

To: Orange County Registered Republicans

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Subject: Information Relating to the Submission of Resolutions to the GOP Orange County Convention

The Orange County GOP will be holding its annual County Convention on Saturday, March 20, 2021. This is truly the most important “grass roots” event on the political calendar. Among other things it is the primary vehicle for individual registered Republicans to influence the policies and positions of their Party.

One of the most important “grass roots” features of the County Convention is the ability for members of the GOP to offer resolutions for consideration. Such resolutions, if approved by the County Convention, may work their way to the 4th District Convention, the North Carolina State Convention and on to the National GOP Convention. Resolutions at county conventions across the country are carefully tracked by GOP elected officials and those considering running for office as such resolutions are one of the most important indicators of the concerns of the GOP’s most active members. Politicians that ignore such information do so at their own peril, particularly, in the primaries.

So, if you care deeply about an issue, particularly, if you believe the GOP is not in line with your views, consider drafting a resolution. Now for the rules of the resolution process.

RESOLUTION PROCESS

1. **Originate a Resolution.** One or more people must draft the Resolution, and an eligible County Convention participant must Sponsor the resolution and be prepared to speak for it on the floor of the County Convention. Resolutions are often drafted and reviewed informally by more than one person prior to submission to the Resolutions Committee and the County Convention. The result is generally a well written Resolution, and it serves to build support for the idea being promoted. The Resolutions Committee will not draft your Resolution for you.

2. **Draft a Resolution.** In drafting a Resolution please review the Resolution Format in **Attachment 1** and the Sample Resolution in **Attachment 2**. This format is required for all Resolutions submitted to the Resolutions Committee.

3. **Sponsor a Resolution.** The Sponsor of the resolution submits it to the Resolutions Committee at least two weeks (see Schedule below for dates) before the County Convention. The Resolutions Committee will work with the Sponsor and will consider supporting the Resolution by referring it to the County Convention for discussion and, potentially, a vote. This part of the process is expected to be completed one week before the County Convention (see the Schedule below).

If a resolution is not forwarded by the Resolutions Committee to the County Convention the Sponsor may offer their Resolution from the floor of the Convention on their own. Such Resolutions must conform to the format shown in attachments 1 and 2, and the Sponsor must bring copies of the Resolution sufficient for review by all County Convention participants. Please remember when offering a resolution directly to the Convention the Rules of the Convention for consideration and, potentially, a vote will govern. So, please be informed in advance. It will save time. The Rules of the 2021 Convention are shown below as **Attachment 3**.

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 5, 2021 (Close of Business): Deadline for submitting draft Resolutions to the Resolutions Committee.

Friday, March 12, 2021 (Close of Business): Deadline for completing conversion of draft Resolution into final form.

10:00 AM Saturday, March 13, 2021: Resolutions Committee meets to discuss all Resolutions submitted and agree on Resolutions that will be forwarded to the County Convention.

8:00 AM Saturday, March 20, 2021: Orange County Republican Convention convenes.

INQUIRIES

For questions related to Resolutions please contact:

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For other Orange County Convention related information please go to:
www.orange.nc.gop/county_convention

(Resolution title)

Resolution proposed by _____

March 20, 2021

Whereas _____ and...

Whereas _____ and...

Whereas _____,

Therefore, we Republicans of Orange County do

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Waddy Davis
Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

Patricia Randall
Secretary, Orange County Republican Party

Resolution of Concern – Congressional Term Limits

Whereas, the founders of our Nation incorporated into their first governing document, the Articles of Confederation, mandatory rotation, their reference to term limits;

Whereas, Thomas Jefferson, upon his return from France, viewed the newly written Constitution and expressed his extreme dislike for the abandonment in every instance of elected office mandatory rotation provisions;

Whereas, many Founders and signers of the Constitution, like-minded or not with Thomas Jefferson on the matter of term limits, could not have imagined the degeneracy to which member of Congress have stooped in pursuit of their personal interest and continued tenure in office at the expense of our Nation and the interests of its citizens;

Whereas, members of Congress from both parties routinely accept significant contributions from interest groups for the sole purpose of influencing their votes often in a manner contrary to the interests of their constituents and the Nation;

Whereas, members of Congress from both parties have accepted significant contributions from private parties, such as the healthcare and finance industries, with financial interests in legislative outcomes of legislation such as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act;

Whereas, members of Congress routinely exempt themselves from legislative restrictions imposed on others, such as, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, insider information stock trading restrictions and penalties under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, and a long history of laws that the members deem inconvenient for themselves;

Whereas, the members, after many years of Congressional tenure, seek and receive lucrative employment with the very entities over which they have had oversight;

Whereas, the citizens of our Nation have come to realize with the passing of time the problems resulting from unlimited terms for the President and in 1951 chose to pass the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution limiting the President to two terms in office;

Whereas, the citizens are now aware that unlimited terms for members of Congress, regardless of the resulting benefits of experience, produce costs to our Nation far outweighing such benefits, and have spawned a permanent political class that is able to skirt the rules and laws that apply to the rest of us;

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States, in 1995, blocked states from imposing term limits on members of Congress (23 states had already imposed term limits on their members), albeit by a 5 to 4 vote, and we expect that setting of term limits on members of the Congress at least for now may require an amendment to Constitution;

Whereas, currently US Senators serve 6-year terms and have unlimited opportunity to serve terms of office and US House Representatives serve 2-year terms and can be re-elected with unlimited terms of office.

Be it resolved, the Executive Committee of the OCGOP urges all Republican members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation to propose and support legislation limiting House members to six two-year terms and Senate members to two six-year terms.

Adopted: May 10, 2018 by the Orange County GOP.

Waddy Davis
Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

Patricia Randall
Secretary, Orange County Republican Party

SAMPLE

Orange County Republican Party

Proposed Rules of the Convention

March 20, 2021

1. Prior to the adoption of the rules, copies of the rules shall be made available to delegates.
2. It is the purpose of these rules to provide for a fair and open Convention in a manner that facilitates the business of the Convention, respects the rights of the majority, and encourages full participation by all Republicans.
3. The agenda provided to all Delegates by the Orange Party Chairman will be the agenda for the Convention.
4. Only Delegates shall be allowed to vote and shall be seated in the section reserved for voting members. Delegates shall remain in their seats during business and while a speaker has the floor. In order to vote on any issue before the Convention, a Delegate must be seated in the reserved section at the time the meeting convenes.
5. A quorum for all business transactions and the election of Delegates to the District and State Conventions shall consist of the presence of a majority of the registered Delegates as certified by the Credentials Committee.
6. The maker and seconder of a motion shall state their name and precinct.
7. Unless stated elsewhere in these rules, no Delegate shall speak to the Convention longer than two minutes at any one time. No Delegate shall speak more than once to a question, except for the maker of a motion, who shall be allowed to speak a second time on his motion after all other Delegates wishing to speak have done so.
8. An Alternate shall be allowed to vote upon being certified as a Delegate by the Credentials Committee.
9. All votes for the 2021 Convention will be taken as voice votes.
10. There will be a Convention fee of \$10.00 per Delegate (in person and Zoom) for the 2021 Convention. No additions to the list of Delegates to the District or State Convention can be made after this Convention adjourns.
11. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this Convention when applicable and when not inconsistent with these rules and the County Plan of Organization.
12. The Convention Chairman shall provide interpretation of these rules, in consultation with the Rules Chairman if the Convention Chairman so desires.