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#### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Broomfield County Republican Central Committee, also known as the Broomfield County Republican Committee, hereinafter referred to as BCRC and also known as the Broomfield County Republicans.

#### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

Recognizing the fundamental principles of the Republican Party as reflected in the State and National Platforms, the primary purpose of this organization shall be to elect duly nominated or designated Republican candidates to office, to achieve the objectives of the Republican Party at national, state, and county levels, and to perform the functions set forth in the election laws of the State of Colorado.

# **ARTICLE III: POLICY**

#### Section A. Colorado Statutes.

All applicable provisions of the Colorado Statutes shall be a part of these bylaws.

#### Section B. Gender

All reference to male includes the female, and the masculine pronoun includes the feminine.

#### Section C. Pre-Primary Neutrality.

No candidate for any designation or nomination for public office shall be endorsed, supported, or opposed by the BCRC (acting as an entity) or by its officers or committees, before the Primary, unless such candidate is unopposed in the primary.

#### Section D. Post Primary Policy and Duties of Central Committee Members

No central committee member shall publicly endorse or otherwise work for candidates of other parties if a Republican candidate has been chosen. If no Republican candidate is running, central committee members are free to endorse and support candidates of other political parties. This rule does not apply to City Council races and other county offices that are non-partisan. Non compliance of this rule may be cause for termination of Central Committee membership if so voted by a 2/3 majority of a quorum of any regular meeting of the BCRC.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership Defined.

Membership of the BCRC shall be composed of voting and nonvoting members.

1. The voting members shall be:

All of the precinct committeepersons of the Republican Party of Broomfield, the BCRC officers elected pursuant to these Bylaws, district captains as approved by the BCRC Executive Committee, presiding county officers of a Republican National Committee-recognized Republican auxiliary eligible for BCRC Executive Committee membership, together with the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Secretary of the State Senatorial and Representative Districts, the Bonus Members, the District Attorney and any United States Senators and United States Representatives and elected State Public Officials, who are members of the Republican Party and who reside within Broomfield County, as shown by the registration books of the county

clerk and recorder, shall constitute the membership of the BCRC. Multiple offices shall not entitle a person to more than one vote.

2. The nonvoting members shall be the appointed officers and chairmen of the BCRC standing committees that are not voting members.

# **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

#### Section A. Officers Defined.

1. The elected officers shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. They shall assume their duties at the close of the organizational meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected.

2. The appointed officers shall be an assistant secretary, a treasurer and an assistant treasurer, all of whom shall be registered Republicans appointed by the Chairman, and who shall serve at his pleasure; and any other officers deemed necessary by the BCRC.

#### Section B. Duties.

- 1. The Chairman shall:
  - a. Be the chief executive officer of the BCRC.
  - b. Issue the call and preside at all meetings of the BCRC and the Executive Committee.
  - c. Observe and enforce the bylaws and rules of the BCRC.
  - d. Be custodian of all funds, books, papers, records and proceedings of the BCRC and the Broomfield County Assembly.
  - e. Report to the Executive Committee as the committee requires.
  - f. Appoint necessary staff members and all standing and special committees.
  - g. Be ex officio a member of all committees.
  - h. With the assistance of the BCRC Secretary, file under oath with the Colorado Secretary of State and the Colorado Republican Party (within ten days of the adjournment of the organizational meeting) a full and complete roll of the BCRC membership.
  - i. Submit a budget to the BCRC Executive Committee by June 15 following his election, for a period of two years from July 1 of the odd-numbered year to June 30 two years hence.
  - j. Make arrangements for the Broomfield County Assembly.
  - k. Preside over the Broomfield County Assembly or designate a presiding officer.
- 2. The Vice-Chairman shall:
  - a. Exercise the functions of the Chairman in his absence, during his inability to perform, or at his request.
  - b. Perform other duties the Chairman may prescribe.
  - c. Direct and coordinate pursuit of the operating goals of the BCRC.
- 3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman shall:
  - a. Exercise the functions of the Chairman and/or the Vice-Chairman in their absence, during their inability to perform, or at their request.

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- b. Perform other duties the Chairman may prescribe.
- c. Direct and coordinate pursuit of the support goals of the BCRC.
- 4. The Secretary shall:
  - a. Be the chief clerical officer of the BCRC and record all BCRC and Executive Committee proceedings.
  - b. Have ready for the convening of each county assembly, a temporary roll of delegates entitled to participate. The roll shall be prepared from the credentials of uncontested delegates filed with the Secretary and from the credentials of the contested delegates placed upon the temporary roll by the BCRC.
  - c. Serve as secretary at all county assemblies.
  - d. Prepare and verify all credentials for delegates and certificates showing designations made by the precinct caucuses.
  - e. Perform other duties the Chairman may prescribe.
- 5. The assistant secretary shall:
  - a. Assume the duties of the secretary if he is absent or unable to perform.
  - b. Perform those duties prescribed by the Chairman.
- 6. The treasurer shall:
  - a. File with the appropriate authorities all statements and reports required by state, county, and/or federal law.
  - b. Comply with all other applicable state and federal laws.
  - c. Perform those duties prescribed by the Chairman.
- 7. The assistant treasurer shall:
  - a. Assume the duties of the treasurer if he is absent or unable to perform.
  - b. Perform those duties prescribed by the Chairman.

#### Section C. Removal.

- 1. Any elected officer of the BCRC may be removed from office at any time for whatever cause the BCRC may deem sufficient, by a vote of three-fifths of the entire membership of the BCRC eligible to vote (in accordance with Article IV, & V, of these bylaws) at a meeting called for that purpose.
- 2. Written notice (giving the time, place, and purpose of this meeting) shall be mailed to each member at least fifteen days before the meeting.
- 3. The action of the BCRC shall be final.

# Section D. Vacancies.

- 1. A vacancy in an office shall exist in the event of an officer's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, or permanent disability. The Executive Committee shall decide by majority vote whether sufficient evidence exists of permanent absence or permanent disability.
- 2. A vacancy in any elected office shall be filled in the manner provided in Article VI of these bylaws.

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- a. The Vice-Chairman shall mail the call for a meeting to all members of the BCRC within ten days of the vacancy in the office of the Chairman. This meeting shall be held within thirty days of the call.
- b. The Chairman shall mail the call for a meeting to all members of the BCRC within ten days if a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman or Secretary.
- 3. Vacancies occurring in any appointive office shall be filled in the same manner as the appointment was originally made.

# **ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

#### Section A. Nominations.

- 1. Candidates for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall be nominated from the floor at the organizational meeting.
- 2. Nominations for any office shall be made only by members of the BCRC in person.

#### Section B. Elections.

- 1. Officers shall be elected by majority vote using a secret ballot unless there is only one nominee for the office. In that case election shall be by voice vote.
- 2. If more than two persons are nominated for an office, and after three ballots no nominee has received the required majority vote, then (unless one or more nominees have withdrawn during or following, this balloting) the nominee receiving the least votes on the last of the three ballots shall be dropped from all subsequent ballots. The nominee receiving the least votes on each ballot thereafter shall also be dropped from subsequent ballots, unless one or more other nominees withdraw following such ballot. Balloting shall continue in this manner until a majority vote is cast for one nominee.

#### **ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS**

#### Section A. Organizational Meeting.

The organizational meeting of the BCRC shall be held between the first and fifteenth day of February of the odd-numbered years or as prescribed by State Law or by the Colorado Republican Party. Its purpose shall be to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman and Secretary, and to select a vacancy committee authorized to fill vacancies in the BCRC and the offices held by members of the BCRC, and to conduct other business that may properly come before it.

#### Section B. Other Meetings.

Other meetings shall be held:

- 1. At a time and place designated by the BCRC; or
- 2. Upon the call of the Chairman or (in the event of his absence or inability to act) upon the call of the Vice-Chairman or (in the event of his absence or inability to act), the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman or (in the event of an emergency when all the Chairmen are absent ), upon the call of the Secretary; or
- 3. Upon the written request of one-quarter of the voting members. The meeting shall be called

by the Chairman within ten days after receipt of such request; if the Chairman fails to do so, any voting member may issue the call at the expense of the BCRC. The meeting shall be held within thirty days of the call.

#### Section C. Call.

The official call shall be in writing and sent by post or email to the last address of each member on file at the office of the BCRC. The mailing shall be made no fewer than fifteen days before the date of the meeting, except that if amendments to the bylaws are proposed, the call shall be mailed no fewer than thirty days before the meeting and shall include a copy of the proposed amendments. The call shall state the time and place of the meeting and the business to be conducted, provided that the business of the meeting shall not be limited to matters stated in the call unless the call is for a special meeting.

#### Section D. Quorum.

A quorum for any meeting shall be one-quarter of the voting members. A quorum must be present in order for any binding vote to be taken.

#### Section E. Minimum Number of Meetings.

Meetings of the BCRC shall be held no fewer than three times during any two year period.

# **ARTICLE VIII: VOTING AND PROXIES**

#### Section A. Methods of Voting.

Voting, with the exception of the election of officers (Article VI, §B.2) shall be by voice, standing, or hand vote (at the discretion of the Chairman) unless a roll call is requested by one-third or more of the present voting members.

#### Section B. No Multiple Votes.

A person holding multiple offices shall not be entitled to more than one vote.

#### Section C. Proxies.

There shall be no voting by proxy allowed.

# **ARTICLE IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### Section A. Membership.

The Executive Committee shall consist of voting and nonvoting members as follows:

- 1. Voting members:
  - a. Members by virtue of holding office shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the BCRC;
  - b. Elected U.S. and State officials who reside in Broomfield County:
  - c. Chairman of each congressional, senatorial, representative, or judicial district, wholly or partly within Broomfield County; provided, however, that if the Chairman is a resident of a county other than Broomfield. the Vice-Chairman shall be designated a member of the Executive Committee: provided, however, if the Vice-Chairman also resides in a county other than Broomfield, the Broomfield County

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resident designated by the district shall be a member of the Executive Committee;

- d. Bonus members to Broomfield County. Bonus members shall assume office immediately following adjournment of the Central Committee meeting at which they are elected.
- e. District captains as approved by the Executive Committee.
- f. Any presiding county officer of a Republican National Committeerecognized Republican auxiliary, residing in Broomfield County, with a chapter in Broomfield County and with a dues paying membership of at least twenty registered Broomfield County electors.

#### Section B. Duties.

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to:

- 1. Serve as an advisory committee to the Chairman, and to perform other functions prescribed in these bylaws or by the Chairman.
- 2. Ratify the budget by July 1 of each odd-numbered year.
- 3. Decide by majority vote if sufficient evidence exists to declare a vacancy in an office because of permanent absence or permanent disability.
- 4. Hear and determine county party controversies (other than delegate contests) subject to review by the BCRC.

#### Section C. Meetings.

- 1. Regular meetings shall be held no fewer than six times a calendar year and at least once each calendar quarter. A regular meeting location, day and time shall be set at the first meeting of the new term. The Chairman may, at his discretion, call a regular meeting at another location, day, or time.
- 2. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman or at the written request of one-third of the voting members of the Executive Committee.
- 3. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least five days' notice of any Executive Committee meeting shall be given to all voting members.
- 4. Meetings may be open but shall go into executive session at the discretion of the Chairman or by majority vote of the members present and voting. Nonvoting members shall be permitted to attend meetings in executive session.
- 5. The quorum for any meeting shall be two-thirds of the voting members.
- 6. Votes shall be cast in person, via phone, teleconference, or similar technology.

# **ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES**

#### Section A. Standing Committees.

The standing committees shall be:

Audit, Bylaws, Credentials, Finance and any others deemed necessary by the Chairman.

1. The Audit Committee shall be composed of three members, none of whom shall be a BCRC officer.

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- a. The Audit Committee shall perform an annual audit of the books of the BCRC and shall report the results of the audit to the next meeting of Executive Committee.
- b. The committee shall report all audits since the last organizational meeting to the BCRC at its organizational meeting.
- c. The Audit Committee shall also audit the books at any other time requested by the Executive Committee. Upon request of the Chairman or a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee, such audit(s) shall be conducted by an independent certified public accounting firm and reviewed by the Audit Committee.
- d. Unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee, the Audit Committee shall establish the scope and level of the audit, which may be in the nature of a formal audit, review, or compilation.
- 2. The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of no fewer than three members. It shall review all proposed amendments and make recommendations to the BCRC. It shall also notify the BCRC of mandatory changes required by changes in the election laws or in rules of the Colorado Republican Party or Republican National Committee.
- 3. The Credentials Committee shall initially review credentials of BCRC members at each BCRC meeting as required. At the request of the Chairman, the Executive Committee, or the BCRC it shall investigate any delegate contest and report thereon to the BCRC or Executive Committee, with its recommendations.
- 4. The Finance Committee shall oversee all fund-raising programs.

# Section B. Additional Committees.

Additional standing or special committees shall be appointed by the Chairman at the request of the Executive Committee or the BCRC.

#### Section C. Quorum.

The quorum for any standing or special committee shall consist of a majority of those members appointed to the committee.

# **ARTICLE XI: PRECINCT CAUCUSES**

#### Section A. Date and Location.

Precinct caucuses shall be held in even-numbered years in accordance with the date set by the Colorado Republican Party at a private place in each precinct or at a public place in or proximate to each precinct determined by the BCRC and posted as required by law.

#### Section B. Voting Members

Voting, Members shall have been:

- 1. A resident of the precinct for twenty-five days; and
- 2. Affiliated with the Colorado Republican Party for at least two months as shown on the registration books of the county clerk and recorder. However, any registered Republican who has attained the age of eighteen years within the two months immediately preceding such meeting or any registered Republican who has become a naturalized citizen within the two months immediately preceding the meeting may vote as required by law.

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# Section C. Procedure.

- 1. Elect a chairman and secretary.
- 2. Elect the number of delegates and alternates to the county assembly stated in the call published by the BCRC.
  - a. Plurality vote shall elect.
  - b. A tie for the last available place shall be determined by lot.
  - c. Cumulative voting (which allows an elector to give more than one vote to a sin<sup>g</sup>le candidate) shall not be permitted.
  - d. The elected delegates and alternates are expected to attend and are responsible for any costs assigned to such attendance.
  - e. Fees for assemblies are to be collected at the caucuses no later than 10 days before such assemblies or at the direction of the Finance Committee.
- 3. Elect the number of delegates and alternates to state and congressional assembly or convention, to any multi-county senatorial or representative assembly, and to every judicial assembly stated in the call published by the BCRC.
  - a. Plurality vote shall elect.
  - b. A tie for the last available place shall be determined by lot.
  - c. Cumulative voting (which allows an elector to give more than one vote to a single candidate) shall not be permitted.
- 4. Elect two precinct committee people.
  - a. The two people receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as the precinct committee people.
  - b. If two or more candidates for precinct committeeperson receive an equal and the second highest number of votes, or if three or more candidates receive an equal and the highest number of votes, the election shall be determined by lot by such candidates.
  - c. Each committee person shall hold such position for a term of two years after the date of his election, and each shall serve until his successor is duly elected or appointed and commences his term of office.
  - d. The names of the committee people elected shall be certified to the county assembly of the political party by the officers of the caucus.

# ARTICLE XII: ASSEMBLIES AND CONVENTIONS

#### Section A. County Assembly.

The county assembly shall be held not less than ten days nor more than thirty days after the precinct caucuses at the time and place determined by the BCRC.

- 1. The BCRC shall consider the number of delegates to be elected by the county assembly to state and district assemblies, in fixing the number of delegates to participate in the county assembly.
- 2. The call for the county assembly shall include (in addition to the time, place and purpose) a statement of the number of delegates to be elected to the state and multi-county district

assemblies and conventions. At the request of the chairman of any district lying wholly within Broomfield County, the call for the county assembly shall include the call for the assembly of such district.

- 3. The county assembly shall ratify the delegates and alternates elected in the precinct caucuses to every state or congressional assembly or convention, to any multi-county senatorial or representative assembly, and to every judicial assembly. A delegate who moves from his precinct shall be ineligible to serve as a delegate from that precinct.
- 4. The county assembly shall ratify the list of committee people. The presiding officer and secretary of the county assembly shall file a certified list of the names and addresses, by precinct, of those persons elected as precinct committee people with the county clerk and recorder within ten days after the date of the county assembly.

#### Section B. Resolutions.

Before any resolution may be considered by the county assembly, it shall be referred to a resolutions committee of such body. All resolutions to be proposed shall be filed with the BCRC Chairman no fewer than ten days before the assembly or convention convenes, unless the assembly or convention or resolutions committee modifies or extends the time for filing such resolutions or amendments thereto.

#### Section C. Voting.

No proxies shall be allowed or recognized in the county assembly. Any vacancy shall be filled by an alternate present from the same precinct, selected from the list of alternates by numerical order, beginning with the first alternate.

#### Section D. Quorum.

The quorum at the county assembly shall consist of those delegates present.

#### Section E. Resolution of Controversies.

From the convening of the county assembly until its final adjournment, the assembly shall have the power to determine controversies about both the regularity of the party organization within the county and the right to use the party name. It may also provide rules that shall govern the BCRC in determining such controversies.

#### Section F. Rules.

The rules of the last county assembly shall be the temporary rules of the next county assembly and its committees.

#### **ARTICLE XIII: BONUS MEMBERS**

#### Section A. Composition

Bonus members will be determined in accordance with Colorado Republican Party bylaws Article IV, Section A.1.g. Candidates for Bonus Member must meet eligibility requirements of Article XVI, Section E therein.

#### Section B. Election

Delegates may vote for any number of candidates up to and including the number of positions

to be filled. The candidates receiving the most votes up to the number of positions to be filled are elected.

# ARTICLE XIV: VACANCIES IN DESIGNATION, NOMINATION AND PUBLIC OFFICE

(ARTICLE XIV does not currently apply to Broomfield County since no county-public offices are presently partisan.) This Article is preserved in total for future use only. The BCRC may, however, institute a Candidate Recruitment Committee pursuant to Article X, Section A)

#### Section A. Compliance with Colorado Law.

- 1. All vacancy committees shall refer to and comply with Colorado law in filling any vacancy.
- 2. Should Colorado law require any act for the filling of a vacancy be done within a shorter time frame than provided by these or any county's or district's bylaws, such time frames may be accelerated to enable the vacancy to be filled within the time frame set forth by Colorado law.

# Section B. Vacancies in Designation and Nomination.

- 1. Designation of candidates for nomination on the primary election ballot shall he made by the appropriate designating assembly. Such assembly shall also select a vacancy committee, which may fill any vacancy occurring in the designations prior to sixty days or such other period as provided by state law before the primary election, and any vacancy occurring thereafter in the nomination, up to eighteen days before a general or special election.
- 2. If no other vacancy committee has been selected by the appropriate designating assembly, the county central committee shall select a vacancy committee comprised of the members of the BCRC.

# Section C. Vacancies in Public Office.

Vacancy committees shall be selected by the BCRC. If any central committee fails to select a vacancy committee as provided in Colorado Election Law, then a vacancy committee shall be selected or constituted according to the provisions of the appropriate subsections of Section B.2. of this Article.

#### Section D. Other Provisions.

- 1. District vacancy committees shall have a minimum of five voting members.
- 2. Promptly after selection, the names and addresses of members of all vacancy committees shall be filed with the BCRC Chairman, the Colorado Republican Party, and the secretary of state, by the chairman of the county.

# **ARTICLE XV: CONTROVERSIES**

#### Section A. County Delegate Contests.

1. The BCRC Chairman shall appoint a credentials committee from among the members of the county assembly. It shall hear all contests of delegate elections and make recommendations to the BCRC.

- 2. The BCRC shall meet before the county assembly to hear any and all contests of persons claiming seats in said assembly and the recommendations of the credentials committee relating thereto. It shall authorize the temporary roll of delegates to be prepared by the secretary.
- 3. The names of all delegates elected and uncontested shall be placed on the temporary roll. All delegates who have been contested and whose names have been placed upon the temporary roll by a majority of the BCRC present and voting shall have the right to vote on all questions until otherwise determined by the assembly, except upon contests involving their own credentials.
- 4. Every person intending to contest the seat of any delegate shall give written notice of such intention, specifying the grounds of the contest, to the Secretary of the BCRC and to the delegate whose seat he intends to contest. He shall give such notice at least seventy-two hours before the assembly convenes.
- 5. All persons claiming seats as delegates in any assembly by right of contest shall he held to have waived their right to seats in the assembly unless they appear and prosecute their contest before the BCRC as provided above.

#### Section B. Other Delegate Contests.

Contests of delegate elections, at assemblies other than the state assembly, shall be heard and determined initially by a credentials committee to be appointed by the county or district chairman from among the members of the assembly. Final determination of all such contests may be made by the assembly itself.

#### Section C. Other Controversies.

If any controversy arises at the county level which cannot be resolved, such controversy shall be determined by the BCRC or the Executive Committee, in accordance with rules and procedures provided by the BCRC or by the county assembly. If the controversy is determined by the Executive Committee, any party to the controversy may appeal the decision to the BCRC. The determination of the BCRC shall be final.

#### **ARTICLE XVI: SPECIAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

#### Section A. Special Duties of County Chairman

- 1. The BCRC chairman shall instruct the secretary to provide the Colorado Secretary of State and the CRC Chairman with a list of officers elected in the county immediately following the organizational meeting of the BCRC.
- 2. The BCRC chairman shall provide a list of all candidates in his county (with their post office addresses, zip codes, and telephone numbers) to the Chairman of the CRC following the designation of those candidates in BCRC assemblies.
- 3. The BCRC chairman shall provide a similar written list authenticating all delegates and alternates elected by his county to any state, congressional, judicial, senatorial, or representative assembly or to any state or congressional convention, specifying the numerical order in which alternates were elected. The BCRC chairman shall mail such list to the CRC Chairman and to the appropriate district chairmen immediately after the county assembly.
- 4. The BCRC chairman shall provide to the CRC Chairman a copy of the list of committee

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persons ratified at county assembly within ten days of the assembly.

#### Section B. Delegate and Bonus Member Requirements.

All delegates and bonus members to any county or district assembly, convention, or central committee shall, at the time of their election and throughout their term of office, be registered a: Republicans and shall reside within Broomfield. A delegate or bonus member who moves from the county shall thereafter become ineligible to serve as a delegate to such county or central committee as the case may be.

#### Section C. Residency.

A county officer must reside in Broomfield in order to be elected as a district officer or representative.

#### **ARTICLE XVII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern the BCRC whenever they are applicable and not inconsistent with these bylaws or the Colorado Election Laws.

# **ARTICLE XVIII: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

#### Section A. Amendment.

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote provided that the proposed amendment(s) was submitted to the Bylaws Committee and included in the official call mailed no fewer than thirty days before that meeting.

#### Section B. Effect of Inadequate Notice.

If previous notice was not given in the call, unanimous consent of all BCRC members present must be obtained before an amendment may be offered.

Release Date:

Voted on and approved by the Broomfield County Republican Central Committee, February 12, 2009