# Colorado River Tea Party Amended and Restated Bylaws Adopted November 17, 2022

# **Our Mission Statement**

The Colorado River TEA Party mission is to attract, educate and mobilize fellow citizens; to secure public policy which stops the growth of excessive government, irresponsible spending and runaway taxes; to help elect, without directly endorsing, political representatives who are consistent with our core values; and to reestablish the Constitutional Foundation of our Country.

## Amended and Restated BY-LAWS OF THE COLORADO RIVER TEA PARTY

These By-Laws prescribe the rules by which the TEA Party, alternatively referred to as the Corporation, is to be organized and governed. In the event a situation concerning the governing of the TEA Party occurs which is not specifically described in these By-Laws it shall be resolved by reference to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order. In any situation in which these By-Laws conflict with Robert's Rules of Order, these By-Laws shall prevail.

### **ARTICLE I: Corporation Name, Mission, Power, Activities, Fiscal Year**

Section 1 <u>Name</u>: The name of the Corporation is the Colorado River TEA Party located in Yuma, Arizona. It is registered with the Arizona Corporation Commission as Colorado River Tea Party-Yuma.

Section 2 <u>Mission</u>: The mission of the TEA Party is to attract, **educate** and mobilize fellow citizens to secure public policy which stops the growth of excessive, irresponsible deficit spending and runaway taxes; to help elect, without directly endorsing, political representatives who are consistent with our core values; and to re-establish the Constitutional foundation of our country.

Section 3 <u>Powers</u>: The TEA Party shall have all the powers necessary to act pursuant to its mission including, the power to collect, hold and disseminate information consistent with its purpose; to assemble and meet, to rally, and hold seminars and workshops; and the power to receive donations and disburse funds for the TEA Party.

Section 4 <u>Members</u>: Any interested individual is welcome to participate in the TEA Party and become a member by subscribing to the newsletter.

Section 5 Funding. The TEA Party activities shall be funded through donations.

Section 6 Fiscal Year. The TEA Party fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

### Section 7. Expenses:

- a. No member shall obligate the TEA Party unless specifically provided in these Bylaws. If a member attempts to obligate the TEA Party, that member shall be personally and solely responsible for such obligation.
- b. An elected officer may obligate the TEA Party for non-recurring expenses of up to \$100.00 without prior approval.
- c. The Chairman, with the approval of the Treasurer or the Executive Board, may obligate the TEA Party for up to \$200.00 on non-recurring expenses.
- d. Non-recurring expenses in excess of \$200 shall be approved by a majority vote of those present at any meeting of the TEA Party.

e. Recurring expenses shall be initially approved by a majority vote of those present at a meeting of the TEA Party. Changes in recurring expenses shall be approved by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall regularly report to the Executive Board and the membership on expenses.

Section 8 <u>Records</u>: All records of the TEA Party shall be kept by the appropriate officer.

### **ARTICLE II. Officers and Executive Board**

Section 1 <u>Officers</u>: The Officers of the TEA Party shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant At-Arms, and Ways and Means Chairman. Elected local, state, or federal political officials are not eligible to serve as officers of the TEA Party.

Section 2 Executive Board: The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers.

### **ARTICLE III: Election of Officers**

Section 1 <u>Nominations</u>: The Chairman will select a nominating committee, of not less than three members, prior to the first meeting in October. The committee will choose one or more candidates for each office of the TEA Party and place their names in nomination at the meeting chosen for the election. In addition, nominations for any office may be made from the floor or by write-in, prior to or at the election meeting. Each nomination must be moved and seconded at the election. Nominees must consent to nomination and agree to serve if elected. Those who are nominated at least one week in advance of the election will be listed in the newsletter prior to the meeting. Each nominee shall be a member in good standing of the TEA Party as certified by the Secretary.

Section 2 <u>Election</u>: At the election, each office for which there is only one candidate shall be elected by voice or hand vote at the discretion of the meeting chairman. For each office in which there is more than one nominee, the voting shall be by written ballot. Absentee ballots will be accepted if received prior to the election. The election will be held at the first meeting in November with the results announced at the end of the meeting.

Section 3 <u>Term</u>: Officers will take office at the first meeting in January. Each officer will serve for a term of one year from the date they take office or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.

Section 4 <u>Eligibility</u>: Officers must be active members at the time of their nomination and must maintain their active standing throughout their term of office.

### **ARTICLE IV. Duties of Officers**

Section 1 <u>Chairman</u>: The Chairman is responsible for the operation of the TEA Party. He or she presides at membership meetings and Executive Board meetings. The Chairman, with the prior consent of the Executive Board, shall appoint as needed committees including committee chairs and committee members.

Section 2 <u>Vice Chairman</u>: The Vice Chairman is responsible for the performance of the Chairman's duties in the absence of the Chairman and shall have such other duties as assigned by the Executive Board. There shall be one Vice Chairman.

Section 3 <u>Secretary</u>: The Secretary is responsible for maintaining the non-financial records of the TEA Party. The Secretary provides meeting notes of all membership and Executive Board meetings.

### Section 4 <u>Treasurer</u>:

- a. The Treasurer will receive all revenue, make deposits in a timely manner to the bank account(s) maintained by the TEA Party and maintain a complete and accurate account of all funds.
- b. The Treasurer will be one of three officers, including the Chairman and Vice Chairman, authorized to sign checks. Two signatures are required for each check.
- c. All purchases or expenditures shall be pre-authorized by the Executive Board and supported by a receipt or signed statement prior to payment. The Treasurer will provide a financial report at every member and Executive Board meeting.
- d. Each year before December the Treasurer will require that a financial review of the Corporation be made by at least two TEA Party members who are not Executive Board Members.
- e. The Treasurer shall timely prepare and file with the Internal Revenue Service all required documents regarding TEA Party taxes or maintenance of TEA Party tax status.

Section 5 <u>Sergeant-At-Arms</u>: The Sergeant-At-Arms will keep order in the meetings. The Sergeant-At-Arms is responsible for preparing the meeting area, to include insuring that the Flag of the United States of America is available, and securing the meeting area following meetings.

Section 6. <u>Ways Means Chairman</u>: The Ways and Means Chairman is responsible for the budget of the TEA Party including budget planning and funding.

### **ARTICLE V: Removal from Office, Resignation from Office**

Section 1 <u>Suspension or Removal of an Officer</u>: Any officer may be suspended or removed from office by the unanimous vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board. A suspended or removed officer may request a reinstatement vote by the majority of the membership, following the rules of elections of officers, at the next membership meeting. If the suspended or removed officer does not request a reinstatement vote or if the vote is opposed to reinstatement, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy. The Executive Board's selection is subject to membership confirmation by a majority vote at the next meeting.

Section 2 <u>Resignation</u>: Should an Officer resign from their position, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Board as described in this Article 5.

### **ARTICLE VI: Committee Appointments and Other Assignments**

The Chairman, with the prior consent of the Executive Board, shall make appointments to committees or other assignments as needed to accomplish the tasks and purposes of the TEA Party.

### **ARTICLE VII: Meetings**

Membership meetings shall be on the first and third Thursday of each month. The meetings are conducted by the Chairman or designated alternate. Meetings will consist of programs of interest to the membership, announcements and educational forums. During the summer months of June through August, the Executive Board may limit meetings to once a month.

### **ARTICLE VIII: Newsletter**

Section 1 <u>Content and Approval</u>: The content of the newsletter shall be the responsibility of the Communications and Media Committee Chairman. The Executive Board shall approve the content.

Section 2 <u>Publication</u>: The TEA Party will only publish articles or information that is free and clear of legal encumbrances and copyrights.

Section 3 <u>Publication Schedule</u>: The newsletter will be published at least twice a month and made available to all members via e-mail. Anyone providing articles or notices is required to provide the information to the Communications and Media Chairman for publication at least five days before scheduled publication.

### **ARTICLE IX: Representation of the Corporation**

The use of the name Colorado River TEA Party or Colorado River TEA Party-Yuma, or its identifying marks or symbols by any person or organization in any form or media, shall be solely with the prior written consent of the Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE X: Amendment of By-Laws**

Members may propose changes to the By-Laws. A proposed change must be published in the newsletter one month prior to the meeting in which it will be voted on. Approval of any amendment to these By-Laws shall require a majority vote of the members at the designated meeting.

In the event that the Corporation ceases to function, or in the event that the

### **ARTICLE XI: Dissolution or Termination of the Corporation**

members decide to terminate it, the Executive Board will pay or make provisions for the payment of all the Corporation's liabilities.

Verification of Amendment and Restatement of By-Laws by TEA Party Officers:

Chairman

Date: Nove 17th 2022

Vice Chairman

Date: November 2022

Treasurer

Date: 17 November 2022

Date: 17 November 2022

Sergeant-At-Arms Mayor Modelle Date: 17 Nov 2022