

# How the Republican Party is Organized from the National to the Local Level



## Republican National Committee (RNC)

The Republican National Committee is a U.S. political committee that leads the Republican Party of the United States. The Republican Party is sometimes called the Grand Old Party or GOP. It is responsible for developing and promoting the Republican political platform, as well as coordinating fundraising and election strategy. The RNC is headed by President Donald Trump and Chairman Ronna McDaniel.

Each of the 50 US States and 8 US Territories elects three representatives to the RNC. California is represented by GOP Committee Member Harmeet Dhillon, GOP Committee Member Shawn Steel, and the Chair of the California Republican Party, Jessica Patterson.



## California Republican Party (CA GOP)

The California GOP is the official organization of the ballot-qualified Republican Party in California and exercises general direction over the statewide election campaigns for Republican nominees for state elective offices.

The CAGOP is run by the Chairman and the Board of Directors. The majority of these positions are elected at one of the statewide conventions. The electors are delegates sent from the Republican Central Committees in each of the 58 California counties. A delegate is a person, such as an elected representative, sent or authorized to represent others at a convention. Delegates from each county are a combination of those appointed by the Chairman of the local party or designated by their position in the local party (i.e., Treasurer). Also, any Republican who is elected to a partisan office or, if not elected, received the largest percentage of the Republican vote also are assigned a certain number of delegates. The party is organized into Central Committees, one per county in the state.



## Santa Clara County Republican Party (SV GOP)

The Santa Clara County Republican Party is run by a **Central Committee**. There is one Central Committee per county in the state. In Santa Clara County, the Central Committee is composed of 25 regular members and 14-16 ex-officio members who vote to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer who form the leadership team. The Central Committee is responsible for registering voters and turning out the Republican vote; recruiting competent Republican candidates to run for both partisan and non-partisan public office; recruiting volunteers, and campaigning for the election of Republicans.

The Central Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Santa Clara County Administration Building, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA, in the Isaac N. Senter Auditorium. Phone (408) 246-6600. The meetings are open to all Republicans in the county.

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Republican  
County  
Central  
Committees**



**Regular Members** are elected to the Central Committee every four years during the Presidential Primary Election. Only registered Republicans can vote for Central Committee members. Per the California Election Code, members are elected by SUPERVISORIAL District in Santa Clara County. The number of members per Supervisorial District is determined by a calculation of the number of Republicans who voted in the previous gubernatorial election.

Supervisorial District 1	Supervisorial District 2	Supervisorial District 3	Supervisorial District 4	Supervisorial District 5
Includes Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, part of South San Jose, and some unincorporated areas.	Includes part of San Jose and some unincorporated areas.	Includes Milpitas, parts of San Jose, and Sunnyvale, and some unincorporated areas.	Includes Campbell, Santa Clara and part of San Jose, and some unincorporated areas.	Includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, part of Sunnyvale, and some unincorporated areas.

**Ex-Officio Members** are candidates who ran in State Senate, Assembly or US Congressional Districts that in whole or in part touch Santa Clara County, and received the majority of the Republican vote whether or not they were actually elected. They serve on the committee for whatever the length of office (2 years or 4 years) their term would have been if elected. In addition, any candidate who received the majority of the Republican vote for a state-wide partisan office including the Board of Equalization, who resides in Santa Clara County is considered an Ex-Officio member of the Committee until replaced in a succeeding election by a new Republican nominee or elected office holder.