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## CALIFORNIA FIRST! BYLAWS

### Article I Name of Organization

California First!

### Article II Purpose

The purpose of California First! is to educate the public on, and promote the transition to proportionally representative democracy in the California Legislature. Activities related to the promotion of proportional democracy include fundraising, expansion of the organization to other California universities, fact and statistic collection, a visual media campaign, researching California law regarding the process of amending the California constitution, and campaigning for a California ballot initiative in the future.

California First! will comply with the Policies and Regulations Applying to College Activities, Organizations and Students.

### Article III Membership

Section 1. Any full-time student at Hastings may become a member of California First! without payment of a membership fee.

Section 2. There shall be no dues or fees for membership in the organization.

Section 3. California First! follows the University of California Hastings College of the Law Policy on Nondiscrimination\*

**\* Policy on Nondiscrimination** - The College is committed to a policy against legally impermissible, arbitrary or unreasonable discriminatory practices. All groups, including administration, faculty, student governments, College-owned student residence facilities and programs sponsored by the College, are governed by this policy of nondiscrimination. The College's policy on nondiscrimination is to comply fully with applicable law. The University of California, Hastings College of the Law shall not discriminate unlawfully on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, sex or sexual orientation. This nondiscrimination policy covers admissions, access and treatment in Hastings-sponsored programs and activities.

### Article IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and program chair. If any of these positions are unfilled, the president shall retain the duties of such positions and have the power to delegate them to any of the other officers for purposes of keeping the organization functional.

Section 2. Any student is allowed to hold any of the offices regardless of their year at Hastings.

Section 3. The method of nomination shall be from the floor by an active member. Officers of the organization shall be elected for the term of one year by group vote at a meeting for election of members. Elections shall be held during the spring semester at the annual business meeting in April and all officers shall take office the following meeting after their election and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

Section 4. If the office of the president should become vacant for any reason, the vice president shall fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term. If any office other than the president shall become vacant, that vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the president for the remainder of the term, or if no person is

available, the duties of that officer shall be assumed by the President and can be delegated to other officers.

Section 5. No member shall hold more than one office at a time and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 6. The officers shall perform duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.

Section 7. An officer may be ejected from their position for any misconduct or abuse of office by the California First! non-profit executive board (at the time of this writing, not yet established).

#### Article V Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of the organization shall be held weekly at a time and place to be ordered by the officers of the organization.

Section 2. Special meetings can be called by the president or by the request of three active members of the organization. At least two-days notice shall be given to all members.

Section 3. Sixty (60) percent of the entire active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting.

Section 4. The president of the organization shall preside at all meetings of the organization.

#### Article VI Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

#### Article VII Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.



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STUDENT ORGANIZATION REGISTER ACCOUNT REQUEST FORM	
Complete and submit this form to the OFS. Your application will be reviewed within 3-business days of receipt and your account number e-mailed to you.	
1. Registered Student Organization Name (Please Print) <b>CALIFORNIA FIRST!</b>	2. Student Organization Account Number (7 digits)
3. Action Requested (Check the Appropriate Box)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set Up New Account <input type="checkbox"/> Change Authorized Signers <input type="checkbox"/> Reactivate Account Number: _____ <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">(Seven digit number)</span>	
4. Signature Authority	
<p>Indicate the names of two individuals authorized to sign for the student organization's account and effectuate transactions on behalf of the organization. The authorized signers must be a currently enrolled student and a designated student officer/executive/editor on the Student Organization's registration form, one of whom must be the Treasurer/Financial Officer.</p> <p>We certify that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is my responsibility to manage the funds of the Student Organization. This includes ensuring that expenditures are made within the by-laws of the Organization and that there are sufficient funds to cover such expenditures. We understand that no disbursements will be made while the account has a zero or negative cash available balance.</li> <li>I have read the Procedures and Terms of Agreement on the reverse side, the Student Organizations Handbook and the Policies and Regulations Applying to College Activities, Organizations and Students and agree to the provisions stated.</li> <li>I understand that after a year of no activity, the account will be inactivated and this account request form will need to be submitted to reactivate the account. For non-journal student organizations, after two years of no activity, any cash available balance will be transferred to ASUCH to be used for general support of student organizations. Funds remaining in journal student organization accounts will be transferred to the journal's respective State account.</li> </ul>	
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5. Registered Student Organization Authorization – Attach a copy of the signed Student Organization Registration Form (this form is available from Student Services) or have the Director of Student Services initial here.	
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