

# **TVEA/PAC BYLAWS - Approved 5/11/24**

The Temecula Valley Educators Association Political Action Committee is established.

## **I. PURPOSES**

- A. To inform members of legislation, voting records, and positions of legislators and candidates that may affect the members' classroom, working conditions, rights, and benefits.
- A. To provide recommendations to the TVEA Executive Board and/or Leadership Council for positions on endorsing, opposing, no position, or recall of local and county school board trustees, elected public education representatives, and propositions or ballot measures that impact public education.
- B. To serve as a voluntary funding structure through which the Temecula Valley Educators Association may give direct and indirect financial contributions to support or oppose
  1. State, county and local candidates for office; and
  2. State, county and local issues including ballot measures

## **II. DIRECTION**

The Executive Board provides direction to the PAC. PAC Committee provides recommendations to the Executive Board for approval.

## **III. COMPOSITION**

- A. The President shall appoint a Chair and Treasurer as Officers for the Political Action Committee (PAC) and any other officers deemed necessary by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. An additional person shall be named the Assistant Treasurer for reporting purposes.
- B. Officers shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year.
- C. The Chair, working in conjunction with the President, shall help recruit a minimum of 4 additional team members for the Committee.

## **IV. DUTIES**

- A. The Committee shall be responsible for staying informed of school board proceedings and understand the implications that may impact TVEA members.
- B. The Committee *shall be* charged with the task of developing a plan to address upcoming School Board Elections. Duties include:
  1. Developing a timeline for the endorsement process
    - a) Endorsement process should include: candidate search, candidate questionnaire, interview procedures, panel and questions.
  2. Providing endorsement recommendations to the Executive Board.
  3. Possible Campaign Activities may include: communication internally and externally and supporting canvassing plan.
  4. Develop a recommended Budget Plan to support endorsed candidates.
  5. The campaign plan, timeline and budget shall be approved by the Executive Board.

## **V. RECOMMENDATION**

Candidates and officeholders recommended by the CTA State Council will be deemed recommended unless action is taken by the TVEA Leadership Council to withhold recommendation.

- A. The Temecula Valley Educators Association Executive Board or Leadership Council may recommend a candidate or issue after a process in which:
  1. The endorsement procedures are completed and the Political Action Committee determines the candidate or issue met the qualifications for TVEA Endorsement.

2. An analysis of a ballot issue or measure is given to the Political Action Committee to research, and a good faith effort is made to determine the facts and relevance to education. The committee concludes that a recommendation to support the ballot measure is in the best interest of association members and promotion of the recommendation will help to pass the ballot measure at the polls.
- B. The Temecula Valley Educators Association shall notify members of any recommendations approved by the Executive Board or Leadership Council.

**VI. FUNDING**

- A. TVEA Leadership Council shall approve the monthly and/or one time voluntary contribution of dues (with approval from the Temecula Valley Educators Association Executive Board) that will be placed in the account of the Temecula Valley Educators Association Political Action Committee. This money will remain segregated from the general membership account.
- B. Money may be expended for any lawful purpose that is deemed to be consistent with the statement of purposes of the Political Action Committee as judged by the Temecula Valley Political Action Committee with the approval of the Temecula Valley Educators Association Executive Board.
- C. Money may be expended and in-kind assistance provided either on support or opposed to a candidate or issue when:
  1. The CTA State Council has recommended a support or oppose position; or
  2. CTA has endorsed a candidate.
  3. The Temecula Valley Educators Association Executive Board or The Leadership Council has taken a support or oppose position.

**VII. MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING**

- A. Members of the Political Action Committee are appointed by the Executive Board.
- B. Meetings will be held at minimum quarterly during the school year.
- C. Additional meetings will be called by the Chair when there is business to conduct. All members of the Committee will be notified of the day, time, and location of the meetings. A quorum consisting of a majority of Committee members is necessary to conduct business.