BYLAWS
FOR
SACRAMENTO MEDITATION CENTER, INC.
A DELAWARE NON-PROFIT, NON-STOCK CORPORATION

(Effective January 7, 2020; amended October 26, 2025)

I. Bylaws

These Bylaws for the Sacramento Meditation Center, Inc., (hereinafter the "Bylaws") shall be the official governing document of the Sacramento Meditation Center (hereinafter the "Sacramento Center"), approved and adopted by the general membership of the Sacramento Center as of January 7, 2020.

The Bylaws hereby replace and supersede all former governing documents, charters, or Bylaws of the Sacramento Meditation Center.

II. Name of Sacramento Center

The name of the corporation is the Sacramento Meditation Center, Inc. The DBA (fictitious name) for the Sacramento Center in the State of California is the Sacramento Center, the Sacramento Center of SRF, or SRF Sacramento Center.

III. Purpose of Sacramento Center

The Sacramento Center is organized and operated exclusively for religious exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (hereinafter the "Code").

The exempt purposes of the Sacramento Center (hereinafter the "Objectives" or "Object") are expressed in the aims and ideals formulated by Paramahansa Yogananda and attached hereto as Addendum I (hereinafter the "Aims and Ideals"). The Sacramento Center will carry out its objectives in the following ways:

A. The Sacramento Center will carry out its Objectives as expressed in the Aims and Ideals by conducting Services as defined in Section 5.1 on a Regular basis as provided in Article V.

B. The Sacramento Center will carry out its Objectives as expressed in the Aims and Ideals by bringing together truth-seeking souls within the region where the Sacramento Center is located to search for and find God through application of the divine law of united concentration in meditation as taught by Paramahansa Yogananda.

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C. The Sacramento Center will carry out its Objectives as expressed in the Aims and Ideals to help hasten the spiritual progress of each individual Member of the Sacramento Center (hereinafter the Sacramento Center Member or Members" as applicable) by offering Sacramento Center Members the opportunity to participate in group spiritual activities and fellowship that will help to inspire each Sacramento Center member to make a greater effort through the uplifting power of united concentration in meditation.

D. The Sacramento Center will carry out its Objectives as expressed in the Aims and Ideals to support Self-Realization Fellowship Church (hereinafter "SRF" or "Mother Center"), the organization founded by Paramahansa Yogananda and whose international headquarters are located at 3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90065, to spread the teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda worldwide, within the region where the Sacramento Center is located, by supporting speaking tours by ministers from SRF and engaging in various other public outreach activities approved by SRF in furtherance of its Objectives.

E In addition to the Aims and Ideals it is also an Objective of the Sacramento Center to support the spiritual and religious works of SRF by providing Financial support to further the Code Section 501(c)(3) exempt purposes of SRF.

Except as permitted by law, the Sacramento Center shall not engage in activities constituting propaganda or attempt at influencing legislation, nor shall the Sacramento Center participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Although the Sacramento Center gives financial support to SRF's worldwide mission, receives guidance from SRF on the operation of its religious services and activities, and supports the Objectives of SRF as expressed in the Aims and Ideals through its own religious services and activities within the region of the United States in which the Sacramento Center is located, the Sacramento Center is a separate legal entity and has no legal affiliation with SRF.

IV. Prohibition Against Private Inurement of Private Benefit

All assets and property of the Sacramento Center are irrevocably dedicated to religious exempt purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of the Sacramento Center shall inure to the benefit of any officer of the Sacramento Center (hereinafter as "Sacramento Center Officer" or "Officer"), Member of the Managing Council of the Sacramento Center (hereinafter the "Managing Council Member"), or Sacramento Center Member or to the benefit of any private person.

Upon winding up and dissolution of the Sacramento Center after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Sacramento Center, the remaining assets shall be distributed to SRF, a nonprofit tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, unless otherwise required by the state in which the Sacramento Center's principal office is located.

V. Services and Activities of the Center

5.1 Services of the Sacramento Center. The services of the Sacramento Center shall consist of those listed in the SRF *Manual of Services*, which includes devotional services, inspirational services, meditation services, reading services, commemorative services, and memorial services (hereinafter as "Services").

5.2 Activities of the Sacramento Center. The activities of the Sacramento Center shall consist of those approved by the Mother Center and may include, but are not limited to, classes and services for children and teens, retreats, and gatherings for social and fellowship purposes. The Sacramento Center may engage in activities not listed above with advance approval from SRF.

5.3 Non-Religious Meetings. With exception of the meetings of the Managing Council (hereinafter the Managing Council), non-religious meetings of the Sacramento Center are open to all Sacramento Center Members to conduct the affairs of the Sacramento Center. Visitors and guests may attend meetings and gatherings for social and fellowship purposes. All visitors and guests shall abide by the Sacramento Center's rules and regulations.

VI. Sacramento Center Membership

6.1 Attendance at Services by Public at Large. Services conducted by the Sacramento Center are open to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age (40 years and over), sexual orientation, veteran and/or military status, protected medical leaves, domestic violence victim status, political affiliation, and any other status protected by state or federal law.

6.2 Regular Sacramento Center Membership. There are two categories of Sacramento Center Membership.

A. Regular Sacramento Center Member. To be a regular Sacramento Center
Member, an individual must:

1. Be a current student of the SRF Lessons or have completed the SRF Lessons;

2 Accept and uphold the teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda and the Spiritual principles stated in his teachings;

3 Regularly attend Services and membership meetings of the Sacramento Center. Any person who attends on average two services a month is deemed to have met the "regular attendance" requirement. The Managing Council may in its discretion make exceptions to the regular attendance requirements in appropriate cases.

4 Accept and uphold the principles of these Bylaws.

5. Accept and uphold the decision of the Managing Council. If there is a disagreement with a decision of the Managing Council, a request for a meeting with the Managing Council to discuss concerns can be made. After hearing the concerns, the Managing Council will meet to discuss the concerns and decide the issue.

6, Not be an active member of a church other than SRF; and

7. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

A determination regarding Sacramento Center Membership by Managing Council may be appealed to the Mother Ce~~e~~nter.

B. Kriyaban Sacramento Center Member. A Kriyaban Sacramento Center Member is a regular Sacramento Center Member who has also received from SRF the spiritual baptism of Kriya Yoga Initiation.

6.3 Recognition of New Members. Any individual who meets all the conditions set forth in Section 6.2 will be recognized as a Sacramento Center Member.

6.4 Voting Rights of Members. Voting Members are those regular Sacramento Center Members who complete the "Voter Registration Form". The form can be completed at any time and will be maintained by the Center Secretary. The Managing Council may in its discretion make exceptions to the regular attendance requirement in appropriate cases.

6.5 Sacramento Center Matters Subject to Sacramento Center Members' Vote. Subject to the specific requirements stated under Article VI, Section 6.2, Members of the Sacramento Center who are qualified to vote shall have the right to vote on the matters set forth below:

A. The approval and adoption of the Bylaws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sacramento Center Membership present and voting;

B. Any amendment to these Bylaws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sacramento Center Membership present and voting;

C. The dissolution of the Sacramento Center by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sacramento Center Membership present and voting;

D. To borrow money, but only for exempt purposes of purchasing or building meeting facilities for the Sacramento Center, or to make improvements on the Sacramento Center's meeting facilities by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sacramento Center Membership present and voting;

E. Any decision pertaining to a lease, purchase, or construction of the facilities used by the Sacramento Center for Services by a majority vote of the Sacramento Center Membership present and voting.

With respect to items A – E, above, matters approved by the Sacramento Center Membership shall be submitted to SRF for final approval.

F. Any decision pertaining to the investment of the assets of the Sacramento Center; any investment decision falling outside of the established SRF guidelines shall be subject to final approval from Mother Center;

~~**G.** Except as provided in Section 7.2C for emergencies, any expenditures of the Sacramento Center over One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) other than normal costs of operations of the Sacramento Center, including but not limited to insurance premiums and book room expenses, shall be subject to approval by Mother Center;~~

G. Except as provided in Section 7.2C for emergencies, any single purchase or expenditure exceeding Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) shall require approval by a vote of the Sacramento Center Membership.

This requirement shall not apply to expenditures related to routine maintenance, safety or risk-mitigation needs, and/or items or projects required or directed by Mother Center. For such excluded items, the Managing Council, informed by pertinent Sacramento Center Members as appropriate, shall make the final decision without a member vote. All expenditures exceeding $1000 will be shared with the membership at a General Meeting. (As amended October 26, 2025)

H. Any other matter than may properly be presented to Sacramento Center Members for a vote by action of the Managing Council, by request of the Mother Center or by operation of law.

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Subject to the approval of Mother Center, a ballot signed by a Sacramento Center Member who is eligible to vote as provided in Section 6.4 above and sent to the Managing Council by mail, fax, or brought in by another member on a timely basis is counted as a valid vote, but only with regard to matters requiring two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sacramento Center membership. ~~Voting by email is not permissible in any circumstance.~~ Voting by email is permissible under emergency or special circumstances that preclude calling a General Meeting. Otherwise, voting will be conducted at a General Meeting. (as amended October 26, 2025)

6.6 Termination of Sacramento Center Membership. Sacramento Center Membership may be terminated for any one or more of the following reasons:

A. Withdrawal of Member by written notice;

B. Death of Member;

C. Failure to meet any one or more of the requirements of Sacramento Center Membership as described in Section 6.2A; or

D. By action of the Managing Council with the concurrence of Mother Center.

VII. Sacramento Center Officers, Managing Council, and Appointed Volunteers

7.1 Management of Sacramento Center. The Sacramento Center Officers shall manage and administer the affairs, activities, assets and property of the Sacramento C~~c~~enter in accordance with the direction and control of the Managing Council. Not more than one Member of the same family may serve as Sacramento Center Officers or Members of the Managing Council at the same time. This includes husband and wife or significant partner, siblings and/or parent and child.

7.2 Officers. The Sacramento Center Officers shall include a Coordinator, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be appointed by the Managing Council subject to the consent of Mother Center. All officers must meet all the requirements of a Sacramento Center Kriyaban Member set out in Section 6.2 of these Bylaws. Officers shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. The Coordinator and the Secretary may not serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms. The Treasurer may serve two (2) consecutive terms. Subject to the approval of the Managing Council and consent of Mother Center, the Treasurer may continue to serve additional consecutive terms so long as such approval and consent are not withdrawn.

A. Sacramento Center Coordinator. The Sacramento Center Coordinator serves as the presiding Officer of the Sacramento Center and shall in general, subject to the direction and control of the Managing Council, oversee the affairs and activities of the Sacramento Center to ensure that they function harmoniously and are in accordance with guidelines provided by the Mother Center. When present, the Sacramento Center Coordinator shall chair all non-religious meetings of the Sacramento Center and meetings of the Managing Council. The coordinator will also be responsible for signing the Sacramento Center's reports to Mother Center and communications with Mother Center and third parties.

When the position of Coordinator becomes vacant, the Managing Council members will select another member of the Managing Council as the next Coordinator. If no current Managing Council member wishes to serve as Coordinator, a nominating committee will select qualified candidates from the Sacramento Center ~~Memberhiip~~ membership and submit them for approval by the Managing Council and the Mother Center. The Nominating Committee will first contact former Managing Council Members before other Sacramento Center Members for consideration.

Upon the approval of the Sacramento Center Managing Council Members, the Sacramento Center Coordinator's duties may be shared among two or more Sacramento Center Members, who will serve as Co-Coordinators and may include other Sacramento Center Officers or Managing Council Members.

B. **Sacramento Center Secretary or Designee.** The Sacramento Center Secretary will keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of the Sacramento Center or at such other place as the Managing Council may direct a record of all meetings and actions of the Managing Council. The Secretary will keep or cause to be kept the "Voter Registration Forms" and will keep a list of voters and will update the list as necessary. The Sacramento Center Secretary will also be responsible for ensuring the maintenance of formal correspondence with the Mother Center, completion of all General Report Forms required by Mother Center and filing all correspondence and reports of the Sacramento Center.

C. Sacramento Center Treasurer. The Sacramento Center Treasurer will keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and accurate accounts of the Sacramento Center's properties and business transactions, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses, and other matters customarily included in financial statements. The books of account

shall be open to inspection by the Managing Council and representatives of Mother Center at all reasonable times.

The Sacramento Center Treasurer will prepare and submit to Mother Center an annual financial report signed by the Sacramento Center Coordinator and render to Mother Center and/or the Managing Council upon request an account of all transactions and of the financial position of the Sacramento Center. The Treasurer will also report to the Managing Council and/or the Sacramento Center Membership at least every six months on the financial condition of the Center.

The Managing Council will approve at least three (3) authorized signers for the Sacramento Center's bank account(s), which shall include the Sacramento Center Treasurer and at least two (2) other Managing Council Members or Sacramento Center Members. Signers designated by the Managing Council shall be subject to final approval by Mother Center. In emergencies the Managing Council can approve expenditures over One Thousand Dollars ($1000) and inform the Membership.

The Sacramento Center Treasurer will deposit or cause to be deposited all monies and all valuables in the name and to the credit of the Sacramento Center with the Sacramento Center's bank or such other depositories as may be designated by the Managing Council.

Subject to the direction of the Managing Council and as approved by the Sacramento Center Membership, the Sacramento Center Treasurer may invest the assets of the Sacramento Center in accordance with the principles and guidelines set forth under Section 7.3A(2) of these Bylaws, and monitor the performance of such investments to ensure adherence to the requirements of Section 7.3A(2).

7.3 **The Managing Council.** The Managing Council shall be comprised of an odd number of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) Members. The initial Members of the Managing Council shall be appointed by a written action of the incorporators, subject to the approval of Mother Center. The Coordinator shall serve as one Member of the Managing Council. The Secretary and the Treasurer may also be appointed as Members of the Managing Council. All Members of the Managing Council must meet all the requirements of a Sacramento Center Kriyaban Member set out in Section 6.2 of these Bylaws. The term of service for a Managing Council Member shall be three (3) years, not to exceed three (3) terms. Vacancies on the Managing Council shall be filled by vote of the majority of the then remaining Managing Council Members, subject to the approval of Mother Center.

The Managing Council Members shall be divided into three (3) classes. The Managing Council shall assign its members already in office to such classes. The term of office of those of the first class shall expire at the end of the first term; the second class one (1) year thereafter; of the third class two (2) years thereafter.

Three months before a Managing Council Member's term ends, the Managing Council will appoint a Nominating Committee composed of one (1) Managing Council Member and two (2) former Managing Council Members to research eligible replacement members. Within sixty (60) days the Nominating Committee will provide to the Managing Council up to three (3) names of candidates for each Managing Council vacancy. The Managing Council will then select the new member.

If the Nominating Committee is unable to provide any names after 60 days, the Nominating Committee is dissolved and the Managing Council will fill the vacancy when an appropriate candidate can be ascertained.

A. Duties of the Managing Council. The Managing Council will generally be responsible for managing and overseeing the affairs, activities, assets, and property of the Sacramento Center. It shall also be the duty of the Managing Council:

1. to perform the duties imposed upon it by law or by the Bylaws;

2. to exercise care, prudence, and diligence in overseeing the proper investment of assets of the Sacramento Center, and to ensure that assets of the Sacramento Center are properly invested by taking into account the Sacramento Center's annual spending requirements, the relatively short-term nature of investments, the goal of preservation of capital, and the need for capital appreciation. Based on these investment objectives, appropriate investment vehicles for the Sacramento Center are fixed-income securities issued by the United States government, including Treasury notes, bonds, and mutual funds of government securities. All investment vehicles chosen shall be subject to the final approval of Mother Center.

3. to oversee the activities and functions of all Officers, agents, and volunteers of the Sacramento Center to ensure their duties are properly performed.

B. Documents of the Sacramento Center. All documents and reports handled by Sacramento Center Officers or Managing Council Members are the property of the Sacramento Center; and upon the end of an Officer's or Managing Council Member's term of service or termination from office, each Officer or Managing Council Member will promptly surrender all of their documents and reports to the Sacramento Center.

C. Meetings and Actions of the Managing Council. The Managing Council shall meet as frequently as the discharge of its responsibilities shall require. The Sacramento Center Coordinator or a majority of the Managing Council may call a meeting. Notice shall be provided to all Managing Council Members at least 14 days before a Managing Council meeting either by letter, electronic mail, facsimile, or in person. The Managing Council may call a meeting with shorter notice or no notice if at least a majority of the Managing Council Members agree to meet.

The Sacramento Center Coordinator will preside, when present, at all meetings of the Managing Council.

At each meeting of the Managing Council, a majority of the Managing Council Members shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the Managing Council Members present may act on behalf of the Managing Council. The Managing Council may meet in person, by telephone, or by online communications. The Sacramento Center Secretary or designee shall keep or cause to be kept a record of items discussed and actions taken.

The Sacramento Center Coordinator or any other Managing Council Member designated by the Managing Council has the authority to execute any direction on behalf of the Sacramento Center. Any party dealing with the Sacramento Center may conclusively rely upon any direction signed by the Sacramento Center Coordinator or such designated Managing Council Members.

D. Compensation of Sacramento Center Officers and Managing Council Members. Sacramento Center Officers and Managing Council Members shall serve without compensation, other than to be reimbursed for reasonable expenses related to service as an Officer or Managing Council Member, subject to the approval of the Managing Council.

E. Removal of Managing Council Members. A Managing Council Member may be removed for any one or more of the following reasons:

1. Withdrawal from Managing Council by written notice;

2. Death of Managing Council Member;

3. Failure to meet one or more of the requirements of membership as described in Section 6.2;

4. Failure to adhere to the duties of the Managing Council as described in Section 7.3 A;

5. At the direction of Mother Center.

F. **Succession of Sacramento Center Officers and Managing Council Members.** If one (1) or more vacancies occur among Officers or the Managing Council, the remaining Managing council Members may appoint replacements for the remainder of the terms of such vacancies with the approval of Mother Center.

7.4 Appointed Volunteers. In addition to Sacramento Center Officers and Managing Council Members, volunteers of the Sacramento Center who are appointed (with the approval of Mother Center) include service readers and teachers and assistants for Sunday School and Teen Classes.

Service readers and teachers and assistants for Sunday School and Teen Classes may serve consecutive terms without any limit. In the instance when fewer than three (3) volunteers are available to serve as teachers and assistants, the Managing Council at its discretion may choose additional volunteers to serve in these positions, subject to the approval of Mother Center.

A. Service Readers. Service readers conduct worship services of the Sacramento Center, including inspirational, meditation, readings, prayer, and special commemorative services.

Readers are required to be well acquainted with SRF's *Manual of Services*, to give special attention to the sections of the *Manual of Services* pertaining to preparation and leading of services, and periodically meet with other readers as a group to review the proper way to present service readings.

B. Teachers and Assistants for Children and Teen Classes. Volunteer teachers are responsible for teaching religious classes and conducting

inspirational services for children ranging from ages three (3) to nineteen (19), based on the teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda. The role of an assistant is to aid teachers in conducting classes and services in a supportive position. There must always be at least two (2) responsible adults present during all activities for children – usually the teacher and assistant.

VIII. Powers of the Sacramento Center.

To further its Objectives, the Sacramento Center, acting through the Managing Council shall have the powers set forth below. The Sacramento Center shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by these Bylaws in strict compliance with applicable state laws and SRF guidelines:

A. To raise funds only for the Code Section 501(c)(3) exempt purposes authorized by these Bylaws. Further, all authorized fundraising efforts must be conducted in strict compliance with state and local laws and regulations and SRF policies and guidelines;

B. To lease, purchase, and hold property for use in furtherance of its Objectives by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sacramento Center Membership present and voting;

C. To sell or otherwise dispose of any real property belonging to the Sacramento center by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sacramento Center Membership present and voting;

With respect to items **A – C** of this Article VIII, matters approved by the Sacramento Center Membership shall be submitted to SRF for final approval;

D. To set aside income as a reserve for future expenditures, but only in accordance with SRF policy and guidelines on reserves;

E. To obtain and pay for such goods and services and to enter into contracts as necessary for carrying out the activities of the Sacramento Center in furtherance of its Objectives;

F. To establish and operate such bank and other accounts as the Managing Council deems necessary or appropriate in carrying out the activities of the Sacramento Center in furtherance of its Objectives, and

G. To do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of its Objectives, subject to the approval of Mother Center.

IX. Accounting Year.

The accounting year for the Sacramento Center shall end December 31st of each year.

X. Indemnification

The Sacramento Center will indemnify its Officers, Managing Council Members, and Membership to the fullest extentd allowed by state law.

XI. Insurance

The Sacramento Center will exercise prudence and care in the management of its property, whether such property is leased by the Sacramento Center or owned by SRF, and purchase such property and general commercial liability insurance as appropriate or required by the lease at an adequate level of coverage for the protection of such property against loss, damage, and injuries to persons in accordance with SRF guidelines. The Sacramento Center will name SRF as an additional insured under any liability policy/policies that it maintains and provide SRF with an annual endorsement indicating SRF's additional insured status.

The Sacramento Center may in its discretion also purchase directors' and officers' liability insurance to protect actions of its Officers and Managing Council Members made in good faith.

XII. Principal Address

The principal address of the Sacramento Center shall be located at 4513 North Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. It may be transferred to another location following a decision of the Managing Council and ratification by the Sacramento Center Membership at a validly held meeting. Any subsequent change to the Sacramento Center's principal address shall be reflected by schedule attached to these Bylaws.

XIII. Amendments to Bylaws

As provided in Section 6.5, these Bylaws may be amended or revised by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sacramento Center Membership present and voting at a validly held meeting. A decision by the two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sacramento Center Membership to amend these Bylaws shall be subject to the final approval by Mother Center.

XIV. Dissolution of Sacramento Center

As provided in Section 6.5, the Sacramento Center shall be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Sacramento Center Membership present and voting at a validly held meeting, subject to the prior approval of Mother Center. Dissolution of the Sacramento Center can also be initiated at the direction of Mother Center.

Upon the winding up and dissolution of the Sacramento Center, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Sacramento Center, the remaining assets shall be distributed to Self-Realization Fellowship Church, a nonprofit

tax-exempt organization under Section 501c(3) of the Code, unless otherwise required by the state in which the principal office of the Sacramento Center is located.

XV. Omissions

Whatever omissions, exceptions or oversights in these Bylaws shall be examined by the Managing Council under the provisions of the current governing state legal statutes or shall be submitted to the evaluation of the Mother Center, upon notice to Mother Center and at Mother Center's request. Furthermore, such like lapse shall be subject to the internal parameters and regulations of the Sacramento Center and be pledged by means of a meeting of the Sacramento Center Members present and voting who shall deliberate while observing the Aims and Ideals.

XVI. Review

These Bylaws shall be subject to review from time to time not less frequently than every five (5) years.