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RECOMMENDED CODE OF ORGANIZATION
AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 2 ARTICLE I OF
THE PROPOSED CHARTER, COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

ARTICLE I

Section 1. Membership and Term of Office:

The Community Advisory Council shall be composed of seven members elected from the community at large for a term of six months, or until their successors have been elected and take office as duly provided herein. Members of the Community Advisory Council shall be duly registered, qualified electors of the community who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years.

Section 2. Meeting and Records:

The Community Advisory Council shall convene at least once a month in regular meetings. The Community Advisory Council with the Project Director shall determine the time and day of such regular meetings and further shall provide for the holding of special meetings under such conditions as is deemed necessary or proper. The Community Advisory Council shall cause accurate records of all meetings and action taken to be kept, and such records shall be open for inspection by the residents of the center.

Section 3. Officers:

The Community Advisory Council shall elect from among its members a presiding officer who shall have the title of "Chairman of the Community Advisory Council" who shall preside at all meetings of the Community Advisory Council, and who shall be recognized as the head of the Community Advisory Council and Government for all ceremonial purposes. The Chairman of the Community Advisory Council shall have all the powers and duties of any other members of the Community Advisory Council, but shall not have any special administrative or executive functions or powers other than those specifically enumerated in this code.

The Community Advisory Council shall also elect from among its members a Vice Chairman of the Community Advisory Council who shall act for the Chairman in his absence.

The Project Director, upon the recommendation of the Community Advisory Council, shall appoint an officer of the community who shall have the title of "Community Clerk" who shall be a qualified elector and who shall have the following powers and duties: to give notice of all Community Advisory Council meetings, to keep a journal of the proceedings of the Community Advisory Council, to cause the publication of all ordinances, rules and regulations, to authenticate by his signature and to record in full in a book kept for the purpose, all codes, resolutions, and recommendations and to perform such other duties required by this Code or by the Community Advisory Council.

Section 4. Vacancies:

Vacancies shall be declared immediately in the event of a councilman who leaves the Project with the intent to relocate permanently, and further, a vacancy shall be declared in the event of the absence of any councilman for four consecutive regular meetings. The Community Advisory Council shall fill such vacancies within two weeks period after such a vacancy has been declared.

Section 5. Recall:

The recall of a councilman may be initiated by petitions of ten percent of the eligible voters, and shall become final upon the majority vote of the electors.

ARTICLE II
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL COORDINATING COMMISSION

Section 1. Establishment of a Community Advisory Council Coordinating Commission:

The Community Advisory Council Coordinating Commission shall be composed of one person from each block who shall be known as the "Block Commissioner" and who shall be elected by plurality vote cast by the eligible voters in his block. Members of the Community Advisory Council Coordinating Commission shall be duly registered qualified electors of the Community, *WHO SHALL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS.*

Section 2. Functions of the Community Advisory Council Coordinating Commission:

The function of the members of the Coordinating Commission shall be to concern themselves with the general welfare and desires of the residents within their respective blocks. The members of the Coordinating Commission shall disseminate information regarding action and ordinances of the Community Advisory Council. The Coordinating Commission shall be subsidiary to and subject to the control of the Community Advisory Council which shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations for the conduct and the operation of the Coordinating Commission.

Section 3. Meetings:

The Coordinating Commission shall convene at least once each month in an open meeting, at a time and place designated by the Community Advisory Council.

Section 4. Officers:

The Chairman of the Community Advisory Council shall be the Chairman of the Coordinating Commission and shall preside at all meetings of the Coordinating Commission. The Community Clerk shall act as the Secretary of the Coordinating Commission and shall keep an accurate record of all meetings.

Section 5. Vacancies:

Upon certification of a vacancy in the membership of the Coordinating Commission by the Chairman of the Advisory Commission, the Community Advisory Council shall fill such vacancy within one week of such notification by a special election to elect a coordinator in that block where vacancy in representation to the Commission occurs.

ARTICLE III
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Eligibility of Electors:

All resident colonists of the Minidoka War Relocation Center twenty-one years of age or over, who are duly registered electors, shall be eligible to vote in all elections held pursuant to this Code.

Section 2. Qualifications of Officers:

All officers of the Community Advisory Council shall be at least twenty-one years of age, but all residents shall be eligible for membership on appointive committees, commissions, boards and other appointive offices or positions provided for by the Code or which may be established by the Project Director.

Section 3. Secrecy in Voting:

All elections held pursuant to the Code shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4. Registration of Electors:

All qualified electors of the community shall be registered. Registration shall be open throughout the year and closed during specified periods during elections. All registrations must be in person and shall bear the signature of the person applying. Any person applying for registration must be registered by the clerk as a matter of right, provided that he or she is twenty-one years or over, but the validity of such registration may be questioned by a formal writing filed with the Community Clerk, which question shall be determined by the Community Advisory Council.

Section 5. Nominating Conventions:

Every block shall be represented by two delegates at a Nominating Convention. The block delegates shall be elected in their respective blocks from among the qualified electors. Express instructions as to nominees may be given at the discretion of block residents.

The Nominating Convention shall convene at the call of the Community Advisory Council and shall nominate at least ten, and not more than twenty-one candidates for the Community Advisory Council. Nominations shall be verbal and a second required. Each delegate shall be limited to one nomination. The Community Clerk shall secure the acceptance of candidacy by such persons as are nominated. In the event that a group of persons feel that a desirable person has not been nominated, nominations by petition of at least 2% of qualified electors of the Community may be made. The eligibility of any nominee may be challenged and the question shall be determined by the Community Advisory Council.

Section 6. Elections:

Regular elections are to be held twice a year, on the first Monday in February, and on the first Monday in August. All persons are required to vote at the place where registered, and absentee or proxy voting is prohibited. All candidates receiving a majority of votes cast by the qualified electors of the Community shall be declared elected by the Community Clerk; in the event that the full membership of the Community Advisory Council not be elected in the first regular election, the Community Clerk shall certify this fact to the Community Advisory Council which shall forthwith call a special meeting at the

earliest possible date, and shall set the day for a run-off election. The Community Clerks shall certify in the run-off election, twice as many unelected candidates as the number of positions remaining unfilled. The unelected candidates in such number having the greatest number of votes in the original election shall be certified. There shall be only one run-off election and the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for the unfilled position.

ARTICLE V
INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

Section 1. The Power of Initiative and Referendum:

The Power of making resolutions to the Community Advisory Council by the exercise of initiative and referendum shall be granted to the electors. The petitions for both initiative and referendum require the signatures of five percent of the qualified electors in the Community.

Section 2. Forms of petition:

Every person circulating a petition must certify that he himself circulated the petition and that he believes the signatures to be genuine. There shall be attached to every petition the names of at least five persons who are responsible as a committee of petitioners. Every petition must be filed with the Community Clerk who shall certify as to the sufficiency of such petitions, but if he should declare that the petition is insufficient, the petitioners shall be given a successive period of ten days for filing of the additional copies bearing duly certified signatures until the requisite five percent is obtained, or the proposal shall be abandoned by the committee.

Section 3. Date of petition:

A petition shall be dated with the date of the day on which the first signature is written on it, and unless it obtains the required number of signatures within sixty days after its date, it shall expire.

ARTICLE VI
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Code of Organization may be amended by resolution of the Community Advisory Council.

Office of the Director

(This was sent to all centers except Tule Lake)

April 11, 1944

Attention: Community Council

We realize that the relocation of families presents special problems and requires assistance not involved in the relocation of individuals. In response to an increasing number of requests for information on what WRA can do to assist the relocation of families, I am glad to outline the following types of assistance which are now available:

1. Our initial interviewing and family counseling program now provides an opportunity at the projects for each family to sit down and discuss the nature of their future plans. This service is to help the evacuees decide exactly what they want to do.
2. Families in need of relocation assistance may obtain railroad fare plus cash for meals en route plus \$25 per person for subsistence as heretofore. The definition of cash resources has recently been clarified to provide a more uniform basis of determining eligibility for a leave assistance grant.
3. Recent modifications of the leave assistance program provided:
 - a. Removal of the limitation on the amount of personal property WRA will transport for those relocating.
 - b. Transportation by WRA of tools, equipment and fixtures of an evacuee's trade, business or profession not exceeding 5,000 lbs. where such equipment is unobtainable in the area of relocation because of wartime shortages.
 - c. Pullman space for sick and infirm.
 - d. WRA financing of coach fare for an evacuee representative of a group to make final investigation of a relocation opportunity for the group, with the approval of the Relocation Officer concerned.
4. An alternative type of leave, Indefinite Leave (trial period) has been provided, to give evacuees with families the opportunity to live and work in an Eastern Area for a period of four to six months, with permission to return to the center if unable to make a successful adjustment.

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If the individual wishes to convert to full indefinite leave at the end of his trial period, he may apply for a leave assistance grant without returning to a center. This provided additional assurance for those who are now reluctant to sever center ties for relocation in the East.

5. Additional financial and advisory services are now available to resettlers in the new community through a Community Adjustment program now being developed in each of the Relocation Areas.
 - a. The Emergency Instruction of March 14, 1944, on the Social Security Board Program, gives specific information on the WRA agreement with the Social Security Board, through which relocated evacuees may receive emergency assistance, both financial and medical, from local agencies in all parts of the country. Examples are included showing the types of assistance already given.
 - b. Because of efforts of Relocation Officers, local committees and other cooperating agencies are increasing considerably their participation in the work of relocation. Families taking up residence in a new community have this additional assurance that they will achieve acceptance by the local residents.
 - c. More hostels are being started, and those already serving the evacuee resettlers are giving special attention to families.
 - d. Special efforts are being made by the Relocation Officers to finding opportunities for groups of up to six families who wish to come out together and maintain normal social contact with each other while at the same time, becoming participating members of the community.
 - e. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation can lend money to evacuee citizens who wish to reestablish themselves in small business when they are unable to borrow sufficient resources through regular business channels. Loans may be made to finance most types of small businesses.

Persons desiring further information may obtain it from the Relocation Program Officer.

I am sure that an increasing number of families will take advantage of such material and advisory help as I have indicated above.

Sincerely

Director

