

**BYLAWS of the  
EAST BAY ANIMAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)**

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**ARTICLE I**

The name of this organization shall be the the East Bay Animal Political Action Committee (PAC). Hereinafter referred to as the “East Bay Animal PAC.”

**ARTICLE II**

The principal office of the East Bay Animal PAC shall be located at:

East Bay Animal PAC  
% Michael Colbruno  
19 Moss Ave.  
Oakland, CA 94610

**ARTICLE III**

Section 1.

The East Bay Animal PAC is a voluntary, nonprofit, unincorporated organization operating to support animal-friendly candidates; to promote and propose animal-friendly legislation; and to educate candidates, board and commission members and other relevant public officials about issues related to animal welfare.

Section 2.

The specific objectives of the PAC shall be:

- 1) Use the PACs resources to elect animal-friendly candidates.
- 2) Encourage elected officials to put animal-friendly candidates on commissions and boards.
- 3) Propose and promote animal-friendly legislation.
- 4) Oppose anti-animal legislation.
- 5) Encourage plant-based consumption.
- 6) Educate appointed and elected officials about issues related to the treatment of animals.
- 7) Develop a pledge for candidates and commission appointees to sign asserting their commitment to animal-friendly policies and legislation.
- 8) To create, empower, and activate a community of like-minded citizen advocates.

- 9) To foster communication and conversation among like-minded grassroots activists, clubs, and organizations.
- 10) To inform the electorate, media, and public about the voting records of appointed and elected officials.
- 11) To promote the general welfare and treatment of animals by any other means deemed necessary by a majority vote of the PAC.
- 12) Maintain a presence at political and community events.

#### Section 3.

The specific objectives of the PAC listed in Article III, Section 2 shall be reviewed, amended (if necessary) and approved by the Board at the first meeting of every odd-numbered year.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **PURPOSE**

##### Section 1.

The purpose of the East Bay Animal PAC is to provide the opportunity for individuals interested in the health, safety, treatment, and general welfare of animals and to support candidates and appointees to boards and commissions for local office in the East Bay who believe, and have demonstrated their beliefs in, the principles to which the organization is dedicated. To further these purposes, the Committee is empowered to solicit, directly or indirectly, and accept, voluntary personal contributions, and to make expenditures in connection with the attempt to influence the selection, nomination, appointment or election of any individual to any local office in the East Bay.

##### Section 2.

The Committee, and its officers and subcommittees, shall possess and may exercise all powers and privileges set forth in these Articles or incidental thereto, together with all powers and privileges necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion, or attainment of the purposes of the Committee or these Articles.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

##### Section 1.

The Committee is authorized to solicit and accept contributions from any

person or entity from whom contributions may be lawfully solicited. There shall be no limit on the contribution amount from any individual or entity, unless expressly prohibited by a local, state or federal law.

Section 2.

Contributions may also be solicited in the form of membership dues, which shall be set annually by the Board of Directors. The Board shall have the right to set membership benefits.

Section 3

Board members should attempt to raise or give \$2500 to the PAC annually.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **CONTRIBUTION COMPLIANCE**

Section 1.

All contributions must comply with state and local election laws. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to ensure that all contributions are compliant with state and local election laws.

Section 2.

All contributions and membership dues to the PAC must be deposited in a bank account by the Treasurer, who shall report all contributions and disbursements at each and every PAC board meeting.

Section 3.

Contributions shall be made at the sole authority of the PAC Board of Directors. All contributions must be approved by a majority of the PAC Board of Directors. Voting may occur by email or other electronic means.

Section 4.

Contributions may be used for independent expenditure ("I.E.") campaigns for or against candidates, legislation or initiatives in compliance with all local, state and federal laws.

## **ARTICLE VII**

All contributions to the PAC shall be maintained as a separate segregated fund in one or more designated campaign depositories, and all expenditures by the Committee in support of any candidate or political committee shall be made from that fund and no other source.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **OFFICERS**

#### Section 1.

The officers of the East Bay Animal PAC shall consist of seven (7) members, with titles and duties as follows:

#### President:

The President shall have the right to call meetings, preside over meetings, call for Board elections, set up committees and perform any other duties approved by a majority of the Board.

#### Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall serve in the absence of the President.

#### Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall be responsible for establishing a bank account, accepting and depositing contributions and membership dues, reporting on contributions and membership dues to the Board and ensuring compliance with local laws.

#### Recording Secretary:

The Recording Secretary shall maintain complete and accurate records of all Board meetings and actions, including distributing minutes in written or electronic form no later than 72 hours prior to the next meeting.

#### Communications & IT:

The Communication & IT Director shall be responsible for setting up an email platform, entering member emails, setting up and maintaining the PAC website, distributing e-news and action alerts.

#### Community Outreach:

The Community Outreach Director shall be responsible for maintaining a visible presence for the organization, turning out advocates at public forums, generating public support, and representing the organization to the community.

#### At-large, Animal Advocate Director:

The At-large Director shall be someone with a proven record of advocacy on behalf of animals.

Section 2.

The PAC Board shall be elected at the initial meeting of the East Bay Animal PAC and members may serve without term limits. Should a vacancy occur, any Board member in good standing may recommend a candidate for approval by a majority vote of the Board at the next meeting.

Section 3.

The PAC Board shall define the geographic region of advocacy on behalf of animals at its initial meeting. The geographic region of advocacy may be amended by a majority vote at any Board meeting.

Section 4.

A Board member may be removed by an 80% vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.

A Board member may be an employee of an elected or appointed official but is ineligible to vote on any PAC disbursements on behalf of his/her employer. A Board member may also be an employee of a ballot initiative but is ineligible to vote on any PAC disbursements that would benefit the initiative.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **ADOPTION, AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS**

Section 1.

These Articles shall be adopted effective upon approval by a majority of the Board.

Section 2. These Articles may be amended from time to time by the PAC Board.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **DISSOLUTION**

The PAC may be dissolved at any time by the majority vote of the PAC Board. In the event of such dissolution, all funds contained in the Committee's campaign depository shall be distributed to an organization dedicated to the health, safety, humane treatment, and general welfare of animals.