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UNITED KANSAS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS A POLITICAL PARTY

TOPEKA – Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab said today that United Kansas has met the statutory requirements to become an officially recognized political party in Kansas.

United Kansas met the requirements by submitting a petition containing the signatures of registered voters equal to 2 percent of the total votes cast in the 2022 statewide gubernatorial general election. The signatures on the petition were validated by county election officials who reported their results to the Secretary of State's office, as required by <u>K.S.A 25-302a</u>.

The last political party to achieve recognition in Kansas was No Labels Kansas in January 2024.

United Kansas joins No Labels Kansas and the Libertarian Party, recognized in 1992, as a minor political party. It cannot participate in the August primary election and instead must nominate candidates for the November general election via convention or caucus by noon on June 3. A minor party can become a major party and be entitled to nominate its general election candidates at the August primary if its candidate for governor receives more than 5 percent of the statewide vote.

With the official recognition of United Kansas, the party is eligible to register voters under its affiliation and nominate candidates for public office as described in <u>K.S.A. 25-301</u>. Kansas voter registration forms have been modified to reflect United Kansas as an option for voter affiliation.

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