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Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in the Rivers Coalition. The Rivers Coalition encourages community participation; meetings are open to the public and the media.

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1. To become a member fill out the application and agree to abide by the organization policy.
2. Applicant must submit a letter from their Organization's Board or President appointing them to represent the organization.
3. Applicant will be asked to speak briefly about their organization and synergy with the Rivers Coalition.
4. Organizations with over 25 members may have a voting delegate. Attach Organizational Policy.

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Purpose/Mission Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain your interest in the Rivers Coalition: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you think your organization could contribute to the Rivers Coalition effort? \_\_\_\_\_

Status Request:

- Add us to your mailing list
- Please consider us for voting status (25 members or more)

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach letter from your organization*



## Organization Policy

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1. When applicable, Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, will govern meetings.
2. Individuals representing organizations of 25 members or more will be voting delegates.
3. To avoid the appearance of politicizing the Rivers Coalition, elected officials and announced candidates will not be eligible as voting delegates regardless of the organization represented.
4. The Rivers Coalition recognizes there will be some member organizations that are supportive of the mission but are never able to attend meetings. For voting purposes 20 or more voting members present will constitute a quorum, and to be approved actions must pass with a positive vote of 2/3 of those present.
5. Voting delegates should have authorization from the organization which they represent to vote in their good judgment what is in the best interest of the Rivers Coalition and their organization. Because there will be instances where time is of the essence voting delegates need this authority in order that actions may be voted on without advance notice. When possible delegates will be advised of actions requiring a vote in ample time to poll their organization's board for a decision. If this is not attainable then the delegate can abstain.
6. All delegates are requested to attend all meetings. In the event the appointed voting delegate cannot attend he/she may appoint a proxy with prior email notice to the LeadershipTeam.
7. Delegates may only represent one organization.
8. All organizations are invited to join by written application to the LeadershipTeam of the Rivers Coalition.

9. The success of any organization depends on participation by its members, and all delegates, voting or non-voting, are requested to identify to the organization any actions that will benefit the Rivers Coalition and assist in implementation.
10. Any and all correspondence on behalf of the Rivers Coalition will come from the Leadership Team, except as designated by the Leadership Team.
11. All inquiries from the media regarding the Rivers Coalition will be directed to the Leadership Team or designee.
12. Any and all changes to member organizations and delegates must be advised in writing.

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Organization Name and Name of Voting Delegate

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Signature of Voting Delegate

Date