

This document contains revisions to the bylaws of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, which comprise the Silicon Valley Region.

These two bylaw revisions constitute an alternative Regional Rep election procedure under section 7-1.5 of the GPCA bylaws.

BY-LAWS: REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Santa Clara County – Approved Jan. 2008

ARTICLE 9 ELECTION OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (RR) AND ALTERNATES

9.0 Definitions in GPCA bylaws

Regional Representation on the GPCA Coordinating Committee is defined by the GPCA bylaws, Articles 6, 7 and elsewhere. This bylaws article constitutes an alternative election process as provided for in the GPCA bylaws section 7-1.5.

9.1 RR Election Meeting

RR election meetings are considered valid if they meet the following conditions:

- 1) the election is authorized and called by the County Council
- 2) the meeting is open to all county party Members and all Members present can vote in the election,
- 3) the election has been publicly announced on county party email lists at least 15 days in advance of the election meeting and
- 4) where the RR Election is a preannounced agenda item for the meeting.

9.2 Declaring Candidacy

Candidates shall declare their candidacy on the email lists of the counties of the region prior to the RR Candidate Presentation Meetings at which a vacancy or replacement is considered.

9.3 Presentation and Election Meetings

The RR election process may be conducted as part of the regular monthly meetings of the GPSCC. Alternately, a special meeting may be called if so decided by the county council. Candidates shall present themselves to the electorate at a valid meeting. This presentation shall be at a separate meeting that precedes the meeting where the vote occurs.

9.4 Election Process

This election process assumes this region is allocated one representative. This section shall be amended if the allocation is increased. The Regional Representative and Alternate Representative shall be chosen by separate votes. The Regional Representative shall be chosen first. In an election where there is only one declared candidate, the decision shall be made in Accordance Article 5 of these bylaws. Regional Representative elections shall be deemed business decisions. If more than one candidate has declared their candidacy, the election shall be conducted using Instant Runoff Voting, with section 7-1.9 of the GPCA bylaws as guidance.

9.5 Regional Coordination

A candidate must be approved by all of the county parties of the region. If different candidates are approved by the county parties the decision(s) shall be retaken by the county parties until agreement on candidates between the county parties is reached.

9.6 Representational Balance in the Region

It shall be an objective to have the Regional Representative and the first Alternate Regional representative be from different counties wherever possible.

9.7 Replacement

A Regional Representative or an Alternate Regional Representative may be replaced using the same process for election described here.

9.8 Effective Date

This amendment, Article 9 of the by-laws, shall take effect after formal approval by the GPSCC, and after the bylaws of substantially the same form have been adopted by all counties in the region. Upon adoption, the County Council from each county party shall separately and independently notify the GPCA of their bylaws amendments adding this alternative election process to the default procedures provided by the state Green Party Bylaws.

9.9 Expiration of Article 9

This article 9 detailing the selection of regional representatives to the GPCA Coordinating Committee shall expire if a county party in the region rescinds it, or if the region is redefined and a new county party added to the region decides not to adopt this bylaw.

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ARTICLE 10. Election of Regional Representatives and Alternates

10.1 Alternative Process

This article constitutes an alternative election process as provided for in the GPCA bylaws Section 7-1.5.

10.2 Election Meeting

An election meeting to elect a regional representative or alternate is valid if it meets the following conditions:

- 1) the election is authorized and called by the County Council,
- 2) the meeting is open to all county party Members and all Members present can vote in the election,
- 3) the election has been publicly announced on county party website and email lists in accordance with meeting notification in Article 5 of these bylaws, and
- 4) the election is a pre-announced agenda item for the meeting.

10.3 Declaring Candidacy

Candidates shall declare their candidacy on the email lists of the counties of the region prior to the RR & ARR Candidate Presentation Meetings at which a vacancy or replacement is considered. The chair of each county in the region shall be responsible for the announcements being posted to their county's website and email lists.

10.4 Presentation and Election Meetings

The election process may be conducted as part of the regular monthly meetings or as part of duly called special meetings. Candidates shall present themselves to the membership at such a meeting, and the election shall occur at the following meeting.

10.5 Election Process

The representative and alternate shall be chosen by separate votes. The representative shall be chosen first, and IRV shall be used if there are more than two candidates. The elections shall be deemed business decisions.

10.6 Regional Coordination

A candidate must be elected by each of the county parties of the region. If the county decisions disagree, the decision(s) shall be retaken by the county parties until agreement is reached.

10.7 Representational Balance in the Region

It shall be an objective, but not a requirement, to have the representative and alternate be from different counties.

10.8 Replacement or Recall

A representative or alternate may be replaced at any time, using the process described here. The currently serving representative and alternate shall continue to serve until a replacement is elected by the counties.

10.9 Effective Date

This Article shall take effect after formal approval by the GPSMC, and after the bylaws of substantially the same form have been adopted by each county in the region. Upon adoption, the

County Council from each county party shall separately and independently notify the GPCA of their bylaws amendments adding this alternative election process to the default procedures provided by the state Green Party Bylaws.

10.10 Termination of Article 10

This effectiveness of this Article 10 shall terminate if any county party in the region rescinds it or if the region is redefined, or if the representative count changes.