

THE RULES OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

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I hereby certify that the Attached is a true and correct copy of the Rules of the Republican Party of Chatham County, Georgia as adopted.

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1 NAME, AUTHORITY & PURPOSE

- 1.1 The organization shall be known as the “Chatham County Republican Party” (“CCGOP”) and is authorized to do business as the “Chatham County Republican Party, Inc.” a domestic non-profit corporation.
- 1.2 The Chatham County Republican Party is organized under the auspices and Rules (“State Rules”) of the Georgia Republican Party, Inc. (“GAGOP”), and the laws of the State of Georgia and is a political organization and political party.
- 1.3 Except when the Chatham County Republican Convention is in session, the Chatham County Republican Committee (“County Committee”), shall be the governing body of the Chatham County Republican Party.
- 1.4 Unless modified by the rules of the Chatham County Republican Party (“Rules”), the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall be the governing authority for parliamentary procedure in all meetings and conventions.
- 1.5 A copy of these Rules shall at all times be kept on file at the Headquarters of the Chatham County Republican Party and available online.
- 1.6 The purpose of the Chatham County Republican Party shall be to develop, foster, advance, and perpetuate the conservative principles of the Republican Party, to support and otherwise do all within its power to ensure the election of all Republican nominees for public office whose names appear on the general election ballot, any special election, or other regular election ballots in Chatham County.

2 MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

- 2.1 All qualified voters under the laws of the State of Georgia (“Electors”) who are in accord with the principles of the GAGOP, believe in its declaration of policy, and are in agreement with its aims and purposes are deemed Members of the GAGOP and may participate in Chatham County Republican Party conventions and precinct caucuses. Committee chairmen and members, delegates or alternates to conventions, and voters in precinct caucuses, provided for in these Rules, shall be members of the GAGOP and must be electors of the units they represent as chairmen, members, delegates or alternates, or voters in precinct caucuses.
- 2.2 Any person thus eligible, upon payment of annual dues and signing of an oath stating, “I do hereby swear or affirm my allegiance to the Republican Party” or any oath as so designated in O.C.G.A 21-2-153(b) (4), shall become a member of the CCGOP (“Member”).
- 2.3 Membership levels and annual dues shall be set by the Chatham County Executive Committee (“EC”). Membership shall be based on a 12-month period beginning upon payment of dues and ending at midnight on the anniversary date of the current membership period.
- 2.4 All voting members of any CCGOP Committee must be CCGOP Members and current on their annual dues.
- 2.5 Membership dues must be paid in full and an oath of allegiance signed ten (10) days prior to any Committee meeting requiring a Member’s vote.

3 THE CHATHAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (“COUNTY COMMITTEE”)

- 3.1 The County Committee shall meet at least four times each year and Members may attend either in person or by proxy. The form of such proxy shall be designated by the Secretary and approved by the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee.
- 3.2 The County Committee shall be vested with all the duties, power and privileges possessed by the Chatham County Republican Party. While in session, the County Committee shall act for the Chatham County Republican Party.
- 3.3 The County Committee shall consist of Chatham County **RESIDENT** Members below:

3.3.A. Voting Members

1. County Chairman ¹
2. First Vice Chairman
3. Second Vice Chairman
4. Third Vice Chairman
5. Secretary
6. Assistant Secretary
7. Treasurer
8. Assistant Treasurer
9. District Chairmen (one from each Commission District)
10. Immediate Past County Chair
11. Precinct Chairs from each organized Precinct
12. At-Large Members are nominated by the EC and elected by a simple majority of the County Committee. The maximum allowable number of At-Large Members is 10% of the number of fully paid CCGOP memberships as of January 15th of each year.

3.3.B. Other Elected Chatham County Voting Members by Request

Other Elected Members (3.3.B: 13-16) shall request to participate as a voting member in writing to the Chairman. Otherwise, they shall participate as non-voting members.

13. The Chairs of any Chatham County Savannah Area Republican Clubs
14. First District GOP Committee Member
15. Georgia GOP State Committee Member
16. Incumbent Republican Public Office Holders

3.3.C. Non-Voting Appointed Members

Non-Voting Members (3.3.C: 17-29) shall be appointed by the County Chairman:

17. Parliamentarian
18. Counsel to the Party
19. Chairman, Finance Committee
20. Chairman, Elections
21. Chairman, Membership Committee
22. Chairman, Communications/Information
23. Chairman, Headquarters Operations
24. Chairman, Community Outreach
25. Chairman, Rules Committee

¹ Use of the word “Chairman” throughout these Rules is intended to refer to either sex.

- 26. Chairman, Resolutions Committee
- 27. Chairman, Fundraising Committee
- 28. Chairman, Political Oversight
- 29. Chairman, Candidate Recruiting Committee

- 3.4 Officers and District and Precinct Chairs (3.3.A: 1-9 & 11) shall be elected to the County Committee for a term of two years or until their successors are duly elected. At-Large Members (3.3.A: 12) serve on the County Committee for a term of one year.
- 3.5 Officers (as listed in 3.3.A: 1-8) may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive two-year terms in the same position.
- 3.6 No voting Member of the County Committee shall have more than one vote even if said member falls into more than one of the above categories.
- 3.7 The Chatham County Republican Committee is charged with the duty of building and furthering the objectives and principles of the CCGOP. It shall cooperate with the State Committee and its Congressional District Committees in conducting all elections within Chatham County.
- 3.8 The County Committee shall decide all controversies and contests arising within Chatham County Republican Party with the right to appeal as outlined in State GOP Rules.
- 3.9 The County Committee, in its entirety, shall call the County Conventions and Precinct Mass Meetings, make arrangements therefor, fix the basis of representation by Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention consistent with the State Rules, and shall set the time and place for holding the County Convention.

4 MEETINGS OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (“COUNTY COMMITTEE”)

- 4.1 The Chatham County Republican Committee shall not meet less than four times annually.
- 4.2 Meetings of the County Committee shall be held upon written notice emailed at least ten (10) days in advance and posted on the CCGOP website, unless otherwise provided by the County Rules, on the call of the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee, or on the call of one-third (1/3) of the County Committee Members.
- 4.3 Such emailed or posted notice (in 4.2) shall contain an agenda for the meeting and a proxy form (See Exhibit A) for the called meeting.
 - 4.3.1 Changes to the announced agenda shall require a simple majority vote of the County Committee Members present at the meeting.
- 4.4 A proxy may be given only to another Member of the County Committee. No County Committee member may hold or vote more than two (2) proxies and no proxies shall be directed to or voted by the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee.
- 4.5 Minutes of the previous County Committee meeting shall be presented at each County Committee meeting for a vote to approve.
- 4.6 The County Committee or the Executive Committee must approve, in advance, all non-operational payment(s) to be tendered by the Executive Committee Treasurer in an

amount exceeding \$1500 (One Thousand-Five Hundred US Dollars) to be spent by the Chatham County Republican Party, unless already approved in the budget.

- 4.7 Expenses not budgeted will be itemized and reported to the County Committee at the next scheduled County Committee meeting.
- 4.8 **Special Meetings:** The Chairman may call special meetings if he/she chooses to do so, provided proper notice is given. When requested in writing by any twenty (20) Members of the County Committee, the Chairman must call a special meeting. Such special meeting must be held within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the request by the Chairman. If the meeting notice so specifies, other items of County Committee business may be considered. Should the Chairman fail to call such a special meeting, then an emailed notice, signed by the twenty County Committee members requesting said special meeting, shall constitute proper notice of the special meeting. Such notice shall specify the date, time, place and purpose of the special meeting. In the absence of the Chairman, the First Vice Chairman shall preside over this special meeting.
- 4.9 A **Quorum** is constituted upon the attendance of twenty (20) Members of the County Committee at a meeting. There shall be a one person one vote rule and no more than a total of five (5) proxies may be counted to establish a quorum.
- 4.10 **Proxies:**
 - 4.10.1 A voting Member may direct his/her proxy to any other Member of the County Committee, except that no proxy may be directed to, or voted by, the County Committee Chairman.
 - 4.10.2 No County Committee Member may vote more than two proxies.
 - 4.10.3 No County Committee Member may give his/her proxy more than two times during any calendar year.
 - 4.10.4 Proxy blanks (See Exhibit A) are to be included with the call to each meeting. All proxies shall be signed by the maker of the proxy.

5 THE CHATHAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (“EC”)

- 5.1 The Chair of the Executive Committee shall serve as the Chair of the County Committee.
- 5.2 The voting Members of the EC comprise those positions specified in Rule 3.3.A (1) through (10).
- 5.3 The Parliamentarian, General Counsel, and Finance Chair, shall serve as non-voting Members of the EC.
- 5.4 The Executive Committee shall have the power to transact the administrative business of the Chatham County Republican Party and responsibility for formation, operation and oversight of the Standing Committees detailed in Rule 7 below.
- 5.5 The EC shall update the Chatham County Republican Committee on all correspondence and information received from the State and Congressional District Committees.

- 5.6 The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times annually as well as at such times as the Chair of the County Committee deems it necessary.
- 5.7 The EC shall meet on the petition of five (5) or more of its voting Members. Notice of meetings shall be issued to the above listed voting Members at least seven (7) days in advance.
- 5.8 Emergency meetings of the EC may be called by the Chair of the County Committee or by four (4) Members of the EC with four (4) days' notice, either by U.S. mail or electronic means, given to each Member of the EC. Purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice. These meetings may be held by electronic means, telephone or Internet, with a simple majority of the EC present.
- 5.9 **Procedure for Electronic Meetings and Voting by the Executive Committee:**
 - 5.9.1 Electronic votes must be ratified by the Executive Committee at the next duly called meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - 5.9.2 Except as to votes requiring a secret ballot, for issues requiring vote by the EC either in favor or opposed to a certain proposition, the vote may be cast and taken by e-mail or other electronic means for electronic meetings only.
 - 5.9.3 All votes cast by electronic means shall be cast within five (5) business days of submission to Members.
 - 5.9.4 A tally of all votes cast by electronic means shall be circulated to all Members within eight (8) business days of submission to Members.
 - 5.9.5 A vote cast by electronic means shall have the same force and effect as a vote cast by a Member casting a vote in person.

6 OFFICERS OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

6.1 Duties of the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee ("County Chair"):

- 6.1.1 The Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee shall be the Chief Executive Officer and spokesperson of the Chatham County Republican Committee and shall perform all duties required by these Rules, State Rules, the County Convention, the County Committee, the EC, and law.
- 6.1.2 The County Chair shall convene the County Committee when the needs of the Party require, shall preside at all County Committee and EC meetings, and shall be an ex officio Member of all committees, except the Convention Interim Nominating Committee.
- 6.1.3 The County Chair may participate in the County Convention, but shall not have a vote, if not elected to the Convention as a Delegate or an Alternate.
- 6.1.4 No person shall serve as Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee for more than two consecutive terms.
- 6.1.5 The County Chair is responsible for the general direction and affairs of the Party, and shall develop, with the assistance of the Finance Chair and Finance Committee, an annual fundraising plan for the Chatham County Republican Party.

6.1.6 Must review and approve all outgoing communication to be emailed, mailed or distributed to the County Committee at large or to the public. The County Chair may designate this duty from time-to-time to the First Vice Chair to make such approvals.

6.2 Duties of the First Vice Chair:

6.2.1 In the absence of the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee, the First Vice Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Chatham County Republican Committee, EC and at other events.

6.2.2 In the event of a vacancy in the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee, the First Vice Chair shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee until a Chair is duly elected.

6.2.3 The First Vice Chair shall be the chief coordinator of the Chatham County Republican Committee. He/she shall be responsible for coordinating the Chatham County Republican Committee with the State and District Committees. These duties include coordinating details involved with the Precinct Mass Meetings or Precinct Caucuses, the County Convention, and handling arrangements for Chatham County Republican Committee and EC meetings.

6.2.4 The First Vice Chair shall be responsible for oversight of the Rules, Fundraising and Headquarters Operations Committees.

6.2.5 The First Vice Chair shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the County Chair, the County Committee, or the EC.

6.3 Duties of the Second Vice Chair:

6.3.1 The Second Vice Chair shall have responsibility over District Chairs, assisting with their activities and in their efforts to build their District organizations.

6.3.2 The Second Vice Chair shall undertake the education and training of District Chairs and their Precinct Chairs in building effective political organizations at the grass roots level.

6.3.3 The Second Vice Chair shall be responsible for oversight of the Political Oversight and Elections Committees.

6.3.4 The Second Vice Chair shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him/her by the County Chair, County Committee, or the EC.

6.4 Duties of the Third Vice Chair:

6.4.1 The Third Vice Chair shall be in charge and responsible for the County Web Site, the County Directory, and all media dissemination. All articles, postings, and news releases shall be approved in advance by the County Chair.

6.4.2 The Third Vice Chair shall perform all other duties assigned by the County Chair, County Committee, or the EC.

6.4.3 The Third Vice Chair shall be responsible for oversight of the Membership, Communications/Information, Community Outreach Committees.

6.5 Duties of the Secretary:

- 6.5.1 The Secretary shall be the responsible for all non-financial records management such as meeting minutes and agendas and maintain a “Minute Book” with the minutes from all meetings during his/her tenure. Said book to be kept at CCGOP office.
 - 6.5.1.1 Minutes to include the date, identity of those in attendance, and a record of all actions taken. Executive and County Committee minutes shall be emailed or mailed to the EC or County Committee Members within ten (10) days of each meeting.
 - 6.5.1.2 All correspondence distributed to the Executive or County Committee at large or the public must be approved by the County Chairman prior to distribution.
 - 6.5.1.3 The minutes from the most recent past County Committee meeting shall be emailed or mailed with the notice of each upcoming official Call for the County Committee meeting sent out by the County Chairman.
- 6.5.2 The Secretary shall maintain records of attendance at County and EC meetings as well as vacancies in the Chatham County Republican Committee.
- 6.5.3 The Secretary shall arrange for registration of Members and visitors at meetings, report the number of voting Members at meetings, and shall take minutes at meetings. Shall determine and announce the status of a quorum at all Executive and County Committee meetings.
- 6.5.4 The Secretary shall maintain an official CCGOP “Member List Book” with a list of the names and contact information of all Executive Committee, County Committee, CCGOP Members of the First District Committee, Chatham County Republican elected officials, and GA State GOP Members that are current CCGOP participants. Said book to be kept at CCGOP office.
- 6.5.5 The Secretary shall perform all correspondence duties, including the distribution of the Call, as well as other duties that may be assigned by the County Chair, County Committee, or the EC.
- 6.5.6 The Secretary shall serve as a member of the Resolutions Committee when formed.

6.6 Duties of the Assistant Secretary:

- 6.6.1 The Assistant Secretary shall perform duties assigned by the County Chair, County Committee, or the Executive Committee.
- 6.6.2 The Assistant Secretary shall be responsible for maintenance of Member contact information.
- 6.6.3 The Assistant Secretary shall serve as a member of the Rules Committee.
- 6.6.4 In the absence of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary shall perform the duties of the Secretary.

6.7 Duties of the Treasurer:

- 6.7.1 The Treasurer shall perform all fiscal responsibilities required by the Chatham County Republican Committee and relevant laws.
- 6.7.2 The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget for approval by the EC for the January 1 to December 31 fiscal year and shall have responsibility for the funds and financial records of the Party.
- 6.7.3 The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee.
- 6.7.4 The Treasurer shall render a written report to the EC at each meeting. The EC shall review said report and submit it to the County Committee at the next duly scheduled meeting.
- 6.7.5 The Treasurer shall be authorized to make all expenditures and to pay all just debts of the Chatham County Republican Party, according to the authorization and budget of the County Committee and as otherwise required by these Rules.
- 6.7.6 Pecuniary disbursements equal to or below \$1500.00 shall be signed by either the Treasurer or Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee.
- 6.7.7 Pecuniary disbursements over \$1500.00 must be signed by two authorized County Party Officers, one of whom must be either the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee or the Treasurer.
- 6.7.8 All financial records of the Chatham County Republican Committee shall be subject to a bi-annual audit or review. These compilations or reviews shall be conducted by qualified personnel appointed by the Chair of the County Committee.

6.8 Duties of the Assistant Treasurer:

- 6.8.1 The Assistant Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all property of the Party and assist the Treasurer by performing all duties assigned by the Treasurer or by the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee, Chatham County Republican Committee, or EC.
- 6.8.2 The Assistant Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee.
- 6.8.3 In the absence of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Treasurer.

6.9 Duties of the General Counsel:

- 6.9.1 The General Counsel shall be appointed by the Chair of the County Committee and shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia.
- 6.9.2 The General Counsel shall advise the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee on all legal and regulatory matters of concern to the Party.
- 6.9.3 The General Counsel shall keep the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee advised on all pertinent election laws.
- 6.9.4 The General Counsel shall serve without compensation, unless required to represent the CCRC in any civil or criminal case pending in a court of law.
- 6.9.5 The General Counsel shall serve as Chair of the Rules Committee.

6.10 Duties of the Parliamentarian:

- 6.10.1 The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chair of the County Committee.
- 6.10.2 The Parliamentarian is the authority on the Rules of the County Committee, the District Committee, the State Party, and Parliamentary Rules, and shall advise the Chair of the County Committee on these as needed.
- 6.10.3 The Parliamentarian shall serve as a member of the Rules Committee.
- 6.10.4 The Parliamentarian shall not vote on any matter pending before the County Committee or the EC, even if normally entitled to a vote by virtue of holding another voting position.
- 6.10.5 The Parliamentarian shall conduct training on parliamentary procedure within ninety (90) days following the County Convention. Such training can be part of a duly called meeting of the Chatham County Republican Committee.

6.11 Duties of the Finance Chair:

- 6.11.1 The Finance Chair shall be appointed by the Chair of the County Committee. Under the direction of the Chair of the County Committee, responsible for setting fundraising targets and obtaining adequate financing for the Chatham County Republican Party.

7 STANDING COMMITTEES

7.1 The following Standing Committees, whose chairs shall, unless otherwise stated in these Rules, be appointed by the Chair of the County Committee from the CCGOP Membership, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, are hereby authorized:

- 1. Rules
- 2. Resolutions
- 3. Finance
- 4. Communications/Information
- 5. Membership
- 6. Community Outreach
- 7. Elections
- 8. Headquarters Operations
- 9. Fundraising
- 10. Political Oversight
- 11. Candidate Recruitment

- 7.1.1 Additional Ad Hoc committees may be established, and their Chairs appointed by the Chair of the County Committee, subject to the approval of the EC.
- 7.1.2 Subcommittees of the Standing Committees may be established, and their Chairs appointed by the Chairs of Standing Committees, subject to the approval of the EC.
- 7.1.3 Committee Chairs may appoint, subject to the approval of the Chair of the County Committee, members to their committees as they deem necessary. Committee Chairs shall submit budgets for their committees to the Finance Committee when required.

7.2 The Rules Committee:

- 7.2.1 The Rules Committee shall periodically review these Rules and suggest amendments when warranted.
- 7.2.2 The Rules Committee shall be properly versed on the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, the Rules of relevant District Committees, and the Rules of the Chatham County Republican Committee.
- 7.2.3 The Rules Committee shall review all suggestions for Rules changes from members or other interested parties.
- 7.2.4 In accordance with the Georgia Election Code, a certified copy of the County Rules must be filed with the election superintendent of Chatham County. Upon any changes in the Rules between conventions, the Chair of the Rules Committee shall submit to the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee a copy of the County Rules with any and all changes within thirty (30) days for signature and filing.

7.3 The Resolutions Committee:

- 7.3.1 The Resolutions Committee, in between County Conventions, shall be responsible for reviewing and selecting, any Resolutions proposed before any Resolution is selected for presentation to the Chatham County Executive Committee and to County Committee in accordance with Rules 7.3.2 through 7.3.8.
- 7.3.2 The EC shall make a Report with a recommendation on each Resolution whether to approve or disapprove each Resolution at least fifteen (15) days prior to the County Committee Meeting to consider a vote on each presented Resolution. The recommendation by the Executive Committee is determined by majority vote.
- 7.3.3 The full text of all Resolutions presented to the Executive Committee shall be sent to the County Committee members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Chatham County Republican Committee meeting with the Executive Committee's recommended action on each Resolution.
- 7.3.4 All Resolutions presented at the Chatham County Republican Committee will require a simple majority to pass and be adopted.
- 7.3.5 No more than two (2) Resolutions can be presented at any Executive Committee or County Committee meetings.
- 7.3.6 No more than four (4) Resolutions can be presented at any Chatham County Republican Convention and all Resolutions to be presented at Chatham County Republican Convention shall be sent to each Delegate and Alternate by electronic communication at least 15 days before the County Convention date.
- 7.3.7 All Notices in Rule 7.3 may be sent by electronic communication or by U.S. Postal Service.

7.4 The Finance Committee:

- 7.4.1 The Finance Committee shall be the financial arm of the County Committee.
- 7.4.2 The Finance Committee and the Chair of the County Committee, shall have responsibility for oversight of the activities of the fundraising Committee.
- 7.4.3 The Finance Committee shall receive budgets from committees, Districts, and other Party Members requesting funding and prepare a consolidated budget for approval by the EC and the County Committee.

7.5 The Communications and Information Committee:

- 7.5.1 The Communications and Information Committee shall control all communication vehicles, and oversee all information technologies, subject to the approval of the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee.
- 7.5.2 The Communications and Information Committee shall maintain a current list of registered voters and a list of Republican Primary voters for use by Precinct Mass Meetings or Precinct Caucuses and Conventions as well as by Republican candidates.
- 7.5.3 All internal and external communications must be approved in advance by the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee.

7.6 The Membership Committee

- 7.6.1 The Membership Committee host membership events to increase membership and participation in the Chatham County Republican Party.
- 7.6.2 Membership Committee shall coordinate member events for regular members and coordinate at least one event a year exclusively for upper tier membership levels.
- 7.6.3 Membership Committee shall be responsible for following up with any visitors to CCGOP events and meetings.
- 7.6.4 Membership Committee will track attendance at CCGOP sponsored events and capture names of potential members for follow up by members of the committee.
- 7.6.5 Membership Committee shall present to the Executive Committee for approval the proposed content of the membership application and the proposed amount of annual dues required for membership.

7.7 Community Outreach Committee

- 7.7.1 The Community Outreach Committee shall be responsible for seeking out and hosting opportunities to build relationships with communities that have historically not voted Republican. Responsible for organizing community outreach and attending civic clubs and groups (such as the Rotary Club) on behalf of the Party.

7.8 Elections Committee

- 7.8.1 The Elections Committee shall work in conjunction with the Board of Elections related to election dates and candidate qualification.
- 7.8.2 The Elections Committee will stay abreast of local election laws and regulations.
- 7.8.3 A member of the Election Committee will regularly attend meetings of the Chatham County Board of Elections and Board of Registrars and provide a brief written update to the committee chair and the Second Vice Chair of the EC.

7.9 Headquarters Operations Committee

- 7.9.1 The Headquarters Operations Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of CCGOP Headquarters: volunteers, event preparation, and mail. Responsible for maintenance and repairs of the CCGOP Headquarters. Works in conjunction with building landlord.

7.10 Fundraising Committee

- 7.10.1 The Fundraising Committee, in coordination with the Finance Committee, shall be responsible for planning and coordinating fundraising activities for CCGOP.

7.11 Political Oversight Committee

- 7.11.1 The Political Oversight Committee shall be responsible for the monitoring of significant state and local legislation, races, and events to keep the Executive Committee and County Committee apprised of opportunities to educate and involve the membership.

7.12 Candidate Recruitment Committee

- 7.12.1 The Candidate Recruitment Committee shall be responsible to seek out qualified, interested conservative candidates for political office and provide guidance and support. Committee shall provide information regarding the declaration of candidacy and necessary paperwork and procedures.

8 PRECINCT COMMITTEES

8.1 Each Precinct located in the political boundaries of Chatham County shall, if possible, be organized into Precinct Committees.

8.2 Each Precinct shall be governed by all or some of the following officers as appropriate:

- A) Chair
- B) Vice-Chair
- C) Secretary
- D) Treasurer

8.3 The Precinct Chair shall chair all meetings of his/her Precinct, including the Mass Meeting or Caucus; shall serve as the communication and organization link between his/her Precinct and the District chairs; shall designate Precinct Members as neighborhood captains, block captains, and street captains as he/she sees fit.

9 DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

- 9.1 Each of the eight Chatham County Republican District Chairs serve as voting Members of the Executive Committee.
- 9.2 District Chairs are responsible for the recruitment of Precinct Chairmen in their District.
- 9.3 District Chairs shall maintain periodic contact with their Precinct Chairs to remain apprised of activities happening in their District.
- 9.4 District Chairs shall report on matters pertaining to their District at meetings of the Executive Committee.
- 9.5 District Chairs shall assist in recruitment of Poll Watchers to oversee Elections and Primaries.

10 REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

- 10.1 Any Officer or Member of the Chatham County Republican Committee may be removed from office or Membership for cause, which shall include, but is not limited to, malfeasance, misfeasance, conduct detrimental to the best interests of the party or continued failure to perform the duties of the office, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of quorum present at any duly called meeting of the County Committee. However, any such individual must be given written notice of such meeting, sent at least thirty (30) days in advance thereof, setting forth the charges and grounds for removal. The individual shall have the opportunity to be heard in person or by a representative of his/her choice.
- 10.2 Any Member appointed by a Committee Chair may be removed for any reason or no reason by that Committee Chair subject to the approval of a majority vote of the EC.
- 10.3 Any elected Officer or Member of the County Committee who qualifies as a candidate for a partisan elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office.
- 10.4 Any elected Officer or Member of the County Committee who qualifies to run for a partisan elected public office for which at least one other Republican has also qualified, shall be deemed to have resigned.
- 10.5 Elected Officers or Members of the County Committee campaigning for any public office shall not use CCGOP-sponsored events, membership information or organizational resources to further their political campaign without the written approval of the Executive Committee.
- 10.6 An Officer or a Member may resign by submitting his/her resignation in writing to either the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee, the Secretary of the Chatham County Republican Committee or to his District Chair. Such resignation is effective upon delivery and shall become irrevocable, unless rescinded within seven (7) days.
- 10.7 Any Officer or Member of the County Committee who is absent from two (2) meetings of said Committee within a calendar year, without submitting a valid written proxy in advance of each such meeting, automatically shall lose his membership thereon at the conclusion of the second such meeting.
- 10.8 If there is a Republican candidate for public office in a partisan general election, any Officer or Member of the Chatham County Republican Committee who publicly announces his support of a candidate other than the official candidate of the Republican Party automatically shall lose his membership on any and all CCGOP governing committees.

10.9 Any Officer or Member of the Chatham County Republican Committee removed from his/her position(s) thereon under provisions of this Section may appeal within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of his removal, in person or through a representative of choice, directly to the Chatham County Republican Committee, by making a written request to the Secretary. Notice of the appeal shall be included in the Call for the next meeting of the Chatham County Republican Committee. Reinstatement shall require a two-thirds vote of the Chatham County Republican Committee at said meeting.

11 VACANCIES

11.1 A vacancy in the County Committee is deemed to exist upon the happening of any one of the following:

- a. Death
- b. Incapacitating Illness
- c. Resignation
- d. Failure to be an Elector of Chatham County.
- e. Failure of the Electors in a precinct to organize.
- f. Failure of the Precinct Chairmen in organized precincts to elect a District Chairman.
- g. Extended failure to act. Such failure shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a quorum present at any duly called meeting of the County Committee. Provided, however, that the individual involved is given notice of such meeting mailed at least thirty (30) days in advance thereof, setting forth the grounds therefore, and is given an opportunity to be present and heard in person. Extended failure to act as used herein shall include continued failure to perform his/her duties or participate in the affairs of the Party, or conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Party, all as may be determined by the aforesaid vote of the County Committee.
- h. A vacancy shall include any office not filled by the County Convention.

11.2. Vacancies in any of the offices comprising the Executive Committee, with the exception of the County Chairman and District Chairmen, shall be filled by eligible Members on an interim basis selected by the Executive Committee until confirmed at the next duly scheduled County Committee meeting by a majority vote of those present.

11.3 In the event of a vacancy in the office of the County Chair, the First Vice Chair shall assume the duties and position of County Chairman. Should the First Vice Chair decline to accept the position of Chairman, s/he shall call a special meeting of the County Committee for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman.

11.4. Vacancies in the office of the District Chairman or Precinct Chairman in organized or unorganized precincts shall be filled by eligible Members appointed by the Executive Committee on an interim basis. At the next regular or special meeting of the County Committee, such an appointment shall be confirmed as a Member of the County Committee by a majority vote of those present.

11.5 Vacancies in any of the Committee Chairmen positions shall be filled in the same way as their original selection.

12 CONVENTIONS

12.1 THE CALL

12.1.1 The Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee shall be solely responsible for complying with the Call of the Georgia Republican Party (“the Call”) and all applicable State Party Rules concerning the Call. Failure to adequately perform these duties may be grounds for removal from office.

12.2 PRECINCT MASS MEETINGS AND PRECINCT CAUCUSES

12.2.1 Precinct Mass Meetings and Precinct Caucuses shall be organized by Districts.

12.2.2 In odd-numbered years, the first order of business shall be to elect Precinct Chairs and Secretaries. Then, each Precinct shall caucus by individual precinct to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Chatham County Convention.

12.2.3 Unless otherwise specified in the Call, each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention. In addition, each Precinct shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each 50 votes and major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding general election. At the discretion of the County Committee, in Counties having population of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate for each one hundred fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76 or more) cast for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding general election, with each Precinct having at least one (1) Delegate and (1) Alternate. Such determination must be made at least by the time of the Precinct Mass Meetings or Precinct Caucus and the EC must be notified. If the county has had changes in precinct lines since the last Presidential Election, the vote totals cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the immediately preceding general election shall determine allocation of county convention delegates. In such case the formula used to calculate the number of delegates and alternates for each precinct shall be the same as previously stated in this section.

12.2.4 Within the four-week period following the Precinct Mass Meeting or Caucus held pursuant to the State Call in each District, or within the four-week period following a vacancy created for any reason, the elected Precinct Chairs from the precincts in that District shall meet to elect a resident of that District to be the District Chair to serve on the County Committee.

12.2.5 If no election has been held prior to the County Convention, this election may be held during a recess of the County Convention. If a reasonable effort to fill the County Committee District Chair position for a particular District fails, the position may be filled from members of other Districts.

12.3 CHATHAM COUNTY CONVENTION

- 12.3.1 The Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee shall preside as Chair of the County Convention until a permanent organization is elected. The Chair of the County Committee shall appoint Interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairs. The Chair of the County Committee may, at his/her own discretion, delegate to the Chair of each committee the authority to appoint additional members of their respective committees. The Chair of the County Committee shall be responsible for preparation and organization of the County Convention and shall provide for the timely distribution of all Convention-related notices required by these Rules and the Call.
- 12.3.2 In odd numbered years, elections shall be held for the following offices:
- A) Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee
 - B) First Vice-Chair
 - C) Second Vice-Chair
 - D) Third Vice-Chair
 - E) Secretary
 - F) Assistant Secretary
 - G) Treasurer
 - H) Assistant Treasurer
- 12.3.3 The officers elected shall begin serving at the adjournment of the County Convention and shall serve for two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.
- 12.3.4 The County Convention shall transact all other necessary and proper business of the Party pertaining to the County Committee.
- 12.3.5 The County Convention shall attempt to elect a number of Alternates equal to the number of Delegates for the District and State Conventions.
- 12.3.6 Delegates and Alternates to the County, District, and State Conventions do not have to be in attendance to be elected to serve as Delegates or Alternates to another convention.
- 12.3.7 The Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee shall file a copy of these Rules with each Congressional District Chair of the appropriate Districts and with the Secretary of the State Committee.

12.4 COUNTY CONVENTION INTERIM COMMITTEES

12.4.1 The Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee shall appoint Interim Committees and their respective Chairs subject to the approval of the County Committee at the last scheduled quarterly meeting preceding the Precinct Caucus held in odd-numbered years and in Presidential Election years:

1. Rules
2. Nominating
3. Credentials
4. Registration Committees.

Additionally, the Chair of the County Committee may appoint other Convention Committees, as deemed appropriate. The standing Rules Committee of the County Committee may serve as the Convention Rules Committee.

12.4.2 The Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee shall appoint the chairs of Convention Interim Committees no later than the last regularly scheduled County Committee meeting prior to the Precinct Mass Meetings or Precinct Caucuses in years County Conventions are held.

12.4.3 Interim Committees shall consist of a Chair plus three (3) to six (6) Members. No person may serve on more than one Committee. Each Interim Committee shall have a majority of Members who are Members of the County Committee.

12.4.4 Interim Nominating Committee - Officer Nominations

12.4.4.1 The Convention Interim Nominating Committee shall nominate eligible candidates for all officer positions to be filled at the County Convention, as required by these Rules and the State Rules.

12.4.4.2 The Interim Nominating Committee shall present to the Convention its recommended slate of candidates for the officer positions.

12.4.4.3 After the presentation of the Interim Nomination Committee Report, a call for nominations from the floor shall be issued. Only previously qualified candidates may have their name entered into nomination.

12.4.4.4 Previously qualified candidates are those who have submitted a resume to and met with the Nominating Committee in accordance with the Interim Nominating Committee Candidate Rules provided immediately following the Precinct Caucus and Mass Meeting.

12.4.4.5 Nominations from the floor must be placed in opposition to a specific individual already nominated.

12.4.5 Interim Nomination Committee - Delegates/Alternates

12.4.5.1 The Convention Interim Nominating Committee shall nominate Delegates and Alternates for each District and State Convention.

12.4.5.2 Nomination of Delegates and Alternates will be based on candidates' level of participation in and support of CCGOP-related business, meetings and events.

12.4.6 Availability of Slate of Nominees

12.4.6.1 At least ten (10) days prior to the County Convention, the names of those nominated by the Interim Nominating Committee to serve as Officers of the County Committee, as listed in these Rules, as well as the names of those to serve as Delegates and Alternates to the District and State Conventions, shall be made available to any person upon request.

12.4.7 Interim Credentials Committee

12.4.7.1 The Convention Interim Credentials Committee shall ascertain whether each County Convention Delegate and Alternate satisfies qualifications required by these Rules and the State Rules. Reasonable efforts will be afforded to persons determined not to satisfy qualifications to present facts establishing their right to serve as Delegates or Alternates.

12.4.7.2 The Convention Interim Credentials Committee shall present its report on Delegate and Alternate qualifications to the Convention. Only Delegates and Alternates properly registered and qualified according to the Interim Credentials Committee report may vote on the report.

12.4.8 Interim Rules Committee

12.4.8.1 The Convention Interim Rules Committee shall prepare recommended standing Rules for the convention and the agenda for the conduct of the County Convention to be submitted for the vote to adopt at the County Convention. Such County Convention Rules would remain in effect only from adoption to the end of the Convention.

12.4.9 Elections in Contested Races

12.4.9.1 Elections in contested races shall be conducted by secret ballot.

13 ELECTION OF COUNTY MEMBERS TO THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The total number of members elected shall be determined as specified in the First District Rules, Article II. I.
- 13.2 As pursuant to Article II-C of the First District Rules, the County Chairman shall serve on the First District Executive Committee unless Chairman otherwise declines not to serve in writing to the District Secretary.
- 13.3 As pursuant to Article II-I of the First District Rules, additional members may be added. These members shall be elected by the First District Chairman and an Interim Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee Members shall be appointed every odd-year to serve an interim period (to only conduct the business of this committee), by the First District Chairman as follows: consisting of members from the District Executive Committee and members-at-large.
- 13.4 Members shall be elected, each odd year, to the First District Committee for a two-year term. Any vacancies may be filled at the discretion of the First District Chairman with the approval of the First District Executive Committee.

14 AMENDMENTS

- 14.1 These Rules may be amended by a majority vote at any County Convention or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum present at any duly called meeting of the County Committee, provided written notice setting forth the wording of any proposed amendment(s) is transmitted to all Chatham County Republican Committee Members at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting.
- 14.2 No amendments to these Rules shall be considered which preclude any qualified Elector from Membership or participation in the Chatham County Republican Party, or from holding any office in the Chatham County Republican Party based on race, gender, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation, disability or handicap, or any other characteristic prohibited under law. Any requests for amendments which violate this Rule will be immediately disqualified from further consideration.
- 14.3 Submission of proposed amendments shall be made to the Rules Committee and the Chair of the Chatham County Republican Committee. The Rules Committee will review the request and provide a recommendation to the Executive Committee to accept or reject the amendment as submitted.
- 14.4 Any amendment to these Rules shall become effective the date when adopted unless otherwise provided.

EXHIBIT A – PROXY BLANK FORM

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT I, _____,
of Chatham County, Georgia residing in the 1st Congressional District do hereby
constitute and appoint _____, residing in Chatham County,
my true and lawful attorney, to vote at a meeting of the Chatham County Republican
Committee to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20____, or at any
adjourned meeting thereof, and for me in my name, place and stead to vote upon any
question that properly may come before such meeting, with all the power I should
possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this

_____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of County Committee Member

Date