

REYNOLDSBURG AREA DEMOCRATS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

(RAD PAC)

Regulations and Bylaws

VOTED UPON AND ENACTED JULY 25, 2016

ARTICLE I – IDENTIFICATION

The Reynoldsburg Area Democrats Political Action Committee (hereinafter “RAD PAC”) is organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, with all the powers and subject to all the conditions and limitations provided by Ohio Elections and Campaign Finance Laws and its regulations and bylaws as prescribed by the General Membership. The principal activities of the RAD PAC shall occur in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. However, activities may take place both in and out of the Reynoldsburg, Ohio area as the business of the PAC may require.

ARTICLE II – STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The RAD PAC is organized, and shall be operated exclusively, for the purpose of supporting the election of qualified Democratic/Progressive candidates to run for offices and to support/defeat ballot issues which affect the lives of Reynoldsburg, Ohio residents. The RAD PAC also seeks to create a community to support Democratic/Progressive candidates who are running for office in Reynoldsburg and beyond, network to financially support Democratic/Progressive candidates, organize and inform Democratic/Progressive voters, recruit and encourage Democratic/Progressive membership, and create an infrastructure for local campaigns.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

§3.1 Officers Designated – The Officers of the RAD PAC shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Director and Fundraising Director. The Treasurer of the RAD PAC shall be so designated with the Ohio Secretary of State and every effort shall be made for the Treasurer to be an attorney, accountant or other individual well-versed in Ohio election finance laws. All Officers of the RAD PAC shall be Trustees of the RAD PAC.

§3.2 Terms of Office – Officers shall hold office for one year, commencing on the first day of January, or until their successors are seated.

§3.3 Duties of Officers – The President shall preside at all meetings of the General Membership and shall generally perform all the duties normally associated with the office and such further duties as may be authorized or required by the General Membership.

The Vice-President shall have the powers and duties of the President during the absence or incapacity of the President, or when there is a vacancy in the office of the President.

The Treasurer shall oversee the finances of the RAD PAC and ensure that appropriate records are kept and audited as deemed appropriate. The Treasurer shall ensure the proper filing of all reports and documentation required by Ohio law. The Treasurer shall ensure the disbursement of all funds approved by a vote of the General Membership.

The Secretary shall prepare the agenda for all meetings and take and maintain the meeting minutes. The Secretary shall communicate with members to keep them informed of all meetings and upcoming events.

The Communications Director shall be the custodian of all electronic media (website, social media, etc.) and shall keep these current and use them to communicate to the membership. The Communications Director shall issue press releases regarding the PAC as directed by the Executive Committee/General Membership.

§3.4 Depositories – The Treasurer shall promptly deposit all monies and other valuable effects in a FDIC financial institution located in Franklin or Licking County.

§3.5 Vacancies – The General Membership shall have the power to fill any Officer position vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise for the remainder of the term as to which a vacancy exists.

§3.6 Recall and Vacancies – An Officer may be removed from the RAD PAC by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the General Membership.

§3.7 Compensation – No compensation shall be paid to any person for services as an Officer of the RAD PAC except for the Treasurer, who may charge a reasonable fee for his/her services if they are not a resident of Reynoldsburg.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Communications Director shall serve as the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may act on minor issues during intervals between meetings of the General Membership.

ARTICLE V – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

§5.1 Qualifications – All General Members of the RAD PAC are defined as those having demonstrated support to the RAD PAC and having paid their annual membership dues.

§5.2 Meetings – Meetings of the General Membership shall be held as deemed necessary to carry out the purpose of the RAD PAC. The General Membership shall meet at least ten times per calendar year.

§5.3 Quorum – At all meetings of the General Membership, at least seven (7) of the Officers/General Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

§5.4 Voting – Each Officer/General Member has one vote. Officers/General Members must be present to vote. A simple majority shall carry the vote.

§5.5 Compensation – No compensation shall be paid to any person for services as a General Member

of the RAD PAC.

ARTICLE VI – CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS

§6.1 Confidential Process – The General Membership’s discussions and deliberations related to RAD PAC candidate contributions are confidential. Discussion of confidential matters is grounds for removal from the General Membership.

§6.2 Voting Method – A General Member may, for any reason, request that a contribution vote be taken by secret ballot; all requests for secret ballot voting shall be honored by the President. Absent such a request, all contribution votes shall be by voice or other outward sign.

§6.3 Candidate Requirements – RAD PAC contributions may only be made to candidates who are seeking election to offices and/or ballot issue campaigns that impact the lives of Reynoldsburg residents.

§6.4 Prohibitions – Officers/General Members who are also candidates or paid staff of a candidate shall be prohibited from deliberations and voting on contributions for which that Officer/Member is a candidate or paid staff of a candidate.

§6.5 Basis for Contributions – All contributions shall be supported by deliberation of the Officers/General Membership. Factors for consideration by the Officers/General Membership shall include, but are not limited to, demonstrable commitment to success in the election, active involvement in the RAD PAC, size of the candidate’s race (ward, citywide, district, countywide, etc.), endorsements and funds raised independently. An Officer/General Member shall not base any vote on personal bias. In the awarding of contributions, Officers/General Members are prohibited from discriminating against any candidate on the basis of that candidate’s age, gender, race, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE VII – RULES OF ORDER

All meetings of the RAD PAC General Membership shall be conducted under these regulations and bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

These regulations and bylaws may be amended, altered or repealed by majority vote of General Members in good standing and in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION

The RAD PAC may be dissolved by a supermajority vote of the General Members in good standing. For the purposes of this article, a supermajority shall consist of two-thirds plus one (2/3 +1) of the General Members in good standing who are present, provided a quorum as stated in section 5.3 is present.