

CRP Fall 2021 Convention – Bylaw Proposal #4
Bylaw proposal submitted by RNC National Committeewoman Harmeet Dhillon, RNC National Committeeman Shawn Steel, Central Coast Regional Vice Chair and CRP Recall Committee Chair Lindsey Stetson, and Orange County Republican Party Chairman Fred Whitaker.

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The following section (C) shall be added to Section 3.02.03. The existing section (C) shall be renumbered as (D) as indicated below.

(C) The following is the exclusive process by which a candidate for statewide office may obtain a CRP Endorsement prior to a recall election for that office.

- (1) Provided that all of the below conditions are met, the Committee endorsement may be obtained by one candidate for the office subject to recall at a regular or special meeting of the Committee.
- (2) A candidate shall not be eligible for endorsement unless that candidate has first:
 - (a) Been continuously registered as a Republican for at least one year prior to the date of the meeting at which the endorsement occurs (the “CRP Endorsement Meeting”).
 - (b) Submitted to the Chief Operating Officer no less than seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the CRP Endorsement Meeting the written nomination for that endorsement of at least two hundred (200) delegates in good standing.
 - (c) The requisite signatures must be submitted online through a secure CRP endorsement portal where each delegate will have a unique identifier.
 - (d) As signatures are submitted and verified by Chief Operating Officer as names of delegates in good standing, the names of those delegates, the candidate or candidates they have nominated, and the office or offices those candidates seek shall be made available on the delegates-only portion of the Committee website, or in another similar manner.
- (3) If the candidate has met the requirements of Section 2, then that candidate (“Eligible Candidate”) shall be entitled to address the CRP Endorsement Meeting prior to the commencement of voting for his or her particular office and shall be entitled to be voted on by delegates at the CRP Endorsement Meeting. The rules of procedure for such addresses, addressing such issues as length of permitted remarks, order of speaking, and such other issues as deemed necessary shall be set by the Chairman, approved by the Board, and distributed to the delegates, not less than seven (7) days prior to the CRP Endorsement Meeting.
- (4) Each Delegate may vote for only one Eligible Candidate for each statewide office in any given round of voting.
- (5) If more than two Eligible Candidates are seeking the CRP Endorsement for the same statewide office, there may be multiple voting rounds. The rules of procedure for such voting shall be set by the Chair, approved by the Board, and distributed to the Delegates, not less than seven (7) days prior to the CRP Endorsement Meeting.
- (6) The Eligible Candidate who receives the least votes in the preceding round shall be removed from consideration for the next successive round of voting, provided, however, that if one candidate receives more than 50 percent of the votes of those present and voting, no further rounds of voting shall be deemed necessary, regardless of the number of Eligible Candidates remaining.
- (7) In the absence of an Eligible Candidate receiving more than 50 percent of the votes present and voting at any endorsement voting session, Delegates will vote in successive

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rounds until only two Eligible Candidates remain.

(8) When there are only two remaining Eligible Candidates, the Delegates shall conduct a final vote (“Final Vote”), which shall include an option of “no endorsement.”

(9) If no Eligible Candidate receives the endorsement vote of more than 50 percent of those present and voting in the Final Vote, then no Eligible Candidate shall receive the CRP Endorsement for that office prior to the Recall Election.

(10) If there is only one Eligible Candidate, the single round of voting to endorse shall include an option of “no endorsement,” and the Eligible Candidate shall only be endorsed upon achieving 50% or more of those present and voting in that single round.

(11) During the pendency of any session of the voting process, the body shall not entertain any procedural motions whose purpose is to delay or stop the voting, such as a motion to adjourn or motion to table, but rather shall continue the voting process until it is completed, with the only exceptions being force majeure making further voting impossible or impractical, as determined by the Chairman determining to adjourn the voting to a later time during the same CRP Endorsement Meeting due to scheduling or timing constraints at a given endorsement voting session.

(12) If remote electronic voting is permitted during the CRP Endorsement Meeting, so long as notice of the voting procedure is included in the meeting notice, the Chairman may determine that proxy voting will not be permitted.

(13) To the extent that any CRP Bylaw contradicts the foregoing, this Bylaw controls.

(D) No fee of any kind shall be assessed on candidates seeking the endorsement of the Committee.

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