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Rosa Lewis  
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Dear Rosa:

I want to apologize for registering before we met the qualifications set forth on the FEC.GOV website. As you may have surmised, the Independent American Party of New Mexico does not have donations exceeding \$1,000 or have a candidate for Federal office. Neither have we held a state convention. As such we don't meet the qualifications the Federal Election Commission has set to be a qualified state party.

We are affiliated with the national Independent American Party and meet with them on a weekly basis. We have bylaws that were sent to New Mexico Secretary of State and are included with this letter.

Our initial treasurer has moved on and I recently filed form 1 (electronically) showing me as the chairman and treasurer. The latest quarterly report (3x) has also been filed (electronically) which shows zero starting balance and ending balance with no donation or expenditures for the quarter.

We have plans to grow our party and have candidates for the 2016 elections and desire to maintain our name and/or registration if possible. Since we do not meet the financial or candidate requirements yet what options are available to us?

Sincerely,



Stephen Pankretz  
Chairman/Treasurer

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**Constitution of the  
Independent American Party for New Mexico**

*Established May 9, 2014*

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The official name of this state political party is "Independent American Party of New Mexico" (herein "IAP-NM" or "State Party"). The official name of each County Party shall be "Independent American Party of <county name> County, New Mexico" (herein "County Party"). The affiliate national party shall be the national Independent American Party (herein "National IAP").

**ARTICLE II. OBJECT**

The IAP-NM Mission is to promote respect for life liberty and property; strong traditional families; patriotism; and individual, state and national sovereignty — with a strong reliance on the Declaration of Independence and allegiance to the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of New Mexico — by petition to God and by political and educational means.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the IAP-NM shall consist of general members, active members, and members in good standing. General membership shall be open to all residents of the State of New Mexico. Active members shall be those who participate at State or County Party meetings. Members in good standing shall be active members who support the ideals and goals of the State Party.

**ARTICLE IV. CAUCUS ORGANIZATIONS**

Active members residing in a Congressional District, State Senate District, State House of Representatives District, or Precinct District, may form a Congressional, Senate, Legislative or Precinct District Caucus, respectively, for the purpose of electing caucus officers, nominating candidates where applicable, and performing other functions authorized by the State Party.

**ARTICLE V. COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS**

Each county with active members in the State of New Mexico shall have a County Party within the State Party. The county structural organization shall consist of county Executive Officers, a county Executive Committee, special committees as needed, and the County Convention. The County Party may optionally establish a county Constitution and Bylaws, providing that they are in harmony with and subservient to this State Party Constitution and the State Party Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VI. STATE ORGANIZATION**

The State structural organization shall consist of four State Executive Officers, the state Executive Committee (consisting of the Executive Officers and Congressional District representatives), the state Central Committee (consisting of the Executive Committee and County representatives), and the State Convention. The auxiliary organization shall consist of state Standing Committees to be specified in the State Party Bylaws, any number of state Special Committees as needed, and auxiliary organizations as provided for in the State Party Bylaws. The State extended organization shall include all County and District organizations within the State Party.

## **ARTICLE VII. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

The IAP-NM shall elect Representatives and Alternates to the National Committee of the National IAP in the numbers authorized by the National IAP; and shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention of the National IAP at the times and in the numbers authorized by the National IAP.

## **ARTICLE VIII. SUPREMACY**

This Constitution shall be the ruling document for the IAP-NM. It is severable in that if any portion hereof be declared void, all other portions shall remain binding and effective. The state Central Committee shall be the supreme governing body of the State Party. The State Party shall establish state Bylaws which shall provide rules of conduct and organization for the State Party in accordance with, and subordinate to, this Constitution. The state Executive Committee shall assume the role of the state Central Committee if that body is not organized.

## **ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments or revisions to this Constitution may be proposed by majority vote of the state Executive Committee or the State Convention. Proposed amendments or revisions to this Constitution may be ratified by two-thirds vote of the state Central Committee at a Regular meeting held any time after three months from the proposal date.

## **ARTICLE X. ADOPTION**

This Constitution shall be established upon majority vote of the organizing body of the State Party. Contrary to the provisions of Article IX, this Constitution may be amended or revised by majority vote of the state Central Committee at any time within one year of the establishment of this Constitution.

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# Bylaws

## Independent American Party for New Mexico

*Established May 9, 2014*

### SECTION 1. NAME

*Pursuant to Article I of the Constitution of the Independent American Party of New Mexico (herein "IAP-NM Constitution"):*

**A. State Name.** (1) The official name of this state political party is "Independent American Party of New Mexico" (herein "IAP-NM" or "State Party"). (2) It may also be known as New Mexico Independent American Party, Independent American Party, IAP-NM, IAP of New Mexico, New Mexico IAP, or IAP.

**B. County Names.** (1) The official name of each County Party of the IAP-NM shall be "Independent American Party of <county name> County, New Mexico" (herein "County Party"). (2) Each County Party may also be known as <county name> County New Mexico Independent American Party, IAP of <county name> County, or <county name> County IAP.

**C. National Name.** (1) The IAP-NM shall be affiliated with the national Independent American Party (herein "National IAP"), subject to approval of the National Committee of the National IAP.

### SECTION 2. OBJECT

*Pursuant to Article II of the IAP-NM Constitution:*

**A. IAP Candidates.** (1) To further the IAP-NM Mission, the State Party shall endeavor to find, nominate, assist and support candidates for federal, state and local offices, who are wise, moral and honest, and who will uphold and defend the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New Mexico. (2) These candidates shall also adhere to the Mission and Platform of the State Party. (3) The State Party shall also assist and support the presidential and vice presidential nominees of the National IAP.

**B. Non-IAP Candidates.** (1) The State Convention may choose to endorse and/or support non-party candidates for public office, who meet the ideals expected of State Party candidates, who are not in direct contest with any State Party or National IAP nominees for public office.

**C. Party Assistance.** (1) The State Party shall endeavor to assist County Parties and other State Party entities with organization, voter education, ballot qualification, recruiting, fund raising, public relations, and other services.

### SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP

*Pursuant to Article III of the IAP-NM Constitution:*

**A. General Members.** (1) A "general member" of the IAP-NM is any resident of the State of New Mexico who claims membership in the State Party, but who does not necessarily participate in State or County Party activities.

**B. Active Members.** (1) An "active member" of the State Party is one who is a registered voter in the State of New Mexico, and who attends, participates and votes at State or County Conventions or meetings of the State Party. (2) A member may be denied active participation in the State Party for reasonable cause by two-thirds vote of the state Central Committee.

**C. Good Standing.** (1) An active member in "good standing" is one who supports the State Party Mission and Platform, Constitution and Bylaws, and candidates for public office; and who is committed to building the State Party for the cause of freedom. (2) All State Party officers, delegates, and candidates for public office (except for president and vice president) are expected to be active members of the State Party in good standing.

### SECTION 4. CAUCUS ORGANIZATIONS

*Pursuant to Article IV of the IAP-NM Constitution:*

**A. Congressional Caucus.** (1) Each Congressional District with active members residing in the district, may have a Congressional District Caucus. (2) Such caucuses may meet at prescribed times during meetings of the State Convention, and at non-convention times as determined by the caucus members. (3) The caucus shall also elect members from the district as Congressional District Representatives to the state Executive Committee. (4) The caucus may nominate its candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives.

**B. Senate Caucus.** (1) Each state Senate District with active members residing in the district, may have a Senate District Caucus. (2) Such caucuses may meet at prescribed times during meetings of either the State or County Conventions for single-county senate districts, or during meetings of the State Convention for multi-county senate districts, and at non-convention times as determined by the caucus members. (3) The caucus may nominate its candidate for the State Senate seat.

**C. Legislative Caucus.** (1) Each state House of Representatives District with active members residing in the district, may have a Legislative District Caucus. (2) Such caucuses may meet at prescribed times during meetings of either the State or County Conventions for single-county house districts, or during meetings of the State Convention for multi-county house districts, and at non-convention times as determined by the caucus members. (3) The caucus may nominate its candidate for the State House of Representatives seat.

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the IAP-NM Constitution and elsewhere in these Bylaws. (4) The county Executive Committee may assume the role of the County Convention if that body has not been organized.

**D. Special Committees.** (1) County Special Committees may be created by the county Executive Committee for specific County Party purposes and limited periods of time; and may be dissolved at any time by the county Executive Committee. (2) Committee chairs and members shall be determined by the county Executive Committee. (3) Each special committee may create subcommittees that are limited to the scope, function and time confines of the parent committee.

## SECTION 6. STATE ORGANIZATION

*Pursuant to Article VI of the IAP-NM Constitution:*

**A. Executive Officers.** (1) The state Executive Officers shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. (2) The officers shall be elected for a two-year term by the State Convention held in odd-numbered years; and by the state Executive Committee whenever needed to fill an officer vacancy. (3) The officers shall be members of and preside over the state Executive Committee, state Central Committee, and the State Convention. (4) The order of succession in case of absence or vacancy of the Chair shall be the Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. (5) Officers may be removed at any time for reasonable cause by two-thirds vote of the state Central Committee. (6) The officers shall meet at least quarterly either in person or by suitable electronic means.

**B. Officer Duties.** (1) The state Chair shall (a) preside over the Executive Officers and all State Party meetings; (b) be the sole spokesman for the State Party; and (c) oversee and coordinate the activities of all State Party organizations within the state. (2) The state Vice Chair shall (a) assist the state Chair in his duties; (b) and perform other duties assigned by the state Chair. (3) The state Secretary shall (a) notify all appropriate members of scheduled state meetings; (b) keep minutes and records for all such meetings; (c) report meetings of minutes when appropriate; (d) maintain a database of all active members within the state; and (e) file any State Party non-financial reports required by law. (4) The state Treasurer shall (a) maintain all State Party financial records; (b) report on State Party finances when appropriate; (c) make deposits and expenditures as directed by the state Executive Committee; and (d) file any financial reports required by law. (5) The several officers shall also (a) perform duties specified elsewhere in these Bylaws and in the IAP-NM Constitution; and (b) perform other functions related to their respective positions.

**C. Executive Committee.** (1) The state Executive Committee shall consist of the state Executive Officers and three elected or appointed representatives from each organized Congressional District Caucus. (2) The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly in person or by suitable electronic means to (a) set State Party policy; (b) conduct the affairs of the State Party organization; (c) determine the maximum number of State Convention delegates allowed for each county (based roughly on population); (d) approve or reject any actions of the state Executive Officers; (e) select individuals to fill vacancies for state, county, caucus or committee positions that have not been filled by other appropriate means; (f) perform all other functions specified in the IAP-NM Constitution and these Bylaws; (g) and conduct other appropriate

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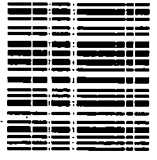




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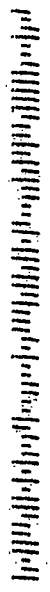
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