



Jewish Community Relations Council

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ARTICLE I – ENTITY & OFFICES

SECTION 1.1 – NAME

1.1.1

The name of this organization shall be the Jewish Community Relations Council (“JCRC”), an organization of JewishColumbus.

SECTION 1.2 – LOCATION

1.2.1

The principal office of the organization shall be located with JewishColumbus.

SECTION 1.3 – ASSOCIATION WITH JEWISHCOLUMBUS

1.3.1

As a functional committee of JewishColumbus, JCRC is entrusted with speaking and acting on behalf of JewishColumbus and the Jewish community it represents on Jewish community relations concerns.

1.3.2

As the "public voice" of JewishColumbus, the JCRC shall work closely with JewishColumbus and consult with it on issues that have potential impact on JewishColumbus.

1.3.3

As an organization of JewishColumbus, JCRC will abide by and respect the Code of Regulations of JewishColumbus.

1.3.4

JewishColumbus will retain all fiduciary responsibility for JCRC’s budget and will retain control over staffing the JCRC.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION 2.1 – PURPOSE

2.1.1

The JCRC serves as the umbrella body on public-affairs issues for the Central Ohio Jewish community.

2.1.2

The mission of the JCRC is to educate and advocate on issues of vital importance to the organized Jewish community based on consensus, civility, and an expanded commitment to living Jewish values of social justice.

2.1.3

The JCRC is committed to safeguarding the conditions under which Jews, individually and communally, can flourish, here and abroad. Those conditions include strong democratic institutions with a commitment to a pluralistic society and equal opportunity for all. The mission encompasses education and advocacy on community relations issues; education and advocacy on government affairs affecting the Jewish community and its charitable, social welfare, educational, health and religious agencies; activities to fulfill the Jewish values of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), and programs aimed at increasing Jewish knowledge and involvement consistent with the JCRC's purpose.

2.1.4

In furtherance of its mission, the JCRC's goals include the following:

- a) To combat anti-Semitism and to protect and strengthen the rights and interests of the Jewish community and its individual members in the geographic areas served by the JCRC;
- b) To promote the social welfare through programs and activities designed to lessen intergroup tensions, combat prejudice and discrimination, promote and defend human and civil rights secured by law, advance quality education, and alleviate conditions that give rise to extremism;
- c) To foster amicable relationships among diverse ethnic, racial, religious, and other groups in our community;
- d) To maintain strong support for the State of Israel and its right to exist in peace and security, and to promote strong American/Israel relations;
- e) To promote Jewish values and Jewish experiences as part of the education and action program of the JCRC;
- f) To support freedom and human rights for world Jewry and other oppressed peoples, and to perpetuate the memory of the unique atrocity of the Holocaust to ensure that it never happens again;
- g) To assure freedom of religion and the separation of church and state;
- h) To help Jewish student and faculty organizations address community relations issues;
- i) To identify, study, and adopt policies on current and emerging issues that are related to the mission of the JCRC.

ARTICLE III - JCRC BOARD

SECTION 3.1 – BOARD STRUCTURE

3.1.1

The JCRC Board shall consist of a minimum of eleven members not to exceed twenty-five total members and must include:

- a) The JewishColumbus Board Chair; and
- b) The JewishColumbus Board chosen JCRC Chair

If possible, the following should be considered for the board:

- a) The Board of Rabbis President or their delegate; and
- b) JCRC standing committee chairs

3.1.2

It is recommended, but not mandatory, that only one member of the Board other than the JewishColumbus Board Chair and Chair of the JCRC may simultaneously serve on the JewishColumbus's Board.

SECTION 3.2 –TERMS

3.2.1

Board members shall serve one-year terms coinciding with JewishColumbus's fiscal year.

3.2.2

The JewishColumbus appointed Chair of JCRC are subject to the rules as set forth in the Code of Regulations of the JewishColumbus, Article 4, and as if fully rewritten herein, to govern their terms on the JCRC Board. This includes, but is not limited to, situations of selections, vacancies, and removals.

3.2.3

The members will be selected to serve by the Chair of JCRC in conjunction with the JewishColumbus President, CEO or COO, and JewishColumbus's Director of JCRC. In the event of a vacancy, a replacement may be appointed (if falling below the minimum required) to serve out the remainder of the term.

3.2.4

The Board should reflect the diversity of the Central Ohio Jewish community. In selecting the Board's members, the selectors specified in Subsection 3.2.3, above, shall seek balance in the Board membership, regarding the gender, age, residence, religious affiliation, and ideological viewpoint of potential members.

3.2.5

A Board member, other than the Chair of JCRC, may only be removed from his or her position by a vote of the Board as a whole, under the provisions of Article III, Section 3.3 of this Code of Regulations.

3.2.6

No Board member shall serve in that capacity for more than six consecutive years.

SECTION 3.3 – QUORUM, VOTING, and MEETINGS

3.3.1

A quorum for in-person meetings of the Board shall consist of majority of the voting members of the Board. A member of the Board will be counted as present for an in-person meeting if he or she is connected live via conference call or other electronic means.

3.3.2

Any consent to action by the Board must have a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting.

3.3.3

The members of the Board may, during a scheduled in-person meeting, vote remotely by phone. The members of the Board should be allowed to discuss and vote by email or other electronic means if an in-person meeting is not practical or an issue is time sensitive. When a vote is

requested by email or other electronic means, any consent to action by the Board must have two-thirds of all members in agreement.

3.3.4

The Board shall meet no less than three times per fiscal year.

SECTION 3.4 – RESPONSIBILITIES

3.4.1

The JCRC Board is the primary body that decides on policy changes within the JCRC, and issues position statements for the JCRC and JewishColumbus. When called upon by the Director of JCRC or others, the Board may oversee what events the JCRC will sponsor, and may provide the Director of JCRC with its advice and consent regarding an individual event. The Board may consult with JewishColumbus leadership and/or key lay leaders. All decisions should be made with the following in mind:

- a) Will it advance the charitable mission of JewishColumbus;
- b) Does it pertain to threats to the Jewish community; and
- c) Will it relate to social policies that reflect Jewish values?

3.4.2

The Board Chair shall:

- a) Preside at all meetings of the JCRC;
- b) Oversee the work of all committees of the JCRC by:
 - a. Guiding the mission and objectives;
 - b. Appointing all necessary chairs; and
 - c. Serving as an ex-officio member;
- c) With the Director of JCRC:
 - a. Develop lay leadership pipeline;
 - b. Develop and implement the JCRC agenda;
 - c. Be the spokesperson for JCRC; and
 - d. Oversee matters of community security;
- d) Provide input on long-term objectives, programming, and crisis response;
- e) Be an advocate for JCRC's resource development efforts;
- f) Delegate such duties to the other Board members, as the Chair may deem necessary;
- g) Promote mission and work of the JCRC to the broader JewishColumbus lay leadership;
- h) Represent the Jewish community at events and in interactions with the general Columbus community;
- i) Regularly attend and actively participate in JCRC meetings/events; and
- j) Serve as the lay representative of the JCRC to the Jewish Council of Public Affairs (JCPA).

3.4.3

JCRC Board members shall be responsible for:

- a) Promoting the JCRC's work to the community;
- b) Representing the diversity of opinions in our Jewish community;
- c) Regularly attending pre-arranged meetings;
- d) Participating in ad hoc phone calls, and/or exchanges through email or other electronic means, when fast decisions are required;
- e) Making a quality gift to JewishColumbus's community campaign;
- f) Other activities that strengthen the ties between the general community, our Jewish community and the State of Israel; and
- g) Developing further guiding principles and procedures to determine when to:

- 1) Issue position statements;
- 2) Sponsor and/or support events; and
- 3) Make policy changes.

ARTICLE IV - JCRC MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEES

SECTION 4.1 –INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

4.1.1

There will be no at-large individual members of the JCRC.

SECTION 4.2 - JCRC COMMITTEES

4.2.1

The current standing committees of the JCRC include:

- a) The Board;
- b) Israel Advocacy;
- c) External Relations;
- d) Jewish Community Security; and
- e) Holocaust Education.

4.2.2

The Board may from time to time establish, redefine, or abolish standing committees, as circumstances warrant, to carry out the mission of the JCRC.

4.2.3

The Chair of the JCRC may with the approval of the Board, also appoint such special or ad hoc subcommittees or task forces as may be deemed necessary.

4.2.4

The members of all standing committees, special or ad hoc subcommittees and task forces, shall be appointed by the Chair of the JCRC, or by Committee Chairs. General committee members are recommended, but not mandatory, to not be simultaneously members of the JCRC Board.

4.2.5

It is recommend, but not mandatory, that Chairs of standing committees be simultaneously members of the JCRC Board.


4.2.6

All policy recommendations by any subcommittee shall be reported to the JCRC for approval and shall be subject to revision, modification, and amendment by the JCRC.

4.2.7

The Chairs of Israel Advocacy Committee, External Relations Committee, Jewish Community Security Committee, and Holocaust Education Committee shall be responsible for:

- a) Implementing committee agendas and programs with JCRC Chair, Director of JCRC, and committee members;
- b) Providing input on long-term objectives of committee;
- c) Guiding mission and objectives of committee; and
- d) Leading meetings of the committees;
- e) Actively recruiting committee members;



The Chair of External Relations shall additionally be responsible for representing JCRC's interests to Ohio Jewish Communities. Additionally they shall:

- a) Evaluate issues of domestic public policy that affect the mission of JewishColumbus and the JCRC;
- b) Make recommendations to the JCRC Board regarding policy issues; and
- c) Serve as the liaison of the JCRC and the Jewish community to our elected and appointed government officials.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

The JCRC Board shall have the power to make, alter, amend, and repeal the Code of Regulations of the Jewish Community Relations Council, consistent with the voting requirements spelled out in Section 5.3.

ARTICLE VI – INDEMNIFICATION, INSURANCE, and VENUE

All JCRC Members, JCRC Board Members, other JCRC volunteers, agents, employees or volunteers of JewishColumbus, and any Officer, Director, agent, employee or volunteer of any other corporation serving as such at the request of the JewishColumbus Board shall be indemnified by JewishColumbus under the provisions set forth in the Code of Regulations of the Jewish Partnership of Columbus, Article 7, and as if fully rewritten herein.

ARTICLE VII – POLITICAL ACTIVITY

JCRC shall not support any political party, nor endorse any candidate for elective office pursuant to IRS regulations governing 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations.

ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In any area not covered by this Code of Regulations, Roberts Rules of Order (latest revised edition) shall govern the JCRC and its proceedings.