

**Constitution of Partido Nacional de la Raza Unida  
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# CONSTITUTION OF EL PARTIDO NACIONAL DE LA RAZA UNIDA

## PREAMBLE

El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida seeks a world that is not dominated by wealthy individuals, and political and corporate oligarchies that engage in capitalist exploitation. And, those who further empower themselves with technological innovations to increase their domination, subjugation and exploitation of more and more people. El Partido seeks a world where no person, government or country can oppress and enslave another person, government or country, and where peace, security, equality, opportunity and harmony prevail. Our obstacles are colonization, inequality, classism, racism, sexism and the current political maze that covertly energizes these elements.

We will engage in a continental wide transition to concentrate and to consolidate our resources, to serve and to empower our target communities, to liberate our tierra and gente, and to construct our own institutions within those communities. El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida is guided and governed by these principles.

## ARTICLE 1

### NAME

This organization shall be known as **El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida** (El Partido or PNLRU). El Partido is also referred to and known as La Raza Unida Party (LRUP) in these Articles, the Basic Documents and generally.

This Constitution shall be the primary governance document for El Partido and shall also be the Constitution of every affiliated subordinate body of El Partido, which must adopt and abide by the Constitution of El Partido.

## ARTICLE 2

### PURPOSE

The purpose of El Partido Nacional de la Raza Unida is to strive for and engage in the liberation, self-determination and decolonization of the Xicano (Xicana/o/x) Mexicano (Mexicana/o/x) people and their homeland; and to strive for the betterment of the Xicano Mexicano people in the workplace, the barrios, prisons [pintas], and the communities, at all levels of education to arouse the creative expression of our Raza.

El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida is El Partido for Xicanos Mexicanos (Mexicana/o/x) inside of the US national territory and across the hemisphere. El Partido is part of an international struggle for indigenous liberation. El Partido shall also defend the rights of those Xicanos Mexicanos and Raza that reside outside of the Xicano Mexicano homeland but within the United States of America.

## ARTICLE 3

## **EL PARTIDO'S EMBLEM, SYMBOLS, FLAG, COLORS AND SALUTE**

**Section A.** The Emblem contains the symbols representative of El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida. The symbol is a circle with the words, Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida on the outside of the circle. The image on the inside of the circle is a jaguar headpiece (ocēlōtl/jaguar knight) with the jaws open and the silhouette of a warrior's face inside the mouth looking out. The words Partido Nacional are on the outside of the top half of the circle and the words de la Raza Unida are on the outside of the bottom half of the circle.

**Section B.** El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida also has a flag, which consists of a red background with an image of the historic territory and homeland of Aztlan, and a golden eagle super imposed on the territory. The eagle is sitting on top of a rectangle that has the word Aztlan written in it. To the right are nopales and to the left are maiz branches. The eagle is breaking a chain in its mouth.

**Section C.** The official colors of El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida are red, black and white.

**Section D.** The salute of El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida is the official method of recognizing comrades, comisionarios, and seeing our flag raised. It is also used at special ceremonies, events, speeches, or as a sign of respect to others. (Performed to the best of your physical ability.) If another member of El Partido gives a member the salute it should be returned. The Salute consists of two motions. The first motion signifies "para mi familia y creencias" and is performed as follows: Bending your left arm with a clenched fist so that your elbow points towards la tierra and left fist rests over your corazon. And the second motion indicates "hasta la victoria siempre." And is performed as follows: Abducting the left arm so that your fist points to el cielo while held parallel to your left eye with your arm bent at a 90 degree angle. In performing the Partido's salute you are indicating with love, respect, service, dignity, and courage, that you are a defender of our constitution, a warrior for our causa, and a servant of our Raza as well as all oppressed people.

## **ARTICLE 4 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida is obtained in the following manner, and as outlined in the By Laws:

**Section A.** Attendance and completion of the Study Class Orientation and ideological education process; and, continuous mandatory attendance and participation in the weekly Study Group sessions for at least 24 weeks within eight consecutive months.

**Section B.** Formal membership requires the applicant affirmatively agree to:

1. Accept the principles and goals of El Partido;
2. Participate and serve on one committee for El Partido at least once every two years;
3. Comply with the Constitution, the Bylaws and the Basic Documents;

4. Agree to abide by the Basic Documents; and
5. Terminate membership in any other organization, political group or party whose principles are in contradiction to the principles and ideology of El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida set forth in the Constitution, Bylaws and Basic Documents.

6. Each member will pay a year's due of \$100. Dues may be paid full at the beginning of each year or in installments by the end of May of each year.

## **ARTICLE 5 ORGANIZATION**

The governance structure of El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida and its members shall consist of a Congreso Nacional, state designated localities and local designated localities. The obligations and responsibilities of each level are set forth as follows:

### **Section A. Structure**

**1. National.** The Congreso Nacional consists of El Partido's Central Committee, two State Designated Locality Delegates from each state and all certified members in good standing of El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida.

a) The highest authority shall be El Partido's Central Committee of the Congreso Nacional;

b) El Partido's Central Committee shall consist of;

(1) The Consejo Nacional of four members (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer);

(2) One Comisionario from each Department;

(3) Four regional Comisionarios (one from each time zone),;

(4) Four Elders; and

(5) No more than 2 special Appointees by the Consejo Nacional for special assignments and terms.

**2. Region.** State designated localities will form a region based on time zones. The Regional designated locality will elect one delegate to represent them on the Central Committee

**3. State.** A State designated locality of El Partido requires a minimum of five active PNLRU members in good standing. A State designated locality shall consist of local designated localities as described in the by laws and no local designated locality shall exceed 150 members.

**4. Local.** Local designated locality of a State designated locality of El Partido must first be established with at least 5 active PNLRU members in good standing that reside in the

same county or a contiguous county. Once that local designated locality reaches 150 members, it divides into two designated localities and then repeats. The boundaries of the designated locality must be submitted to the Central Committee for approval and the locality must abide by the bylaws.

#### **Section B. Officers**

1. El Partido's Central Committee Consejo Nacional shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. All Central Committee candidates and officers must satisfy the eligibility criteria set forth in the Bylaws and have been an active member for two years in a national or state level chapter.
2. The State designated localities of El Partido shall have a Consejo Estatal consisting of a Chair and joint Secretary/Treasurer. A State Chapter may determine the necessity for a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer or have joint positions. All candidates and officers must satisfy the eligibility criteria set forth in the Bylaws and have been an active member for two years in a national or state level designated locality.
3. The Local designated localities shall have a Consejo Local consisting of a Chair and joint Secretary/Treasurer. A designated locality may determine the necessity for a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer or have joint positions. All candidates and officers must satisfy the eligibility criteria set forth in the Bylaws and have been an active member for one year in a national or state level designated locality.

#### **Section C. Elections And Appointments -**

1. El Partido's Central Committee's miembros del Consejo Nacional shall be elected at the national Congreso every two (2) years as set forth in the Bylaws. All members of El Partido that are certified as entitled to vote and have been members in good standing for at least 30 days prior to the Congreso are eligible to vote for each of the Central Committee's miembros del Consejo Nacional.
2. El Partido's chairperson of the Consejo Nacional shall select and appoint department heads for each necessary department, subject to the vote and approval of the appointment by the Consejo Nacional.
3. The State Chapters Comisionarios (Consejo Estatal – chair, vice chair, secretary & treasurer) shall be elected every 2 years, as stated in the Bylaws .
4. The designated locality's Consejo Local comisionarios shall be elected every 2 years, as stated in the Bylaws.

#### **Section D. Terms Of Office**

1. The Central Committee's members on the Consejo Nacional of El Partido shall be elected for a term of 2 years beginning in 2021.
2. The State Chapter's Consejo Estatales Comisionarios shall be elected for a term of 2 years beginning in 2022.
3. The Designated Locality's Consejo Local Comisionarios shall be elected for a term of 2 years beginning in 2022.

#### **Section E. Powers**

1. **National.** El Partido's chair of the Consejo Nacional on the Central Committee shall have the authority to appoint department heads and any committees necessary to carry out its mission and goals with the approval of the Consejo Nacional.

2. The Congreso Nacional shall have the authority to set policy on all issues including finances and education, and as set forth in the Bylaws.
3. The State Chapters Consejo Estatal shall have the authority delegated to them as described in the Bylaws.
4. *The designated localities' Consejo Local shall have the authority delegated to them as described in the Bylaws.*

#### **Section F. Governing Rules**

1. This Constitution, the Bylaws and the Basic Documents shall be the governing documents of El Partido Nacional de La Raza.
2. This Constitution, the Bylaws and the Basic Documents shall govern State and local designated locality Chapters.
3. The authority to terminate, rescind or suspend a state designated locality, a local designated locality and an individual membership lies with the Central Committee. An action to terminate, rescind or suspend membership requires a two-thirds vote.
4. The Central Committee of El Partido holds the sole and exclusive authority for representing El Partido Nacional de La Raza and entering into any binding contracts, partnerships, coalitions, or agreements with external organizations, corporations, individuals, or other entities.

### **ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS**

**Section A.** The Congreso shall be held yearly and open to all certified members in good standing and as described in the bylaws.

**Section B.** The Central Committee shall hold no less than one meeting per month with the ability to set up additional special or emergency meetings at the discretion of the Consejo Nacional..

**Section C.** A State designated locality shall hold no less than one meeting per month with the ability to set up additional special or emergency meetings at the discretion of the Consejo Estatal.

**Section D.** A Local designated locality shall hold no less than one meeting per month with the ability to set up additional special or emergency meetings at the discretion of the Consejo Local.

### **ARTICLE 7 QUORUM**

**Section A.** At any official Partido meeting or Congreso fifty-one percent (51%) of the certified voting members shall constitute a Quorum.

**Section B.** Attendance to National, State and Local meetings can be in person or by virtual electronic visual media (actual facial presence by computer) to exercise a voice vote. No proxy votes.

### **ARTICLE 8**

## **ADOPTION AND RATIFICATION**

**Section A.** Adoption and Ratification of the Constitution and Bylaws shall be by the certified membership by a two-thirds majority at the annual Congreso.

**Section B.** Amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to the Central Committee 60 days prior to the Congreso. The Central Committee is responsible for submitting the proposed Amendments to the Constitution to all certified members of El Partido 30 days prior to the Congreso. as described in the bylaws.

**Section C.** Adoption and ratification of a Constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds majority vote of all certified members of El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida. Voting will take place as described in the bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 9 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section A.** Proxies. The use of proxies or proxy voting is prohibited at all Congresos, Conferences, Central Committee meetings, national monthly meetings, as well as State and local designated locality meetings.

**Section B.** Parliamentary Procedure. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary reference governing all Congresos, asambleas and meetings of El Partido by national, state or local designated localities.

Adopted on September 16, 2022 in Denver, CO.

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by the members of the 2nd PNLRU Congreso.