# NEW STATE MOVEMENT FOR NEW CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES CHARTER As Amended November 18, 2017

#### I. PURPOSE

The Council of County Representatives (CCR) is the highest organization within the New California State (Movement). It is made up of representatives from each of the Qualified Counties. Its main purpose is to guide the vision and implementation of all aspects of efforts to support the creation of the NEW CALIFORNIA STATE composed of California Counties based on the representative votes of the participating counties.

#### II. MEMBERSHIP

Counties are Eligible to join the Movement if:

- a) They have formed a committee within their county (County Committee) for the purpose of joining with other like-minded counties to separate from California to form a new state within the United States of America, **OR**
- b) Their citizens voted affirmatively to divide California in their county's advisory measure of 1992, or through petition to the CCR to join the Movement.

Counties become Participating Members in the CCR upon Acceptance of this Charter by their County Committee.

Each Participating County shall have a voting Representative on the CCR. They may also name up to two (2) Alternates who may attend all meeting, but otherwise are not entitled to vote or participate in the meeting as a county representative. One may act as the Representative when the Representative is not present. This is to ensure full representation at CCR meetings as much as practical.

Each County Committee shall select its Representative and Alternates at a time, place and process of their own choosing. The Representative and the Alternates

serve at the pleasure of the County Committee. County Committees shall formally notify the CCR of the selectees within thirty (30) days of their selection.

### III. MEETINGS AND QUORUM

The CCR shall meet regularly on a schedule of its choosing. The CCR Chairman is authorized to call a Special Meeting as necessary with a minimum seven (7) day notice to all Representatives.

Notice of meetings shall be given to all Representatives and Alternates. Meetings of the CCR may be held by means of telephone conference or other communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear and speak to each other. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Representatives of the CCR shall constitute a quorum. Three-fourths (3/4) vote of the CCR Representatives present at a meeting at which a quorum exists shall be needed to pass an act of the CCR.

## IV. AUTHORITY

In discharging its role, the CCR is empowered to initiate and carry out all activities necessary to create the NEW CALIFORNIA STATE. The CCR shall be authorized to raise funds for Reasonable Expenses. (Reasonable Expenses are those nominal expenses required for a basic organization to function such as those needed to conduct a meeting or informational materials for the general public.)

The CCR shall follow the current issue of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, for actions of the CCR and in all matters not covered by this Charter, and any subsequent Bylaws. The CCR and the NEW CALIFORNIA STATE Movement are currently a group of citizens exercising their First Amendment Rights of Free Speech, Freedom of Association, Freedom of Assembly, and Freedom to Petition their Government. At any point in the future, the CCR has the authority to change this association of citizens to a Legal Entity or to create a sister Legal Entity.

#### V. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The CCR shall undertake the following responsibilities, which are set forth as a guide. The CCR is authorized to carry out these activities and other important actions related to the CCR's purpose from time to time. To fulfill its purposes, the CCR shall:

- 1. Act on matters that arise to the extent permitted by applicable law and regulations, and the Bylaws.
- 2. Maintain public record of minutes.
- 3. Create and dissolve sub-committees as needed.
- 4. Keep all members of the Movement informed through their County Committees on a regular basis.

These members shall be interested supporters in every Qualified County.

The Committee shall not have the power or authority to change the membership of, or fill vacancies in the CCR, except to add additional Qualified Counties.

#### VI. TERMS OF OFFICE

The term of office for Representatives from the County Committees shall be one (1) year.

### VII. OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

The officers of the CCR shall be a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Information Officer who shall each serve a one (1) year term. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be selected from among the county representatives. The <u>Chairman</u> shall maintain continuation of the work of the CCR, but shall not serve as a spokesperson for the Movement.

The <u>Vice-Chairman</u> shall assist the Chairman as requested and will preside over meetings of the CCR in the absence of the Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall not serve as a spokesperson for the Movement. The <u>Secretary</u> shall maintain all non-financial records and respond promptly to all requests from the County Committees for records. The <u>Treasurer</u> shall maintain all financial records and

provide reports as required. The <u>Public Information Officer</u> shall be responsible for dissemination of all information to the Representatives to communicate with their respective county members and to the General Public.

The CCR may create other positions as needed.

## VIII. BYLAWS

The CCR is authorized to create By-laws under which it will operate within the confines of this charter. Amendments to the By-laws must be approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the County Representatives.

## IX. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Charter must be submitted to the County Committees for Acceptance. Upon acceptance by three-fourths (3/4) of the Qualified Counties, the Charter shall be officially amended.