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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the organization will be alliance4action, herein referred to as "a4a."

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1: alliance4action empowers and mobilizes our community to elect candidates and support solutions that promote democracy and reflect our progressive values.

Section 2. a4a provides the opportunities for individuals holding progressive values to contribute to the support of worthy candidates for Federal, State or Local political office who believe in, and have demonstrated their beliefs in the principles to which the organization is dedicated.

Section 3. In addition, a4a provides opportunities for individuals interested in progressive politics to support legislation, referenda, judicial actions which demonstrate their beliefs in the principles to which the organization is dedicated, and also to oppose legislation, referenda, judicial actions which do not demonstrate their beliefs in the principles to which the organization is dedicated.

ARTICLE III

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)

All a4a financial transactions will be performed by the a4a PAC in accordance with applicable Arizona statutes (ARS Title 16, Chapter 6, Article 1). The officers of the a4a PAC are the a4a Chairperson and a4a Treasurer

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members

Membership in a4a is open to individuals who are willing to take actions to further the purpose of a4a. Evidence of membership is subscription to the a4a mailing list and payment

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of any current dues.

Section 2. Dues

Dues shall be due on January 1st of each year. The amount of dues will be set by the majority of the Leadership Team and be approved by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at a regularly scheduled or special a4a meeting. Methods for notification and collection will be determined by the Leadership Team.

ARTICLE V

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Section 1. Members

The Leadership Team of a4a shall consist of Chairperson, an Executive Vice Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Vice Chair for Communications, a Vice Chair for Membership and one representative from each of the Action Groups listed in Addendum A to these bylaws,.

Section 2. Duties

- a.** The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of a4a and the Leadership Team and shall appoint all standing and ad hoc Committees subject to the approval of the Leadership Team. The Chairperson shall be an ex officio member of all committees.
- b.** The Executive Vice Chairperson shall, in the absence of the Chairperson, assume all the duties of the Chairperson. The Chairperson may assign other duties as required.
- c.** The Vice Chair for Communications shall in the absence of the Chairperson and Executive Vice Chair, assume all the duties of the Chairperson.
- d.** The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of all Leadership Team meetings in accord with Robert's Rules of Order and have such other duties as necessary, including official correspondence. The Chairperson may assign other duties as required.
- e.** The Treasurer shall keep all financial records and submit regular reports to the Leadership Team, and file reports as required by state law. The Treasurer shall reimburse expenditures of three hundred dollars or less and any expenditures exceeding three hundred dollars shall require approval by the Leadership Team. A financial review committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson to review the financial records biannually or upon the resignation of the Treasurer.

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f. Action Group representatives shall attend Leadership Team meetings and report on the activities of their respective action groups.

g. Additional duties of Leadership Team members are listed in Addendum B and will be modified as necessary without any other change to these bylaws.

Section 3. Vacancies

a. The persons occupying the Leadership Team positions identified in Article V Section 1 on January 1, 2018, have been grandfathered in pending elections for all the positions. All those positions are open for election at the November 2019 membership meeting. Elected officers will take office on January 1, 2020.

b. Any vacancy occurring in the Leadership Team shall be filled with an a4a member elected by a majority of the Leadership Team. The Chairperson shall appoint three members of the a4a to serve as a Nominating Committee. This Committee shall present a slate of one or more nominees for the vacant position. The member so elected shall serve until the next election scheduled for that position. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson, the Executive Vice Chair shall act as Chairperson until the election is held.

c. Action Group representatives to the Leadership Team shall be appointed by their respective Action Groups.

Section 4. Nominations

No less than 60 days prior to a November a4a general membership meeting, the Chairperson shall appoint three members of the a4a to serve as a Nominating Committee for open Leadership Team positions. No less than 30 days prior to that meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees at a regular or special a4a meeting, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Section 5. Elections

a. An Executive Vice Chairperson shall be elected each year. The elected Executive Vice Chairperson will serve one year as Executive Vice Chairperson and a second year as Chairperson.

b. The Treasurer and Vice Chair for Communications shall be elected in even numbered years for two-year terms. The Secretary and Vice Chair for Membership shall be elected in odd numbered years for two-year terms.

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- c. Elections shall be conducted at the November a4a meeting.
- d. When there is only one candidate for any of the Leadership Team positions specified in this section, the election shall be by raised hands of the voting members of the a4a present. When there is more than one candidate for any of the Leadership Team positions specified in this section, the election shall be by secret ballot of the voting members of the a4a present.
- e. Elections require a simple majority of members present at the November a4a meeting.
- f. Newly elected officers will take office on the following January 1st.

ARTICLE VI

ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1. The a4a may endorse local, state, or national policies or issues, including those that may appear on ballots as referenda or initiatives.

- a. Endorsements shall be consistent with the purposes of the a4a (Article II, Section 3).
- b. Proposals shall be submitted to the Chairperson in writing for review by the Leadership Team for consistency with the purposes of a4a. Each proposal shall include a brief justification for the proposed endorsement.
- c. At least 75% of the Leadership Team must vote for approval in order for any proposed endorsement to be nominated for consideration by the a4a membership.
- d. Any endorsement so nominated shall be voted on by the a4a membership at a regular or special meeting. Votes for approval by at least two thirds (2/3) of those members in attendance are required for passage of the endorsement.

Section 2. The a4a may endorse one or more candidates for public office in primary, general, special, partisan, or nonpartisan elections.

- a. Positions and policies espoused by endorsed candidates shall be consistent with the purposes of the a4a (Article II, Section 2).
- b. Candidates for endorsement shall be proposed by the Election of Progressive Candidates Action Group. Proposals shall be submitted to the Chairperson in writing for review by the Leadership Team for consistency with the purposes of the a4a. Each proposal shall include a

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brief biographical sketch of the candidate including their positions and policies.

c. At least 75% of the Leadership Team must vote for approval in order for any candidate proposed for endorsement to be nominated for consideration by the a4a membership.

d. Any endorsement so nominated shall be voted on by the a4a membership at a regular or special meeting. Votes for approval by least two thirds (2/3) of those members in attendance are required for passage of the endorsement.

Section 3. Nothing in this Article precludes individual members of a4a from making their own endorsements. However, announcements of endorsements by the a4a organization must not be made without following the processes outlined in this Article.

Section 4. Announcements of endorsements by a4a shall be made by the a4a Chairperson or his or her designee. Announcements shall phrase the endorsement in such a way as to emphasize the consistency of the endorsement with the progressive values and principles of a4a.

ARTICLE VII

ACTION GROUPS

Section 1. Action Groups function as standing or ad hoc committees of the a4a. New Action Groups may be proposed by groups of a4a members. Proposals will be reviewed and approved or declined by the Leadership Team.

Section 2. Proposed Action Groups should be consistent with the purpose of a4a and should address enduring issues for which concrete actions are appropriate and possible.

Section 3. Ad hoc Action Groups may be appointed by the Chairperson with the concurrence of the Leadership Team to address short-term, rapidly developing issues.

Section 4. Action Groups may be dissolved upon request by the Action Team to the Leadership Team or be dissolved by the Leadership Team for cause.

Section 5. A list of Action Groups will be attached as an addendum to these by-laws. That list will be modified as necessary, without any other change to these bylaws, to reflect the current Action Groups.

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ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS

Section 1. There must be at least six (6) regular a4a meetings in each calendar year. Leadership Team meetings shall be held monthly with cancellations authorized by the Chairperson.

Section 2. The Chairperson, with the concurrence of the Leadership Team, shall set the time and place of all regular a4a and Leadership Team meetings.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or by a majority of the Leadership Team.

Section 4. Notice of the a4a meetings shall be announced through media releases, e-mail, the a4a web site and/or social media at least one week prior to the meeting.

Section 5. Meetings will be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 6. At a4a membership meetings, a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of passing any motions that require voting. At Leadership Team meetings, at least 50% of the Team members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. Absent Leadership Team members may participate in discussions and cast votes via telephone or other audio connection.

ARTICLE IX

BYLAWS

Section 1. Effective date

These bylaws shall be in effect immediately upon their adoption.

Section 2. Amendments.

Following a 30-day notice period, the bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special a4a meeting. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Chairperson in writing for review by the Leadership Team for consistency with the purposes of a4a. Each proposal shall include a brief justification for the proposed

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amendment. At least 75% of the Leadership Team must vote for approval in order for any proposed amendment to be nominated for consideration by the a4a membership

Section 3. Review.

A Bylaws Committee appointed by the Chairperson shall review these bylaws at least biannually and shall recommend amendments as required.

ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE4ACTION ON *October 20, 2019*.

Attested to by:

Chairperson _____
Mary (Polly) Daly

Secretary _____
Maureen Brooks

Previous Revisions: Feb 16, 2018. Dec 1, 2017.

ADDENDUM A: Action Groups as of May 15, 2019

Immigration
Climate
Healthcare
Education
Electing Progressive Candidates
Economic Justice

ADDENDUM B: Duties of Leadership Team members as of May 15, 2019

Duties of the Vice Chair for Membership shall include:

- Maintenance of the membership list and list of email subscribers.
- Recruitment of new members.
- Implementing strategies for member retention, including, but not limited to, sending out membership renewal reminders.

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Duties of Vice Chair for Communications:

- Create and manage postings to the a4a website and Facebook page.
- Create and distribute Flash and Act Now! postings.
- Send notices of a4a events and activities to media as needed.
- Engage in other publicity activities as needed.