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SUNDAY SESSION

Chair Eric Bauman gavelled meeting to order.
Secretary Jenny Bach moved to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee Report. Michael Wagaman moved report for ratification. Motion passed unanimously.

Rules Committee Report. Garry Shay gave Rules Committee Report. Quorum was declared and agenda was adopted. Created subcommittees, passed. Review of Bylaw amendments from 2017 CDP Convention were passed. Subcommittee on ADEM report passed. Endorsements Subcommittee report passed. Formed a working group to study the endorsement process in 2020 passed. Subcommittee on Miscellaneous Issues report passed. Some bylaw amendments to be considered at the November Winter E-Board Meeting. Subcommittee on Election of Officers report passed. Proposal by Margaret Okuzumi to make technical change to Bylaws passed. Proposal by Ruthee Goldkorn passed. Rejection to challenge relating to the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County passed. Received filings to CRC in regards to Chair’s race Region 18 and Region 11 elections passed. Uphold CRC’s decision in Female Vice-Chair’s election passed. Rejection to endorsements date clarification proposal passed. Refer AD 51 Special Election complaints to the Endorsements Subcommittee passed. Adopted and passed unanimously. Adoption of list of the amendments passed unanimously. (Please refer to Rules Committee Report and Memorandum)

In the August 2017 Rules Committee Report adopted by the Executive Board, item V.B.1. of the Rules Committee Report erroneously recorded that the word “shall” was stricken and replaced with “should” in the Bylaw amendment proposal pertaining to candidates seeking CDP endorsement consideration affirm that they have read the latest CDP Platform. A second memo correcting this error is included in the Rules Committee Report this weekend.


Vice Chair Alex Rooker gave a report.

Vice Chair Daraka Larimore-Hall gave a report.

Congress Member Karen Bass, Congressional District 37, gave a speech.

Secretary Jenny Bach gave a report.

Controller Dan Weitzman welcomed Finance Committee Members on stage.

Controller Dan Weitzman gave Finance Committee Report.

Eddie Kirby, President of the California Young Democrats, gave a Report.

Chair Eric Bauman adjourned Meeting.
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**RESOLUTION 17-07.16**

**Chemical Contaminants From Military Bases**

WHEREAS, media reports have begun to surface, and a Pentagon/Department of Defense statement has been made, regarding significant health and environmental damage done to members of the military, veterans, families and other personnel at military bases around this country, as well as harm to surrounding communities and their civilian populations, due to the use of a fire fighting foam, Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF), which contains toxic chemicals perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) — chemicals linked to serious health problems such as liver damage, thyroid condition, testicular cancer, kidney cancer and kidney disease. This per fluorinated chemical contamination (PFC) has also leached into surrounding ground water and has spread to public drinking water systems; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has identified more than 140 contaminated sites in 38 states, with nearly 400 more sites still being investigated — this includes sites in California. The Pentagon has reportedly spent more than $200 million on its investigation of such bases and former bases while also aiming to cut off further exposure to contaminated water, and says it is working openly and transparently, in concert with regulatory agencies and communities; and

WHEREAS, this health and environmental threat at military bases has resulted from as many as two decades or more usage of this foam; it is important to ask if usage has ever been covered up and not exposed and disclosed; the foam is no longer used at some bases but is still used at others; different branches of the U.S. military have been faster than others in identifying those bases deemed impacted or under investigation — meanwhile, military personnel, veterans and others increasingly cite health issues potentially stemming from direct or indirect exposure to this foam; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party urges Congress to investigate the use of AFFF, and to call for full transparency and accountability as well as adequate provision by the VA of testing and medical care and services for those, including military personnel and veterans who have been impacted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be communicated to all Democratic Members of the California Congressional Delegation, and the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

Author: Paul Neuman, Assembly District 43, Thomas Patrick O’Shaughnessy, AD43
Sponsored by Los Angeles County Democratic Party

**Resolution 17-11.02**

**Demand For Humanitarian Intervention In Myanmar (Burma)**

WHEREAS the current Government of Myanmar (Burma) operating under the unjust “citizenship” laws passed in 1982, are engaged in serious human rights violations and continue with increasing severity to oppress the fundamental human rights of indigenous ethnic minority groups using such measures as forced relocations into confinement camps, forced labor, restricted movement and access to critical life support including food, water, medical aid and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS according to the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) more than 500,000 Rohingya Muslims have already been displaced due to violence in Rakhine State and have sought refuge in Bangladesh and neighboring countries, while over one million Rohingya Muslims and other ethnic minorities continue to live in Myanmar (Burma), mostly in the Rakhine state, and continue to be the target of the Burmese government’s repressive behavior and as a result continue to experience threat to life and security, forced confinement into labor camps, sexual exploitation, denial of the right to healthcare, education and free political and religious expression, and

WHEREAS the United States Department of State in its annual report of Human Rights Practice has regularly expressed since 1999 its particular concerns over the severe legal, economic, and social discrimination, against the Rohingya Muslim and other ethnic minorities in Myanmar (Burma); but international staff members of the UN and international non-governmental organizations are prohibited from entering the areas affected by the conflict, and are unable to deliver humanitarian aid, including food, water, and medicine to the Rohingya and other impacted ethnic minorities in need;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party strongly condemns the Government of Myanmar (Burma) and the increasing scale of inhuman treatment of targeted ethnic and religious minorities in particular the indigenous Muslim Rohingya; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the peaceful non military intervention of the United Nations and other international non-governmental organizations peacefully entering the conflicted Burmese territory with the delivery of food, water and medicine to the Rohingya minorities and others impacted by Myanmar’s (Burma’s) crimes against universal human rights; and a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Burmese Government, the United Nations and California’s Congressional Representatives.

Author: Mike Saifie, Assembly District 40; Ruth Musser-Lopez, Assembly District 33
Resolution 17-11.03
Resolution condemning Myanmar’s (Burma) persecution of the Rohingya
WHEREAS the Rohingya are ethnically-Bengali Muslims who have lived in Buddhist-majority Myanmar (Burma) since before that country gained independence in 1948; but the government of Myanmar (Burma) denies them citizenship, rendering the Rohingya stateless and subject to long-term discrimination and persecution; and WHEREAS after an armed Rohingya group attacked Myanmar (Burma) security posts on August 25, 2017, the military and security forces of Myanmar (Burma) have brutally retaliated against the entire Rohingya population, including systematic murder, torture, rape, and the burning of entire Rohingya villages; hundreds of thousands of Rohingya have fled Myanmar (Burma), and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights called this forced displacement a “textbook example of ethnic cleansing;” and WHEREAS the Trump Administration said that it was “very concerned” about the violence, but has refused to criticize the government of Myanmar (Burma) and the California Democratic Party recognizes the genocidal character of the conflicts; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns the government of Myanmar (Burma) for its severe and systematic violation of the human rights of the Rohingya population, including ethnic cleansing and other crimes against humanity; urges that sanctions be imposed on Myanmar (Burma); and urges that those responsible for human rights abuses against the Rohingya be prosecuted; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, and to the Democratic members of the California House of Representatives delegation.
Author: Paul Kujawsky, Assembly District 46
Sponsored by Paul Kujawsky, AD46 and Democrats for Israel Los Angles

Resolution 17-11.04
Urging Congress to Join the California Democratic Congressional Representatives Calling for Direct Talks with North Korea
WHEREAS Donald Trump has threatened to “totally destroy” North Korea when he addressing the United Nations (9/18/17) and has previously stated North Korea “will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen … “ (8/8/17); and WHEREAS California’s Congressional Representatives and over 60 members of Congress called for direct talks with North Korean leaders to avoid a military confrontation; and WHEREAS former President Jimmy Carter was quoted as saying (8/10/17) that he met ordinary North Koreans who wanted a peace treaty with the US “but were convinced that we planned a preemptive military strike against their country; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party condemns further incendiary rhetoric that reinforces North Korea’s fear of a US invasion and nuclear attack and denounces Donald Trump for undermining State Department diplomatic efforts with North Korea, urging all members of Congress to stand with California Democratic Congressional representatives in pushing for direct talks with North Korean leaders; and THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the California Democratic Party will distribute a copy of this resolution to all representatives in the House and Senate, Secretary of State Tillerson and President Donald Trump.
Author: Marcy Winograd, Assembly District 50; Karen Bernal, Assembly District 5
Sponsored by Region 12, Javad Joseph Ayala Delegate, AD 38; Wendy Bloom Delegate, AD 15; Linda Breen Delegate, AD 76; Carey Caccavo Delegate, AD 10; Ruth Carter Delegate, AD 10; Alice Chan Delegate, AD 10; Bobbi Jo Chavarria Delegate, AD 47; Zachary Denny Delegate, AD 13; Jody Feldman Delegate, AD 8; Et al

Resolution 17-11.07
Protecting Young People in the DACA Program– Standing with Dreamers
WHEREAS the United States of America is a Nation of immigrants and Donald Trump has just put more than 800,000 immigrant youth at risk by ending the popular Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, playing politics, and with this callous plan ignoring morality and the facts that young people who were brought to this country as children have deep roots in our communities, attending schools, getting higher education, holding down jobs, advancing careers, paying taxes and raising their own families; and WHEREAS the announced ending of DACA has already upset the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people who no longer know what their immediate future will be, the most likely outcome will be mass deportations that will break apart families, destroy careers, disrupt businesses of every size and end the countless contributions these individuals would have made to our society for generations to come; and

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WHEREAS immigration arrests have increased 38% in Trump's first six months in office, with more than half a million people in detention centers awaiting immigration hearings; these arrests and deportations rip families and communities apart, as Trump continues to use inflammatory, anti-immigrant rhetoric that is being repeated across the country it has become clear that speaking out is not enough, Congress must act; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party stands in resistance against the Trump Administration's heartless punishment of the hundreds of thousands of young men and women living in America under DACA provisions; we recognize the commitment these young people have made to our nation and their contributions and service to the only country they call home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party stands firm in the belief that Congress should act swiftly to pass a clean, stand-alone DREAM ACT and that inaction or opposition from members of Congress is unacceptable and will be viewed as support for Trump’s cruel ending of DACA, and that this resolution shall be communicated to the California Democratic Congressional Delegation who must be leaders in delivering an appropriate legislative solution.

Author: Agi Kessler, Riverside County Resolutions Committee, Tony Hale and James Gallagher
Sponsored by Riverside County Democratic Party, Los Angeles DCC and Region 15

Resolution 17-11.08
The Confederacy And History Education
WHEREAS during the Civil War, the Confederacy took up arms against the United States of America in order to fight to maintain slavery and white supremacy; and
WHEREAS the Neo-Confederate extremist group “League Of The South,” along with other hate and extremist groups from the far right, have been organizing and participating in rallies such as the "Unite The Right" rally in Charlottesville, VA, which sought to mobilize using Confederate propaganda to promote their racist and secessionist agendas and stoking the hate of a white supremacist attack that resulted in nineteen injuries and the death of Heather Heyer; and
WHEREAS on July 14, 2016, the California State Board of Education developed a History-Social Science Framework which includes critical thinking skills and "...promote[s] an engaged and knowledgeable citizenry in history, and related social sciences..." with standards stating, "it is the obligation of the state of California to impart upon all students an engaging and relevant history-social science education that will shape how they participate in their world"; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party recognizes the critical need to ensure that California’s students receive instruction and education that connects the painful history of our country's past with the realities of today through open and honest dialogue and calls upon the Superintendent of Public Instruction to ensure that comprehensive information on lingering institutional racism, Confederate propaganda, monuments, statues and flags, from the Civil War Era through the present, are included in the curriculums; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be communicated to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Democratic members of the California State Legislature, and all statewide Democratic elected officials.
Co-Authors: Suzann Reina, AD 36; Deana Igelsrud AD 50; Darrell Park AD 41; Diana Love AD 36
38 DSCC Co-Sponsored

Resolution 17-11.10
Resolution Affirming Commitment to Support and Rebuilding in the Aftermath of Deadly Hurricanes and Wild Fires
WHEREAS deadly storms have ravaged Texas, Louisiana, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands and
WHEREAS in California fires have destroyed homes and vineyards in the North Bay area and Butte County, killing people, destroying property, scorching the vineyards, and polluting the environment; and
WHEREAS the California Democratic Party sends heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of those who have died in all these disasters and to those who have lost their homes and their livelihood; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CDP will do everything we can to elect Democrats who take the consequences of climate change seriously, provide relief for all people affected by these vicious storms, and ensure that the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico get the care, support, relief and resources they deserve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CDP will insist on rebuilding these communities with trained tradespeople, paid at prevailing wages, constructing accessible, affordable housing, zoned with environmental protections based on climate science.

Author: CDP Chair Eric C. Bauman
Sponsored by Resolutions Committee

Resolution 17-11.33
75th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066 - Japanese American Camps - NEVER AGAIN
WHEREAS in 1942, President FDR signed Executive Order 9066, resulting in the incarceration of 120,000 West Coast Americans of Japanese ancestry (Japanese Americans) - including CA Democratic Party members: Assemblymembers Nakano and Furutani; Representatives Honda, Mineta, and Bob and Doris Matsui; and Kazuo Umemoto - in 10 camps during World War II, including Manzanar and Tule Lake, where the Japanese Americans brought only that they could carry, interrupting lives and stripping their freedom, while after the war, thousands had no home; and
WHEREAS During World War II, despite the incarceration, 33,000 fought for the US in the 442nd Combat Team and 522nd Artillery Battalion and 6,000 in Military Intelligence, and over 70 years later, they received the Congressional Gold Medal from President Obama; In 1944, Justice Murphy dissented in Korematsu v U.S. stating, "I dissent ...from this legalization of racism. Racial discrimination in any form and in any degree has no justifiable part whatever in our democratic way of life"; In 1980, President Carter signed the Commission on Wartime Relocation Act, which reviewed the incarceration through 20 hearings, finding it was caused by "racial prejudice, wartime hysteria and a lack of political leadership," recommending an apology and survivor reparations, as the Democratic Party acknowledged this and other errors of inequality and injustice by our country and Presidents and learned to fight to not repeat history; In 1983, Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi successfully challenged their conviction, as US officials withheld evidence, and the lower court overturned the ruling, but not the Supreme Court; and
WHEREAS Trump called for a Muslim Registry and Travel Ban during his campaign and followed it with Executive Order 13780, while his spokesman stated, "We did it during World War II with Japanese" as the children of Korematsu, Yasui, and Hirabayashi followed and filed an amicus brief against it; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party memorializes the 75th anniversary of EO 9066 as one of the nation’s grave racial injustices imposed upon the 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls for Executive Order 9066 to always be remembered, so that the U.S. will NEVER AGAIN allow this act of injustice to happen against any race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, natural origin, or people with disabilities.

Author: Keith Umemoto, Assembly District 9; Steven Alari, Assembly District 57; Carlos and Norma Alcala, AD7
Sponsored by CDP Chair Eric C. Bauman; Keith Umemoto, AD9; Angelov Farooq, AD61

Resolution 17-11.13
Project Labor Agreement Resolution
WHEREAS the working men and women of the California building and construction trades have fought many legislative, regulatory, and electoral battles to preserve the option of entering into Project Labor Agreements (PLA) for both public and private infrastructure projects; and
WHEREAS Project Labor Agreements are the optimal method to deliver public and private projects that guarantee workers earn fair wages for their work while providing public agencies and private customers a construction product that reduces costs, promotes on-time project completion, and delivers higher quality construction through the use of a highly skilled and trained workforce; and
WHEREAS wages under PLAs contain middle class healthcare and pension benefits that reduce the burden on the public healthcare system and contribute to the local community and economy by providing local workers, including emancipated youth, minorities, women, veterans and the previously incarcerated with a career in construction and fair retirement benefits after their career ends; now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges all elected and/or appointed boards of public agencies in California to enter into discussions with their local Building and Construction Trades Council(s) and Building and Construction Trades Unions to develop appropriate Project Labor Agreements that cover all of a local agency’s construction projects, including, but not limited to, paving, tree trimming and other cyclic work.
Author: Annette Gonzalez-Buttnner, Assembly District 56; Chris Stampolis, Assembly District 25; Luis Castro, Assembly District 56
Sponsored by Annette Gonzalez-Buttnner

Resolution 17-11.14
Reaffirming Democratic Party Support for Labor
WHEREAS labor unions built the middle class and continue to be the last line of defense for working people to counterbalance the power of wealthy special interests and rampant corporate greed; and unions are vital to advancing an economic and social justice agenda by advocating for higher wages for workers, shared prosperity, quality public education, affordable health care for all, retirement security and racial and gender equality; and
WHEREAS the millionaire and billionaire funders of anti-union laws that have taken hold in other states are bankrolling court cases that would severely restrict unions from representing and advocating for working people in California; and

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WHEREAS the well-funded effort to weaken unions harms all working people in California and undermines the Democratic Party’s ability to pursue economic justice for all; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party calls on every Democrat to work hand-in-hand with our union brothers and sisters to assist them in organizing and strengthening the middle class; and
HEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the California Democratic Party fully supports the rights of working people to stand together in a union in order to negotiate a fair contract with their employees, and roundly rejects any effort to roll back the ability of workers to bargain collectively and form unions.

Author: CDP Chair Eric C. Bauman, Tim Paulson and Art Pulaski
Sponsored by Resolutions Committee

Resolution 17-11.16
Increasing Student Voter Engagement
WHEREAS the future of the Democratic Party relies on engaging and empowering young people to have a voice in the political process; and
WHEREAS students at high schools, colleges and universities of near-voting and voting age throughout California should be engaged as early as possible in the party structure, especially as Memorandums of Understanding regarding voter engagement have already been signed and agreed upon by the Secretary of State, multiple community Colleges, CSU, and UC; and
WHEREAS the drive to get more students involved in civic engagement already exists, seen in successful initiatives such as UCLA students peer registering over 10,000 students in 2016; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party recognizes the importance of fostering political engagement and empowering young people on campuses including high schools, trade schools, colleges and universities; and affirms that providing resources to students, including voter engagement trainings, fostering peer-to-peer programs, supporting and advocating for Young Democrats running for office, and encouraging on-campus Democratic clubs to engage young people at the earliest stages of civic engagement is critical for the future of the party; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will distribute a copy of this resolution to the CDP leadership and all Democratic electeds in the state to foster partnerships between the party and campuses across the state.

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Sponsored Jon Katz, AD 50, Larry Gross, AD 46, Region 12 Director, Gregg Solkovits, AD 45, Doris Dent, AD 45, Cary Brown, AD 45/E-Board, Clint Weirick, SLOCDP, Dan McCrory, AD 45, Samuel Sukaton, AD 53, Deana Igelsrud, AD 50, Michelle Elmer, AD 38, Melissa Garcia, AD 38, Andrew Taban, AD 38, Et al

Resolution 17-11.21
Denounce the influence of money in politics, and act in accordance with the California Democratic Party (CDP) platform
WHEREAS the 2016 CDP platform states “...a healthy democracy is based on public financing of political campaigns at all levels of government, campaign spending limits and full disclosure of political spending... We will fight the culture of corruption [and] cronyism...” and
WHEREAS money’s influence in politics corrupts a healthy democracy as stated in the Princeton Study (2014) “Testing Theories of American Politics: Elites, Interest Groups, and Average Citizens,” in the 2011 model legislation “American Anti-Corruption Act,” and in the Sunlight Foundation Study (2014) “Fixed Fortunes: Biggest Corporate Political Interests Spend Billions, Get Trillions,” which reports that the 200 most politically active companies in the U.S. spent $5.8 billion on lobbying and campaign contributions from 2007-2012, and those same companies got $4.4 trillion directly back from the government they lobbied; and
WHEREAS so far, voters in over a third of the states in the Union, including California, have voted to overturn Citizens United v. FEC (2010), demonstrating that the voters want to end the funding of political expenditures by corporations; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CDP denounces the culture of corruption and cronyism wherein corporations and corporate lobbyists seek to control the political process through campaign contributions and has launched an effort to address the issue through the formation of a high-level Campaign Finance Reform task force; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CDP will send a copy of this resolution to the California Congressional Delegation, State Legislators, and to the Democratic National Committee.

Author: Melissa Michelson, Assembly District 49; Todd Jones, Assembly District 41; Kevin McKeown, Assembly District 50
Sponsored by Feel the Bern Democratic Club, Los Angeles, lyadAfalqa, E-Board74
Animal Agriculture and Our Environment

WHEREAS The California Democratic Party supports preserving and protecting the environment, reversing the real and imminent threat of climate change, protecting and ensuring the health and wellbeing of all people, and showing compassion to and supporting the humane treatment of animals; and
WHEREAS animal agriculture is the leading cause of species extinction, ocean dead zones, water pollution, habitat destruction, deforestation and is responsible for more greenhouse gas emissions than is emitted from all transportation, using over half the water in the US, and half the water usage of the average Californian is associated with meat and dairy products as EPA statistics show that animal agriculture consumes over 540 times as much water as fracking and a third of the world’s freshwater is consumed by the animal agriculture industry; and
WHEREAS the world population is growing by 1.10 per cent per year, yielding an additional 83 million people annually— with estimates of a population of 8.6 billion in 2030, 9.8 billion in 2050 and 11.2 billion by 2100; and the detrimental impact that animal agriculture has on our planet will only worsen due to this growing population and growing demand; and even without fossil fuels, we will exceed our CO2 limit solely as a result of animal agriculture; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party recognizes the advantages of a plant based diet, including its positive environmental impact— specifically its value in meeting our future food supply needs and its contribution to lowering greenhouse gas emissions and freshwater consumption— and its proven health benefits in preventing diabetes and heart disease; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to promote much needed further education on this issue we shall communicate this resolution to Governor Jerry Brown, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH Director & State Public Health Officer and Karen Ross, Secretary of California Department of Food and Agriculture and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of California Tom Torlakson.

Author: Shawnee Badger, Assembly District 38
Sponsored by Los Angeles County Democratic Party

Stop Nestle’s Water Raid

WHEREAS Nestle’ has been withdrawing water by means of boreholes and lateral wells several hundred feet from the Strawberry Creek watershed in the San Bernardino National Forest and recording it with the SB Valley Municipal Water District under the heading of Groundwater Recordation Levels; and, Nestle’ markets the water labeled as “Arrowhead Spring Water”; and Nestle’ withdrew 36 million gallons in 2016 during a drought when a stream gauge at the bottom of the watershed on June 22, 2016 recorded .23 cubic feet per second, the lowest streamflow in 95 years; and by August 30 of this year, the streambed was dry as Nestle’ continued to withdraw water; and
WHEREAS extracting water on federal land places it under the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) which defines “spring water” as water that flows naturally to the surface”; and, “the location of the spring shall be identified”; and, “water extracted through a borehole or tunnel is permissible provided that an appropriate hydraulic connection exists between the natural orifice of the spring and the borehole or tunnel; and a 1999 report forwarded to the FDA stated that they were “unable to affirm” that some springs met the standard of identity for “spring water” since there was no “confirmation of a connection between the borehole and the spring”; and
WHEREAS the Forest Service completed a review of documents from the FDA in July 2017, revealing the apparent noncompliance of some of the water sources in a 1999 report; and, Nestle’ hired a law firm which now includes the former top food official of the FDA from 1998-2003 who sent a letter stating the company’s position; and, within 3 weeks without any further testing, inspection or empirical evidence, the Trump Administration’s FDA reversed their decision on August 21, 2017 based solely upon the information Nestle’s lawyers provided; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CDP reject the Trump Administration’s decision and seek the Governor’s support in reopening an investigation using means at his disposal to determine if due diligence was used to establish that the criteria for labeling Nestle’s product as “spring water” has accurately been met; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if an Environmental Impact Report is deemed necessary, that water extraction cease during this process, allow public comments; and further, this resolution shall be forwarded to Senators Kamala Harris, Dianne Feinstein, and Representative Paul Cook.

Author: Michele Laws, Assembly District 33
Sponsored by Mountain Bears Democratic Club

Resolution 17-11.22

Resolution 17-11.26

Resolution 17-11.27
Commending the First Responders
WHEREAS the courageous efforts of firefighters, police, sheriffs, national guard, nurses, counselors, doctors and operating engineers saved many lives and properties, against all odds, and WHEREAS these brave men and women worked tirelessly for weeks, even though many of them suffered personal damages, injuries, and losses of their own homes; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party hails the heroic efforts of our first responders and calls on every Californian to thank them for all they give for our state; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will support policies and practices that improve the safety of all Californians in each and every community, and that our first responders are provided the best training, and most current equipment and protective gear available.
Author: CDP Chair Eric C. Bauman
Sponsored by Resolutions Committee

Resolution 17-11.28
Standing up Against Sexual Harassment
WHEREAS the California Democratic Party strongly supports the rights of all individuals to work in a safe and professional environment free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, bullying and abuse including sexual harassment and sexual violence, and WHEREAS the #MeToo and #WeSaidEnough campaigns have shined a badly needed light on the pervasive sexual harassment disproportionately impact women, queer and trans individulas, and communities of color every day across all industries, and in politics, sparking a long overdue discussion about our Party's obligation to ensure that all women, regardless of whether they are Activists, Elected Officials, Party Officers, Staff or Volunteers, are able to contribute their time, energy and activism free from harassment and intimidation, and WHEREAS treating every person equally, with dignity and respect, is a core value of our Party, and that our operations and policies at every level, from our Democratic Clubs and Central Committees to our candidates to our State Party, and now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party stands in solidarity with the victims of sexual harassment, and encourages all Democrats to demand policies at the local, state, and national level that eliminate sexual harassment; allow victims of harassment to confidentially report their harassment through a hotline; require transparency, accountability, and input from survivors and victims advocates in harassment policy creation, procedural implementation, and training; employ whistleblower protections, anti-retaliation provisions, and mandatory sexual harassment training at the workplace; complete harassment investigations conducted by professional and independent investigators; allow victims to sue their harassers; allow victims to have a day in court; end forced agreements which burden victims with silence and shame and prevent future employers from discovering harassment settlements; and THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party must actively and continually strive to ensure that our Party is a place free from harassment, abuse, bullying and intimidation, where every person is able to contribute their activism towards building the progressive future our state and country deserve.
Author: CDP Chair Eric C. Bauman and Christine Pelosi
Sponsored by Resolutions Committee

Resolution 17-11.34
Real Infrastructure Investments
WHEREAS the California Democratic Party believes that by uniting our Party around a bold vision for jobs and infrastructure, we have the best chance of passing legislation that works for all, and in the process stopping any infrastructure legislation aimed at solely making money for Wall Street banks and foreign companies; and WHEREAS Donald Trump’s stated vision for infrastructure spending is a cynical ploy full of shell-game financing, attacks on workers’ rights and environmental oversight, and would create billions in profits for corporate interests at the public's expense; and WHEREAS the California Democratic Party stands for an infrastructure policy that includes the following core principles: Investments that create new jobs building roads, bridges, clean energy infrastructure, telecommunications systems, parks, schools, libraries, housing and community assets; ensures that direct public investment provides the overwhelming majority of funding for infrastructure; prioritizes racial and gender equity through project labor agreements/community workforce agreements and environmental justice; embraces 21st-Century clean energy jobs, including expansion of solar and wind power, energy efficiency and energy grid modernization; expands and enforces Buy America provisions, requiring the use of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage standards, local and veteran-hiring policies; ensures the wealthiest Americans and profitable corporations who benefit from public goods pay their fair share for maintaining them; ensures that investments are not paid from raiding Social Security, Medicaid or any other
social program; prioritizes resilient infrastructure that can withstand environmental disasters, physical or cyber attacks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on its Members of Congress to support Rep. Ted Lieu’s efforts in the House and similar efforts in the U.S. Senate to unite Democrats around these principles, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we join progressive and civil rights organizations from around the country in mobilizing constituents to stand together in rejecting so-called “infrastructure” proposals that reward the billionaires at the expense of working families, the environment, and social justice.

Submitted by CDP Chair Eric C. Bauman and CDP Vice Chair Daraka Larimore-Hall
Sponsored by Resolutions Committee

Resolution 17-11.30
Resolution in Support of Port Truck Drivers

WHEREAS the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are among the nation’s most valuable engines of economic growth and prosperity and are critical to global trade; yet because of misclassification of highly skilled port drivers as “independent contractors” working in an extremely dangerous industry, drivers are forced to toil in sweatshop working conditions for low wages and are denied basic rights and protections that most workers receive such as workers’ compensation, disability insurance, Social Security, minimum wage, and health and safety law protections; and

WHEREAS the industry has fought to avoid taking responsibility for providing and maintaining clean trucks that meet diesel truck emission environmental standards, requiring port drivers to lease-to-own their trucks, and as a result, Southern California port drivers continue to be misclassified and their earnings have dropped below minimum wage – sometimes as little as 67 cents per week – because the industry is now deducting expensive truck payments and other operation costs from their paychecks; and

WHEREAS the mayors of Los Angeles and Long Beach have announced a Clean Air Action Plan calling for both ports to be net-zero emissions by 2035, in keeping with both cities’ climate goals, including use of a truck rate structure encouraging the use of near-zero and zero-emissions trucks, with the goal of transitioning to a zero-emissions fleet by 2035, and these laudable goals should not come at the expense of port drivers; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as a matter of public health and safety and climate justice, the California Democratic Party thanks Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia for their unwavering support and to also demand that companies doing business at the ports follow federal and state labor, tax and transportation law, and requiring industry - not port drivers – to bear the costs of further upgrades to their fleets to meet climate goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be communicated to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, Port of Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners, and Port of Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Author: RL Miller, Assembly District 44
Sponsored by Los Angeles County Democratic Party
To: CDP Executive Board  
From: CDP Rules Committee  
Re: Rules Committee Report for November 18, 2017 Meeting

I. Roll Call – with 15 members present, a quorum was present. Member Gale joined during the meeting.

II. M/S/P Adopt amended meeting agenda moving Veteran Caucus Appeal to the beginning of the agenda.

III. M/S/P Adopt Convention Rules and Tentative Agenda for 2018 CDP State Convention, as amended.

RULES FOR THE 2018 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION

1. The Officers of the Convention shall be the Officers of the Democratic State Central Committee.

2. Delegates to the Convention shall be those delegates (Democratic State Central Committee Members) who were duly credentialed to the 2017 California Democratic Party Convention subject to the provisions for replacement and filling of vacancies set forth in the By-Laws, and received by the State Party Sacramento office by 5:00 PM, November 30, 2017. Chartered Clubs/Organizations must submit all required items to the appropriate Regional Director(s) and Chartering Authority by November 2, 2017, or by November 20, 2017 for those Chartered Clubs/Organizations chartered by the Chartering Authority in the nine (9) counties where the Governor has declared a state of emergency due to wildfires (Butte, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Solano, Sonoma, and Yuba), in order to have representation at the pre-endorsement conferences.

3. Seating of the delegates shall be by Assembly District within Region.

4. No one will be admitted to the Convention floor who is not a delegate, or proxyholder, except by special authorization of the State Chair.

5. Credentialing will close at posted times, unless special circumstances exist. At that time, consideration will be given by the Credentials Committee, which can stay open or reopen credentialing.

6. Proxies will be subject to the provision set forth in the By-Laws.

7. In order to vote, and have one’s vote counted at this Convention, a member must have timely paid their dues to This Committee (or had them waived), registered for the meeting, obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, and completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued.

8. The Credentials Committee shall issue its final report and place the official voting list of delegates in the hands of the Convention Secretary subsequent to the close of credentialing.

9. Requests to hang signs, banners, and placards must be submitted before the Convention to the Convention Coordinator. A fee may be charged per sign at the determination of the Chair of This Committee.

10. The purpose of this Convention is primarily the adoption of a Party Platform, endorsement of U.S. Senate seat, state constitutional offices, district-level partisan offices, and statewide ballot propositions on the June 2018 ballot. Candidates seeking statewide endorsement must submit a 250-word statement on why they should be the eligible to be endorsed. The Chair, in consultation with the Statewide Officers of This Committee, will determine which Democratic candidates for Statewide Offices are viable and eligible to seek our endorsement. The Chair, in consultation with the Rules Committee Lead Chair, may promulgate administrative procedures relating to voter assistance for endorsement balloting as appropriate. All other Party or State matters, reports, etc. will or will not be considered at Convention as determined by the State Chair. Matters not heard at the Convention will be received by the Secretary and held over to the next meeting of the Executive Board. All resolutions submitted will be held over to the next Executive Board meeting.

11. In all cases at this Convention, proxies shall vote in districts where the appointing member resides.

12. The By-Laws and Rules of the California Democratic Party shall govern over these Rules for the 2018 California Democratic Party Convention in the event of a conflict.

13. Any matter not provided for in these rules or the California Democratic Party By-Laws and Rules shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order.
PROCEEDURES FOR THE AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE 2018 CALIFORNIA
DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM

RULE #14
The Platform Committee’s Draft Report shall be sent to all Convention delegates no later than January 3, 2018.

A. AMENDMENT PROCESSES:

The Platform is a statement of principles and any amendments must be germane to the Platform. If any delegate wishes to amend the Draft Platform, then the delegate shall follow the process outlined below:

1. Each delegate must submit, in writing, to be received by the CDP Sacramento Office no later than January 24, 2018, at 5 PM, the delegate’s written amendments to the Platform Committee’s Draft Report. Said written amendments must be signed by five (5) different members of the Democratic State Central Committee or five (5) registered Democrats from five (5) different Assembly Districts and must include their addresses, phone numbers, and the Assembly District in which they reside; one, and only one, of which shall be identified as the sponsor of the amendment.

   (a) The Platform Committee shall meet or conference call by Friday, February 23, 2018 to consider all written amendments submitted with the five (5) valid signatures. The Platform Committee, at its pleasure, may take any additional testimony it desires and may, by majority vote, adopt an amendment, or any part thereof. Should any amendment or any part thereof be adopted, then said amendment shall become part of the Platform Committee’s Draft Report.

   (b) If said amendment, or part thereof, is not adopted, then said amendment may be brought to the floor of the Convention only if all the submission and certification provisions of Rule 14, Section A, 2 of these Rules are met.

   (c) All amendments, or any parts thereof, which are adopted by the Platform Committee shall be made available to all delegates at the Convention, promptly after the Friday Platform meeting.

2. An amendment which had been timely submitted by January 24, 2018, at 5 PM, but failing to be adopted in its original form, may be submitted by its sponsor in writing, in whole or part thereof, to the Secretary of the Convention no later than Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 5:00 PM on a form provided by California Democratic Party Platform staff. Said amendment must be signed by no fewer than three hundred (300) credentialed delegates to the Convention (or their qualified credentialed proxies), and must contain the name, phone numbers, Assembly District, and signature of the original sponsor of the amendment.

   (a) The Secretary of the Convention shall certify each amendment by determining there are no fewer than three hundred (300) delegate signatures are valid.

   (b) No later than 6:30 PM on Saturday, February 24, 2018, the Platform Committee shall meet to review each amendment certified by the Secretary of the Convention. All sponsors of each amendment must attend this meeting; failure to do so shall void the submission of the amendment, unless excused by majority vote of the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee may, at its pleasure, take any additional testimony it desires and may, by majority vote, adopt said amendment, or any part thereof. Should any amendment, or any part thereof, be adopted, then said amendment shall become part of the Platform Committee’s Draft Report.

   (c) If said amendment is not adopted in its entirety, then the amendment or any part not adopted, shall be introduced to the full Convention for debate and vote.

   (d) All amendments, or any part thereof, which are adopted by the Platform Committee shall be made available to each delegate at the time that they enter the Convention Hall for Sunday morning session.

   (e) The sponsor of the amendment may, at any time, withdraw the amendment from consideration by the Platform Committee or the Convention delegates.

B. ADOPTION PROCESS

1. On Sunday, February 25, 2018 the Platform Committee shall present its Draft Report to the Convention for its
approval. The Convention shall follow the below-listed procedures when considering the Draft Report and amendments thereto:

(a) The Draft Platform Report shall be presented by persons chosen by the co-chairs of the Platform Committee.

(b) As each report is completed, the co-chairs of the Platform Committee shall call on each sponsor of an amendment to present their amendment and said presentation shall be no longer than four (4) minutes.

(c) After each amendment has been presented by its sponsor, then the opponents of the amendments shall have four (4) minutes to present their position. Debate will be automatically closed unless a motion is made to extend debate and adopted by a majority vote. Said extension shall not exceed four (4) minutes equally divided between opponents and proponents to the amendments.

(d) Following the debate on the amendment, delegates shall vote on the amendment.

2. Following the presentation of each report and after the amendments have been voted on, then the delegates shall, by majority vote, adopt or reject each report. The final report of the Convention shall be known as the California Democratic Party Platform.

3. The co-chairs of the Platform Committee are authorized to make any punctuation, grammatical, or spelling changes as needed in the Final Report.

2018 California Democratic Party State Convention
Tentative Agenda
February 23-25, 2018
San Diego

Note – The Caucus meetings will be scheduled soon, after consultation with the Caucus Chairs. Additionally, workshops and other activities will be added to this agenda as presenters and speakers are developed and confirmed. The time frames in the tentative agenda are subject to change.

Friday, February 23, 2018
10 AM Platform Committee
1 PM Credentials Committee
3 PM – 8:30 PM Credentialing
2 PM Rules Committee
5:30 PM Resolutions Committee (Statewide Propositions Only)
10:15 PM Hospitality Suites

Saturday, February 24, 2018
9 AM – 1 PM Credentialing*
10 AM – 11:30 AM General Session
12 PM – 1:30 PM Luncheon
1:30 PM – 4 PM General Session
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM Legislative Balloting (Endorsing Caucuses)
5 PM – 8 PM U.S. Senate and Statewide Constitutional Offices Balloting (Endorsement)
5 PM Platform Committee (if necessary)
6 PM Dinner
10:15 PM Hospitality Suites

Sunday, February 25, 2018
9 AM – 10 AM Credentialing/Registration
10 AM General Session

* In order to vote and have one’s vote counted, a member must have received their credential prior to the closing of Credentialing (formerly known as “Registration”) as well as completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued.

IV. Compliance Review Commission (CRC)
A. CDP Veterans Caucus Challenge Appeal.
1. M/S/F To sustain the CRC decision on the voter eligibility for the Veterans Caucus officer elections.

2. M/S/P To sustain the appeal by Ron Cohen regarding the election of Veterans Caucus officers. Those elections shall be conducted in which all members in good standing, in accordance with CDP Veterans Caucus Bylaws, are eligible to vote in the elections of officers to be conducted at the November 18, 2017 CDP Veterans Caucus Meeting.

V. Reviewed of Bylaw amendments recommended for adoption at 2017 August Executive Board Meeting. Bylaw amendments appear at the end of this report.

M/S/F motion to delay the effective date of the Bylaw amendment on endorsement recommendation threshold at Endorsing Caucuses until March 1, 2018. (Vote: 8-10)

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. ADEM Subcommittee

M/S/P Approve the amended Subcommittee Report with the changes in Bylaw amendments and other changes as detailed below:

Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.g. be amended as follows:

The Convener shall forward a list of names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and phones of all persons attending the Election Meeting as the Convener shall forward participants to the Chair of This Committee within three days after the Election Meeting is held.

Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.k.(1).

An Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board shall be chosen at each Assembly District Election Meeting from among those persons who will be delegates (resident in the respective Assembly District) to the forthcoming biennial convention of This Committee by virtue of being a member of This Committee pursuant to Article II, Section 2b, 2d, 2e; Article II, Section 3; or Article II, Section 5.

a) In the event that no qualified candidate is elected at an Assembly District Election Meeting, then the highest vote-getting candidate for Assembly District representative be provided the opportunity to serve as Executive Board Representative if that person so chooses.

Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.a. (5) be amended as follows:

The Convener of the Election Meeting may request a variance from the date, time, and registration period duration and time of the Election Meeting as set out in Article VI, section 1.a.(1) to another date and time during the second weekend in January in odd-numbered years, or to allow for the holding of the Election Meeting simultaneously at more than one site in the Assembly District, or to modify the duration of the registration period, by filing an application with the State Chair by November 1, or next business day if the date falls on a state holiday or weekend of the year preceding the holding of the Election Meeting showing good cause for such a variance. “Good cause” may include the necessity of traveling very long distances, traveling in heavy traffic through dense population centers, or traveling in hazardous weather conditions. The State Chair must reply by November 10, or next business day if the date falls on a state holiday or weekend.

Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.f. be deleted and to renumber the clauses following the deletion:

A registration fee for all voting participants, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Election Meeting, shall be collected. Such fee shall not exceed five dollars ($5.00). The registration fee shall be waived for those participants who claim economic hardship.

Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.k.(1) be amended as follows:

An Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board shall be chosen at each Assembly District Election Meeting from among those persons who will be delegates (resident in the respective Assembly District) to the forthcoming biennial convention of This Committee by virtue of being a member of This Committee pursuant to Article II, Section 2b, 2d, 2e; Article II, Section 3; or Article II, Section 5. In the event that no qualified candidate is elected at an Assembly District Election Meeting, then the highest vote-getting candidate for Assembly District representative be provided the opportunity to serve as Executive Board Representative if that person so chooses. If that person declines to serve as Executive Board Representative, then a caucus of those members of This Committee from the Assembly District as described above, shall meet at the next meeting of This Committee to elect an Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board, who must be qualified under the same criteria as used for direct election at the Assembly District Election Meeting.
ADEM Candidate Fee: The Committee recommends increasing the ADEM candidate fee set by Article VI, section 1.i. (currently $20) by $10 to $30, in part to offset the elimination of the $5 registration fee.

Splitting ADEMs to Two Weekends: The Committee recommends that each of the 20 CDP Regions would hold ADEMs over two weekends by splitting the ADs within each Region between the two weekends. The two weekends would be the weekend immediately prior to the weekend containing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and the weekend following the King holiday weekend. Conforming changes will be made to Article VI, section 1.a.(1).

Ballot Processing Procedures: The Committee recommends that a standardized balloting procedure for ADEMs on voting, ballot processing, and ballot counting and tabulation be promulgated as part of the ADEM Procedures and used for ADEMs statewide. This will be included in the forthcoming ADEM Procedures.

B. Caucuses Subcommittee
1. M/S/P Report from Subcommittee which will engage the CDP Caucuses and update language to the Guidelines for Certification, Recertification and Decertification of Caucuses and the Application for Caucus Certification/Recertification to approve at the next Rules Committee meeting.

C. Election of Officers Subcommittee
1. M/S/P Report from Subcommittee

D. Endorsement Subcommittee
1. M/S/P Report from Subcommittee

E. Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee
1. M/S/P Report from Subcommittee on various proposals and changes to the CDP’s Open Meeting Policy, including the production of FAQ Sheets. The Bylaw amendments adopted are below:

Bylaws Article XIII, Section 1, be amended as follows:

All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, persons with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or economic status. Accordingly, further, the scheduling and location of public meetings and other public affairs of the Democratic Party affairs at all levels shall consider the presence of—must take into account the ability to fully and fairly participate with reasonable accommodations, where appropriate, of persons with disabilities as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The scheduling and location of such public meetings and other public affairs must also into account the ability to fully and fairly participate with reasonable accommodations, where appropriate, of any religious minorities of significant numbers of concentration whose level of participation would be affected.

M/S/P Appoint a Subcommittee: Chair Zakson, Members Chiu and Bowler, invite Disabilities Caucus Chair, staff, and Federation of DCC members to give input on Open Meeting FAQ Sheets.

2. M/S/P Proposal to increase Standing Committee membership by five (5) persons.

Bylaws, Article V be amended as follows:

Section 3. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES

Except as set forth herein below, The Chair of This Committee shall appoint from fifteen to twenty-five thirty members of This Committee to each of the Standing Committees mentioned herein.

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Section 5. STANDING COMMITTEE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Credentials Committee:

The Credentials Committee shall be comprised of 25-40 45 members.

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e. Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee shall be comprised of 25-30 35 members.

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h. Voter Services Committee:

The Voter Services Committee shall be comprised of between 50 and 75 comprised of 50-80 members.
VII. M/S/P Approve appointment of Subcommittees to review Caucus Bylaws for recertification as follows:
A. Irish, Women’s, Filipino American, and LGBT Caucuses:
   Chair: Charu Khopkar; Members: Sandra Andrews, Jay Hansen, and Karen Wingard
B. Disabilities, Environmental, Progressive, and Senior Caucuses:
   Chair: Kathy Bowler; Members: Hillary Blackerby, Stephen Gale, William Wong
C. African American, Business and Professions, Veteran’s, and Rural Caucuses:
   Chair: Laurence Zakson; Members: Ryan Hurd, Mary Strobridge, Mclina Woods, and Lynne Summers
D. Chicano/Latino, Arab American, Computer and Internet, and Labor Caucuses:
   Chair: Peter Chiu; Members: Dorothy Kim, Valeria Hernandez, Ralph Miller, and Jennifer Root
E. Asian Pacific Islander, Children’s, and Native American Caucuses:
   Chair: Jose Alcala; Members: Coby King, Janet Meredith, Malahat Rafiei, and Helen Rouvier

VIII. Other Bylaw Amendments
A. Proposals
   1. M/S/P Proposal to update the duties and responsibilities of the Rules Committee.

   Bylaws, Article V, Section 5(b), be amended as follows:
   It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to keep the By-Laws and Rules of This Committee consistent with the aims and policies of This Committee, to propose changes in the rules and By-Laws and special rules when necessary to promulgate forms for quarterly financial disclosure statements for the Statewide Officers, promulgate rules for the filling of vacancies in Regional Directorships, adopt guidelines for the Legislation Committee, promulgate rules for the conduct of Assembly District Election Meetings, to adopt guidelines upon recommendation of the Organizational Development Committee for the Chartering of Organizations under Article X of these bylaws, to advise the Secretary of This Committee as to what information is needed on the Application for Charter, approve or reject proposed Caucus Statements of Purpose and Intended Activity, promulgate Guidelines for Certification, Re-Certification, and Decertification of Caucuses, to advise the Secretary of This Committee as to what information is needed on the Application for Certification of Caucuses, certify and decertify caucuses, promulgate procedural rules for the operation of the Compliance Review Commission, to hear certain appeals from decisions of the Compliance Review Commission as specified in Article XII, and to interpret the rules and By-Laws when called upon by the Chair of This Committee or the Executive Board.

   2. M/S/P Proposal to clarify threshold to place the name of a candidate on the consent calendar of This Committee’s endorsing convention as clarification of existing practice.

   Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3.g.(13), be amended as follows:
   The name of a non-incumbent or of an incumbent subject to Section 3.g.(12)(a) or Section 3.g.(12)(b) may be placed on the consent calendar of This Committee’s endorsing convention upon receiving at least seventy percent (70%) vote, of those valid votes cast, at a pre-endorsement conference. The consent calendar shall be approved by a simple majority vote of This Committee. Upon approval of the consent calendar the candidate shall become the endorsed candidate of the Democratic Party. A name may be removed from the consent calendar by at least twenty percent (20%) of the members of This Committee resident and qualified by a date selected by the Chair of This Committee and publicized on the Party’s website that is between sixty (60) and ninety (90) days prior to the State Endorsing Convention in the District in question or by at least twenty percent (20%) of the members of This Committee by filing a letter of objection with the State Chair no later than ten (10) days prior to the State Endorsing Convention. If a name is removed from the consent calendar, the By-Laws of This Committee regarding endorsements shall apply.

   3. M/S/P Proposal on language pertaining to endorsement of candidate for the President of the United States.

   Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, be amended as follows:
   d. Endorsement Post-Democratic National Convention:
      The nominees of the Democratic Party of the United States, for President and Vice-President of the United States, shall be the endorsed candidates of the California Democratic Party for said offices.


   Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3.e.(1).(b)., be amended as follows:
members who were eligible but have since the appointing deadline died, moved, changed their registration to a district other than the district the Special Election is occurring, or resigned may be replaced by the appropriate appointing authority. Such Special Election Endorsing Caucus shall otherwise proceed in accordance with the relevant procedures provided for in subsection (c) above and its decision shall become the endorsement of This Committee unless, within two (2) days a majority of the statewide officers of This Committee or 20 percent of the members of the Special Election Endorsing Caucus object in writing to the State Chair. No proxy voting shall be allowed - each eligible member shall be sent a vote-by-mail ballot, which shall be read off as though it were a roll call vote.

Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3.h.(1), be amended as follows:

members who were eligible as of the date of eligibility for the immediate preceding Meeting of This Committee but have since the appointing deadline died, moved, changed their registration to a district other than the district the election is occurring, or resigned may be replaced by the appropriate appointing authority or in the case of a Statewide race, will put the endorsement before the next Executive Board. Such endorsement proceedings shall otherwise be conducted similar to a Special Election as provided under Article VIII, Section 3.e.

5. M/S/P Proposals on gender language technical cleanup.

Bylaws Article II, Section 3.c., to be amended as follows:

c. The following officials shall each be entitled to appoint an additional thirty (30) members, at least fifteen (15) whom shall be the opposite sex; Equal Division shall be adhered to in all appointments under this section:

(1) The Speaker of the California Assembly, if a Democrat, or the Minority Leader of the California Assembly, if a Democrat.
(2) The President Pro Tempore of the California Senate, if a Democrat, or the Minority Leader of the California Senate, if a Democrat.
(3) The leader of the California Democratic delegation to the United States House of Representatives, as determined by the delegation, and designated in writing to the Secretary of This Committee.
(4) The Statewide Officers identified in Article III, section 1a, to be equally divided from among them, and for each such statewide officers, at least three of the appointed members shall be of the opposite sex-gender other than the self-identified gender of the appointing officer.

Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3.g.(5),(c).1.(a).iv., to be amended as follows:

The Club’s representatives to any particular pre-endorsement conference be from the list described above and that the overall list of representatives to all conferences shall be equally apportioned between men and women, adhere to the Equal Division Rule, to the extent possible.

Bylaws Article IX, Section 4., to be amended as follows:

The name of any individual registered to vote as Party Preference: Democratic in the State of California may be placed in nomination by a member of the Executive Board. One half (1/2) of the delegation shall be male and one half (1/2) shall be female. The delegation shall adhere to the Equal Division Rule, unless an odd number of members is to be elected, in which case a variation of one shall be permitted. In the event of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by lot.

Bylaws Article IX, Section 6., to be amended as follows:

Vacancies in the delegation shall be filled by election in the same manner as specified herein above. Only persons of the same gender as the person whose vacancy is being filled may be a candidate for membership of the Democratic National Committee. In the filling of vacancies, it is the intent of these By-Laws to maintain equal division of the delegation by gender between males & females except as allowed by Section 4 above.

B. M/S/P Motion to refer to Subcommittees as recommended below:

1. Referral of proposal by staff on defining vacancy of ADEM delegates to ADEM Subcommittee
2. Referral of proposal by staff clarifying the procedure on filling vacancy of ADEM delegates to ADEM Subcommittee
3. Referral of concept by Committee Lead Chair on rule regarding 2020 endorsement process to confirm with primary election date change per SB 568 (Sen. Lara) to Endorsements Subcommittee
4. Referral of proposal by Vincent Casalaina on post-primary endorsing caucus eligible voters to Endorsements Subcommittee
5. Referral of proposal by staff on defining “regular member” of County Central Committee for the purpose of participating in the endorsement process to Endorsements Subcommittee
6. Referral of proposal by staff on updating special election endorsement process relating to post-primary endorsement process to Endorsements Subcommittee
7. Referral of proposal by Andrew Lachman on Standing Committee reform pertaining to Voter Services Committee and Organizational Development Committee to Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee
8. Referral of proposal concept by Committee Lead Chair on timing of election of Executive Board Representatives from County Central Committees to Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee
9. Referral of proposal by Hene Kelly on Executive Board membership to Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee

IX. M/S/P Approval of form produced by staff for quarterly financial disclosures statements for Statewide Officers required by Article II, Section 12 on Conflict of Interest Disclosure, as amended. Personal contact information will be redacted from the form prior to posting online.

X. Compliance Review Commission (CRC)
   A. San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee Decision Appeal.
      M/S/P to uphold the CRC Decision regarding the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee.
   B. M/S/P receive and filed CRC Decision regarding the Kern County Democratic Central Committee.
   C. M/S/P receive and filed CRC Decision regarding the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee.

XI. Other Business
   A. M/S/P to receive and file the decision of the Special Election Appeals Committee decision in AD51.

XII. M/S/P Adjournment
MEMORANDUM

TO: California Democratic Party (CDP) Executive Board

FROM: CDP Rules Committee

RE: CDP Bylaw Amendments Recommended by CDP Rules Committee to CDP Executive Board for Consideration

DATE: October 11, 2017

A number of Bylaw amendments were passed by the Rules Committee at the August 2017 Executive Board Meeting and recommended for adoption at the November 2017 Executive Board Meeting.

These amendments fall under the following categories:

Endorsements – A proposal from the Endorsements Subcommittee ensuring that candidates seeking CDP endorsement consideration affirm that they have read the latest CDP Platform

Endorsements – A proposal from the Endorsements Subcommittee to change the threshold for receiving CDP candidate endorsement recommendation at Endorsing Caucuses the same for all candidates, regardless of incumbency status

Endorsements – A proposal by Margaret Okuzumi to make a minor technical change relating to deadline for Chartered Clubs and Organizations to submit roster for pre-endorsing conference participation

Standing Committees – A proposal by Ruthee Goldkorn to correct the terminology relating to diversity in the duties and responsibilities description of the Affirmative Action Committee

Bylaw Amendments for Consideration

Ensuring Candidates Seeking CDP Endorsement Consideration Affirm Reading of Platform

In Article VIII, §3c(3):

Each candidate seeking the endorsement of the California Democratic Party shall be mailed, or provided via email, a link to a copy of This Committee’s most recently adopted Platform, at least ten (10) days prior to the pre-endorsing conference, or in the case of a Special Election the endorsing conference, in the relevant district and shall submit to This Committee a non-reimbursable filing fee in advance of the first level of the process in which his/her name is considered. The filing fee shall be set by the Finance Committee and duly adopted by the Executive Board at least six months prior to the ratification date for endorsement. All candidates seeking the endorsement of This Committee under Article VIII, Section 3 should* affirm in writing that they have read the most current Party Platform before they are eligible for consideration to be endorsed.

*In the August 2017 Rules Committee Report adopted by the Executive Board, item V. B. 1. of the Rules Committee Report erroneously recorded that the word “shall” was stricken and replaced with “should” in the Bylaw amendment proposal pertaining to candidates seeking CDP endorsement consideration.
Confirms that they have read the latest CDP Platform. A second memo correcting this error is included in this packet.

Threshold for Candidate Endorsement Recommendation at Endorsing Caucuses
In Article VIII, §3c(8):

Endorsement of an incumbent candidate seeking reelection shall require a vote of simple majority of the caucus members present and voting; provided, however, that should more than one incumbent be seeking the endorsement of the same caucus, any endorsement shall require sixty percent (60%) vote of those caucus members present and voting. Endorsement of all nonincumbent candidates shall require sixty percent (60%) vote of those caucus members present and voting. In the event this Committee fails to endorse on the first ballot, no further votes shall be taken and the position of this Committee in that race shall be “NO CONSENSUS.” A candidate shall be considered an incumbent for the purposes of this section only if the candidate is seeking reelection to the same body in which that candidate currently serves and that candidate currently represents a district within the State of California.

Technical Change Clarifying CCO Roster Submission Deadline
In Article VIII, §3g(6):

Nothing in this section relieves a Democratic Club of its obligation to submit its roster to the Regional Director by July 15 of the year preceding the pre-endorsing conference, as provided hereinabove.

Correct Terminology Relating to Diversity
In Article V, §5(f):

The Democratic Party has a commitment to diversity and openness in participation. To ensure that commitment, the Affirmative Action Committee shall advise all persons with power of appointment and all electing bodies of the demographics of California Democrats so they may make informed choices in the selection and election of delegates, committee members and staff who are representative of the diversity of the Democratic Party in with respect to gender, ethnicity, creed, age, sexual orientation, economic status, persons with disabilities as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 physical ability, and area of residence.
MEMORANDUM

TO: California Democratic Party (CDP) Executive Board

FROM: CDP Rules Committee

RE: Amendment to August 2017 CDP Rules Committee Report Adopted by the CDP Executive Board

DATE: October 11, 2017

In the August 2017 Rules Committee Report adopted by the Executive Board, item V. B. 1. of the Rules Committee Report erroneously recorded that the word “shall” was stricken and replaced with “should” in the Bylaw amendment proposal pertaining to candidates seeking CDP endorsement consideration affirm that they have read the latest CDP Platform.

The Rules Committee recommends amending item V. B. 1. of the August 2017 Rules Committee Report to correct the record as follows:

Consideration of proposal to ensure all candidates that seek the endorsement the endorsement affirm that they have read the most current version of the CDP Platform. M/S/P to amend and accept proposal as follows: striking “shall” and insert “should” in sentence 1; capitalize “T” in “This Committee” in sentence 1; insert “under Article VIII, Section 3” after “Committee” in sentence 1; and strike sentences 2, 3, and 4, as follows:

CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3 c.(3) is amended to read: Each candidate seeking the endorsement of the California Democratic Party shall be mailed, or provided via email, a link to a copy of This Committee's most recently adopted Platform, at least ten (10) days prior to the pre-endorsing conference, or in the case of a Special Election the endorsing conference, in the relevant district and shall submit to This Committee a non-reimbursable filing fee in advance of the first level of the process in which his/her name is considered. The filing fee shall be set by the Finance Committee and duly adopted by the Executive Board at least six months prior to the ratification date for endorsement. All candidates seeking the endorsement of This Committee under Article VIII, Section 3 should affirm in writing that they have read the most current party platform before they are eligible for consideration to be endorsed.