidate to fill said vacancy and transmit their action in writing, signed by them, to the County Chairman who, with the Secretary shall certify the action to the County Board of Elections.

ARTICLE 2. METHOD OF FILING VACANCIES ON THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section A. In any districts in which no petitions have been filed for either Committeeman or Committeewoman, the County Executive Committee shall not accept the write-in votes for this office at the election. An appointment by the County Chairman shall be made to fill such vacancies that exist by reason of no petition being filed.

Section B. The County Chairman shall fill any vacancy in the County Committee by appointment for the unexpired term thereof.

ARTICLE 3. METHOD OF FILLING VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the case of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, and depending upon whether the previous member was elected or appointed, the vacancy shall be filled pursuant to Rule IV as provides for election or appointment of Executive Committee members, as appropriate. However, in the case of an elected Executive Committee member vacancy, the members of the County Committee in their district involved must elect their representative to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days of the call of the first meeting to fill said vacancy, otherwise the County Chairman will appoint such member.

ARTICLE 4. METHOD OF FILLING VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the County Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the County Committee shall fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days under Rule III, Article· 2. If the Chairman or Vice-Chairman fails to call a meeting of the County Committee for the purpose of filling said vacancy within a thirty (30) day period, any five (5) members of the County Committee may call a meeting for the purpose of filling said vacancy.

ARTICLE 5. OTHER VACANCIES

Any vacancy in a Party office other than that of County Chairman or of Vice-Chairman shall be filled by the County Chairman, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

RULE IX

ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

ARTICLE 1. ENDORSEMENT MEETING

Each year prior to the final filing date for a Primary Election, the County Chairman shall convene the Executive Committee for the purpose of endorsing candidates for public office.

ARTICLE 2. ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURE

At the regular meeting of the Executive Committee prior to any endorsement meeting, the County Chairman shall appoint a special committee of no more than nine (9) or less than five (5) members to prepare resumes of various candidates and lay down the rules of procedure for the

endorsement meeting. The rules of procedure shall in no way restrict debate or prohibit caucuses.

RULE X

RECALL OF THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN

ARTICLE 1. RECALL MEETING

The County Committee, upon written call of 2/3 of all members of the County Committee, may convene under Rule V, Article 1, for the purpose of replacing the County Chairman or Vice Chairman. Recall of the County Chairman or Vice Chairman, shall be by two-thirds vote of the entire County Committee (including vacancies). Replacement may then be selected at the recall meeting by a simple majority vote of the entire County Committee.

RULE XI

REVISION OR SUSPENSION OF THESE RULES

ARTICLE 1. REVISION OF RULES

These rules may be revised at any time by action of the County Committee. Prior to such action, however, the Chairman shall give ten (10) days notice of a meeting called for such action and the call of the meeting shall give in full the proposed revision. A two-thirds vote of the entire County Committee (including any vacancies) shall be required to effect a revision of the Rules.

ARTICLE 2. ADOPTION OF RULES

The effective date of these rules shall be the date immediately following their adoption by the County Committee, on which they are filed in the 0ffice of the Board of Elections of Bucks County, at which time and by virtue of which all former Rules shall be superseded and repealed. The interpretation, meaning and effect to be given these Rules shall not be inconsistent with law or with the Rules of the Republican Party of Pennsylvania, as provided by the Pennsylvania Election Code, Act of June 3, 1937, P.L. 1333, as amended. These Rules shall be deemed severable and separately enforceable, and should any provision be invalidated or declared void, all other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted September 10, 1966

I hereby certify that the above are a full and correct copy of the Bylaws of the Bucks County Republican Party as adopted September 10, 1966, and amended as revised June 24, 1972.

/s/ C.V. Afflerback
C.V. Afflerback
County Chairman

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