

California Democratic Party Chartered Organizations

2020 Annual Reports Summary

Copies of annual reports submitted to date follow. Membership rosters were submitted with annual reports - copies of rosters, with personal information redacted, available upon request.

GEOGRAPHICALLY BASED CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS

10th AD Democrats: Ralph Miller, Chair

72nd Area Democratic Alliance: Mai Khana Tran, Chair

CD 1 Alliance Action: Cindy Ellsmore, Chair

STATEWIDE CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS

Brownie Mary Democrats of California: Lanny Swerdlow, Chair

California Armenian American Democrats: Caro Avanesian, Chair

California Democratic Renters Council: Mari-Perez Ruiz, Chair

Democrats for Israel: Andrew Lachman, President

10th Assembly District Democrats

2020 Report on the Club's Activities

Progress towards fulfillment of the Organization's purposes

Club members were engaged in a number of phone banks and GOTV activities for local and national candidates during the Presidential campaign. Currently, Members are encouraged to support the Georgia Run-Off Elections and local and state Democratic Party office activities and events, such as Dining for Democrats, to which the Club is an annual contributor. We actively promoted voter registrations and GOTV in the San Rafael Canal District and, in conjunction with Latinos for America, produced a series of Census, Register to Vote and Vote-by-Mail videos in multiple languages, as well as several Georgia spots, one of which was distributed by Roots Action to its Georgia members. We define our Club's goals and values to the Marin/Sonoma Latino Community thusly:

AD10 Democrats Club is a Democratic Chartered Organization in Marin/Sonoma. We help support Democratic activities and initiatives together with grassroots progressive organizations, labor unions, and community leaders.

AD10 Club de Democratas es una Organization autorizada por el Partido Democrata de California, enfocado en el desarrollo de votantes Democratas en Marin y Sonoma. Trabajamos con organizaciones progresistas de base, sindicatos laborales y lideres comunitarios.

We believe in walking the walk and will use our collective voices within the California Democratic Party to ensure that a vote for a Democrat is a vote for the people, and operating in an open and equitable manner.

Creemos en caminar la caminata por el camino progresista y usaremos nuestras voces colectivas dentro del Partido Democrata de California para asegurar que un voto para un demócrata sea un voto para el pueblo, operando en una manera transparente y equitativa.

Objective Measures for Club Development [Quantifiable Criteria]

Club activities are designed to help build membership and engagement with grassroots organizers and activists in three general areas: Communications, GOTV and Building Awareness. Our goals of increasing members year-to-year has grown the Club to its current 183 Members (up from 129 in 2018), many of whom are Delegates to the DSCC, serve on Caucus Boards and in Standing Committees. Our periodic newsletter is distributed via MailChimp. There was delay this year in moving the list over from XLS and getting the necessary permissions to post through MailChimp, which process we have completed. Our intention is to increase frequency of communications to members as we continue to operate remotely, after the Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden as our nation's 46th President!

Club Charter

10th Assembly District Democrats, Marin & Southern Sonoma Counties

The “10th AD Democrats Club“ is a CDP-chartered organization.

The purpose of the 10th Assembly District Democrats Club is to encourage, develop, and actively engage in political organization and activities within the Assembly District and perform other electoral political activity for the purpose of electing Democratic Party candidates endorsed by the Club or the California Democratic Party.

Members consist of any registered Democrat in the Assembly District who is currently residing in the district and is active in the Club through either the payment of dues, engagement in support of the Club’s purposes or received an economic hardship waiver.

Membership expires on the date of the regular biennial organization meeting held on the second Saturday or Sunday in January of every odd-numbered year during the CDP ADEM Elections. Requalification of membership begins immediately.

Memberships are certified by the Treasurer of the Club and a roster is provided to the CDP. In order to vote at any meeting, an individual’s membership must be current as indicated herein and the Member must have paid their biennial dues, or requested an Economic Hardship Waiver from the Treasurer.

Every member shall have one vote at any meeting. No proxy voting is permitted at the organizational meeting.

Club Officers

Ralph I. Miller, Chair
Patricia Kuunstenar, Marin Vice-Chair
[OPEN], Sonoma Vice-Chair
Ruth Carter, Secretary
Richard Foldenhauer, Treasurer

72nd Assembly Democratic Alliance

As one of the most active Democratic clubs in Orange County, we have had a very successful 2020 despite the raging pandemic. As chair and a physician on the frontline, I facilitated and we mobilized immediately for the emerging crisis starting in February 2020. We were the first Democratic Club in Orange County that conducted our business entirely via zoom starting in March 2020.

All of the 72nd ADA usual events were cancelled this year. Instead, we focused our efforts on the 2020 election cycle. Our members worked tirelessly for the races including local city councils, assembly district, senate district, county supervisor, congressional district, and presidential. For our district, we lost most races but are heartened by the win that ushered in the Biden-Harris administration. We joined with the DPOC in the endorsement process for local races and supported its efforts in promoting democratic values including events for BLM and protest against attack on science and ultimately the insurrection.

Despite the surge, our members are still actively canvassing and phone-banking for the special election for Board of Supervisors in our area. We will continue to do the work needed to turn the 72nd Assembly District and surrounding areas blue, safely and effectively.

During the height of the pandemic, our members coordinated and volunteered to provide food and shelters for the homeless veterans, food and medicine for the shut-in seniors, and meals for the healthcare heroes. We are also active in making sure that there is vaccine equity in our communities, particularly in the Latinex and Vietnamese which have been disproportionately hard hit. The Orange County Healthcare Agency (OCHA) has been unprepared and incompetent in its pandemic management, largely due to the lack of real leadership from the GOP-controlled Board of Supervisors. Hence, we are putting all of our energy this month into the upcoming special election for OC Supervisors, district 2.

We look forward to 2021 with hope and will continue to work to make sure that there is equity in health, education, and social services as we emerge from this pandemic.

As there are no changes to our by-laws, we are requesting to be re-chartered.

Officers

Chair: Dr Mai Khanh Tran

Vice Chair: Lorelei Lachman

Secretary: Christina Avalos

Treasurer: Lenore Albert

CD ONE ALLIANCE

A California Democratic Party

Chartered Organization

Annual Report to the CDP Organizational Development Committee

April 2021

Accomplishments:

The CD1 Alliance Action made the decision to extend our outreach into the state races in AD1 and AD3 and filed for an FPPC account in 2020. The FPPC account number is 1426444. The Alliance is appreciative of the support received from the ODC to expand MOE access into AD1 and AD3.

Meetings: The Steering Committee met twice a month via Zoom during 2020 and this continues during 2021. Due to the COVID19 pandemic the annual general meeting of the membership has not met. When it is safe to meet in person, a general membership meeting will be scheduled to hold officer elections, share strategy and tasks for the 2022 election.

Fundraising:

A decision was made not to actively raise money for the Alliance in 2020 in competition with our local Democratic candidates in a Presidential election year. Fundraising will ramp up in 2021 to support state as well as our congressional candidates.

2020 Elections:

CD1: Audrey Denney, 43% 2018 and 2022 candidate – she will not run in 2022

SD1: Pamela Swartz, 40.3% first time candidate – she will not run in 2022

AD1: Elizabeth Betancourt, 41.1% 2019 special election and 2020 candidate - she will not run in 2022

Despite hard-working excellent candidates, sufficient funding, many enthusiastic volunteers and good turnout, the election results were disappointing in NE California. Data analysis in our R+12 Republican/libertarian district reveals that the combination of the presidential race, a large negative reaction to COVID restrictions, inability for in-person Democratic canvassing and events was a perfect storm against Democratic candidates. The recall effort of the governor was very active and has now expanded to include recall actions against three Shasta County supervisors who supported the COVID restrictions.

No matter how hard people worked on registration and GOTV, it wasn't enough. Voters' negative perception of the Democratic Party was too much to overcome. No matter how

well financed or professionally run the campaign, they still lost. Winning in (currently) red districts requires changing the narrative about what the Democratic Party stands for.

2021 Goals:

It is apparent that the road to victory in our districts is reliant demonstrating that Democrats understand problems and can provide solutions by building local farm teams and that it will take multiple election cycles. To that end, the Alliance is actively recruiting possible candidates for CD1, AD1, AD3 and SD4. Possible candidates for local elective offices and commissions will be referred to the county DCCs for evaluation and support.

The CD1 Alliance Action is able to recruit, train and efficiently utilize more volunteers throughout the district for in-person canvassing, and have the organization to attract and support blue county volunteers to help.

The Alliance will continue to post and boost our social media to promote positive news about Democratic accomplishments, support the Democratic candidates and reveal our opponents' miserable records.

Stopping the Republican Recall is of course a major objective this year.

The CD1 Alliance Action needs help:

ASK: As a CDP geographic chartered organization, it makes sense for the Alliance to be involved in the CDP coordinated campaign with the same access as the DCCs and Democratic clubs. Our relationships with the DCCs, state and federal candidates provide a unique opportunity to gain efficiency and better cohesion between the 14 counties in CD1, AD1 and AD3.

ASK: The Alliance needs some legal assistance in threading the needle of compliance working with the DCCs and candidates. As a Federal Recipient Committee and as a state FPPC organization as well, we need some guidance. The ability to send our questions to or discuss them with a professional would help us avoid pitfalls as we work to turn the North State blue.

ASK: The CD1 Alliance Action should be entitled to an Eboard Representative as other state-chartered orgs but we have not had a determination. How can we move that forward?

The CD1 Alliance Action is committed to renewing our charter with the new boundaries the redistricting will bring. We're in it for the long haul to bring Democratic representation to the North State. Working together, we can win. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ellsmore, Chair chair@cd1alliance.org 530-913-9819

Brownie Mary Democrats of California!

BROWNIE MARY:

Brownie Mary Democrats of California is a pioneer cannabis advocacy organization, and the only existing cannabis group chartered by the California Democratic party.

Brownie Mary is responsible for spearheading the inclusion of cannabis in CaDEM's 2014 platform via our very first resolution.

Brownie Mary's cannabis mission of reform includes implementing and protecting patient and adult-use access to cannabis, and promoting the legal hemp and commercial cannabis industries in California by its work with, and for, the California Democratic Party (CDP).

Brownie Mary believes that cannabis prohibition is a failed federal policy that has led to entrenched, inhumane, racist and damaging programs. We continue to actively support the full implementation of Prop 64 as a cannabis policy corrective for California.

BECAUSE COVID:

In 2020 we wore masks and washed our hands a lot.

Brownie Mary's grassroots advocacy adapted to the new socially distanced normal in the midst of a tsunami of cascading challenges: a global pandemic, an economic crisis, a racial uprising and a contested election.

2020 was a difficult year for grassroots advocacy or physical gatherings of any kind – but we did what we could.

Brownie Mary's less robust Annual Report reflects compliance with governmental social distancing mandates.

NATIONAL:

In 2020 Brownie Mary members made donations of time and money to numerous Democratic candidates.

In 2020 Brownie Mary actively supported The MORE Act. The Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act (HR 3884) passed the U.S. House of Representatives and was sent to the Senate to die.

Or so we thought, but in a surprise twist - The MORE Act is not dead yet! Chuck Schumer, the new Senate Majority leader, is expected to re-introduce The MORE Act in the new Congress.

2021 holds promise as the year federal cannabis prohibition finally ends, eighty-four discriminatory and damaging years after national regulation was first enacted – the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937.

Chuck Schumer is quoted as saying, "Cannabis is now Schedule 1 — which is to the point of absurdity to say marijuana is more dangerous than crack cocaine. It's crazy. So,

we decriminalize it, we deschedule it, and we incentivize and invest in states and local governments to create expungement programs.”

The MORE Act promises to decriminalize cannabis at the federal level, taking the feds out of the picture and allowing the states to make decisions on whether or not cannabis should be legal within their borders. The MORE Act would allow patients to travel across state lines with their cannabis without fear of punitive law enforcement intervention, fines, or jail time.

Vice President Kamala Harris was the chief sponsor of the MORE Act in the U.S. Senate.

Georgia Senator Jon Ossoff stated to CNBC: “I won’t just push for decriminalization; I’ll push for nationwide legalization of cannabis. The prohibition of this substance is irrational. It’s hugely expensive. It has a terrible human toll. The fact that there are people doing time for nonviolent marijuana-related offenses while others are getting rich in the cannabis industry is a grave injustice. I’ll fight for outright cannabis legalization, an end to incarceration for nonviolent drug offenses and expungement of records for nonviolent cannabis offenses.”

Another piece of legislation that received a lot of Brownie Mary attention was The Medical Marijuana Research Act (HR 3797), which passed a voice vote in the House and was similarly sent to the Senate to die. In a continuation of our hope to end federal prohibition in 2021 – we expect The Medical Marijuana Research Act to be reintroduced in the new Congress and enjoy bipartisan support.

The Medical Marijuana Research Act would remove many existing barriers to research that can benefit patients (and by extension, adult-use recreational consumers). Researchers would be allowed to study the cannabis products that patients and consumers are using in state programs, and the act would direct the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to issue a report on the results of medical cannabis research.

The growing, nationwide ‘thumbs up’ sentiment toward cannabis legalization was manifest in five states that approved cannabis ballot initiatives in the November 3, 2020 election: Arizona, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, and South Dakota.

In Mississippi, voters picked between competing medical initiatives, choosing the less restrictive option by 74%.

In South Dakota, voters ended cannabis prohibition altogether with 69% approval of both medical and adult use cannabis.

In Arizona, adult-use passed with 59.8% support.

In New Jersey, voters approved adult-use initiative with 66.9% support.

In Montana, adult-use passed with 56.5% support.

Louisiana's highly restrictive medical cannabis program was relaxed and expanded to explicitly protect doctors and medical centers recommending cannabis or working with patients who use it.

CALIFORNIA

During the 2020 pandemic, Governor Newsom deemed cannabis 'essential.'

As a result, even though California's cannabis taxes are punitive and onerous and need an overhaul - the cannabis industry made money last year.

Since 2016, Prop 64 has failed in a uniform implementation across California's 58 counties and 482 cities, but we moved closer on November 3. City bans against commercial cannabis are eroding faster and faster.

There were 38 ballot measures in 36 counties across the state on the November ballot - and most won by large margins - only six lost at the ballot box.

More than 60% of voters in the cities of Artesia, Calabasas, Grass Valley, Costa Mesa, La Habra, Madera, Banning, Oceanside, Tracy, San Bruno, Porterville, Ojai, Ventura, Marysville and Vacaville endorsed opening up cannabis retailers and other businesses in their cities.

San Joaquin County approved a general cannabis business tax by 66% and the city of Lemon Grove expanded its medical program to adult use with 77%.

"It's great to see California voters continuing to see the benefits of legal cannabis businesses in their cities and counties," said Ellen Komp, Deputy Director of California NORML. "Legal businesses bring in sales taxes, payroll taxes, jobs, and economic stimulus while reducing crime and providing safe, tested products to consumers."

Brownie Mary supported the implementation of Assembly Bill 1525 (Jones-Sawyer, 2020). Brownie Mary was an early supporter of Jones-Sawyer's proposed regulations, which are intended to facilitate greater access to financial services for licensed cannabis businesses.

California's besieged and hardworking Governor Newsom found time to sign 39 pardons, commutations and medical reprieves of people who have been or are still incarcerated for mostly cannabis and other low level drug crimes.

The Bureau of Cannabis Control named new Bureau Chief Tamara Colson to replace outgoing Lori Ajax.

Locally, Brownie Mary members donated time and money to Democratic candidates in California (as well as across the country) in 2020.

In Oakland, San Francisco and Sacramento, Brownie Mary helped co-sponsor fund raising events for local Assemblymembers and a City Council member.

Brownie Mary lobbied for Cannabis Lounges at the County and City level.

Brownie Mary conducted research and attended virtual City Council and BOS meetings in the Central Valley and the Inland Empire.

Brownie Mary supported pro-Cannabis policies in 2020.

WELCOME TO CALIFORNIA – HOW WE GOT LEGAL (a look back):

In 2015, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bills 243, and 266, and Senate Bill 643, collectively known as The Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA). Senate Bill 420 was meant to sunset by the end of 2016, and MMRSA to kick in, comprehensively regulating California's medical marijuana industry.

Instead, in 2016, California voters passed voter initiative Prop 64 (AUMA – The Adult Use Marijuana Act) which legalized recreational adult use of cannabis.

Governor Brown subsequently combined MMRSA (medical) and AUMA (recreational adult use) into a single statewide regulatory structure by combining Senate Bill 94 and AB 133 into: 'The Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA – combined medical and recreational).

California was the first state to allow sales of medical cannabis in 1996. The starting gun for the new recreational cannabis policy was June, 2017, when Governor Brown signed The Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) into law. The regulatory framework came online in January 2018.

BROWNIE MARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

LANNY SWERDLOW, RN LNC

Hosts a regular radio show in the Inland Empire called 'Compassion and Common sense' featuring cannabis experts – doctors, lawyers, elected officials and candidates.

Lanny continues as the Executive Director of the Inland Empire cannabis organization Marijuana Anti-Prohibition Project that holds a monthly virtual meeting advocating on local IE cannabis issues.

MARCIA BLOUNT – A local delegate; former President of the Sacramento Brownie Mary Democratic Club; serves on the BMD-CA Executive Committee as Central Vice Chair; Grassroots organizer, local fund-raiser.

DAVID GOLDMAN - President of the San Francisco Brownie Mary Democratic Club and serves on the BMD-CA Executive Committee as Northern Vice Chair:

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DENISE MARTELLACCI - President of the Alameda County Brownie Mary Democratic Club and serves on the BMD-CA Executive Committee as a Member At Large:

SUSAN O'LEARY – BMD-CA Recording Secretary and was instrumental, alongside BMD-CA Chair Lanny Swerdlow, RN, (and Thomas O'Shaughnessy) in winning a CaDEM charter for a Brownie Mary statewide organization.

ERIC NABORS – BMD-CA Treasurer and has participated in exhibit booth presentations at CaDEM State Conventions:

YAMI BOLANOS – Licensed, PRE-ICO Co-Founder of Puravida Dispensary, Founder of GLACA, serves as BMD-CA Executive Committee as Southern Vice Chair:

ABRAHAM FINEBERG – Serves as on the BMD-CA Board Executive Committee as a Member At Large:

LOREN BRAUNER – Founder and former President of the Los Angeles County Brownie Mary Democratic Club – a 4-year tenure. Loren continues to fund-raise for local cannabis campaigns for pro- cannabis electeds.

SEAN DONAHUE – BMD-CA Board Member At Large, Deputy Director of the California Cannabis Industry Association:

Sean is President of Operative Campaigns, founded in 2014, to provide clients with strategic guidance, business development, legislative and local governmental relations, political campaigns, and public relations resources.

JOESPH PINON – Board Member At Large:

A LOOK BACK – FOUNDATIONAL BMD-CA CANNABIS RESOLUTIONS AND PLANKS:

BMD-CA is responsible for spearheading the inclusion of cannabis in the Democratic Party platform in California in 2013.

BMDC advocated for Democratic Party support beginning in 2014 with the adoption of our first plank calling to end physician's refusal to provide organ transplants to medical marijuana patients (AB 258 was enacted in 2015).

In 2014, BMDC called for the "Legalization, Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana In a Manner Similar to Tobacco and Alcohol." We believe the adoption of this early plank helped normalize and generate support for LACDP and CaDEM's active support of Prop 64 during the 2016 election.

In 2016, BMD-CA introduced and passed resolutions seeking the Party's support to fully implement Prop. 64 through the adoption of other pro-cannabis resolutions, including:

A. Denouncing local bans and moratoriums and encouraging cities to adopt ordinances in support of the new cannabis industry.

B. Resolution opposing IRS Code 280E which disallows most regular business

deductions for commercial cannabis.

C. Advocacy for Assembly Member Reggie Jones-Sawyer's (D-CA) twice stalled cannabis sanctuary-state bill for the cannabis industry. This bill was in reaction to AG Sessions rescinding, in 2018, the Cole Memo's protections of state legal commercial cannabis, which could lead to renewed federal actions against licensed cannabis businesses. AB 1578 also disallowed local police from cooperating with federal police in the arrest and prosecution of licensed California cannabis businesses. Most importantly, it calls for the shuttering of unlicensed cannabis operations, which threatened the new regulatory environment.

D. Local resolution passed by Los Angeles County Democratic Party Central Committee that called for City of Los Angeles to institute proper local 'business licenses' instead of the city's proposed 'limited immunity.'

BMD-CA will continue its mission to:

- Promote the Democratic Party and promote the election of Democratic candidates.

- Protect the rights of medical and recreational cannabis users.

- Repeal local bans and support the implementation Senate Bill 94.

- Lend a collective shoulder to ending the federal prohibition on cannabis.

California Armenian American Democrats

We have formed This Organization to achieve the following goals:

To promote the participation of Armenian Americans in the California Democratic Party (CDP) and develop an effective network of local Armenian American Democratic Clubs, in order to: a. Formally affiliate with the State or County Democratic Central Committees; b. Provide a vehicle to systematically participate in and affect the direction of the State Democratic Party and the selection of candidates in the State of California; c. Urge the integration of our community in Democratic politics, thereby enhancing our political participation and promoting our civil, social, economic, and community well-being; d. Bring into the network established leadership and organizations that can be mobilized to support Armenian American causes; and, e. Cultivate new leadership committed to working within the CDP.

To research, develop, articulate, and advocate issues that concern Armenian Americans, including, but not limited to, reaffirming: a. Our outreach and cooperation with other Democratic Organizations and ethnic groups; b. Our commitment to just and effective immigration policies; c. Our condemnation of the Armenian Genocide, demand for reparations, and commitment to the right of self-determination. d. Our liaison with other Armenian Americans within the Democratic National Committee.

To maximize the political impact of Armenian Americans by: a. Giving technical assistance and support to local, regional, and national clubs and Organizations; b. Actively recruiting, training, and supporting those candidates and appointees who have demonstrated their commitment to the goals set forth herein; and, c. Providing input to governmental and private agencies regarding issues and prospective candidates to elected and to appointed office.

Achievements:

More Democratic Clubs were established and more members for the Armenian community have been participating with Democratic Party due to existence and encouragement of this organization,

Although the year 2020 has been a difficult due to pandemic, our organization has achieved and exceeded its goals for informing and involving our community in Democratic Casus.

Television programing conducted by our board member Vrej Agajanian mayor of the Glendale. Vrej Agajanian. On his nightly local TV programs in Armenian language explained to his audience the new voting instructions and the voting machines and their usage. Encouraged our community to register to vote either by mail or in person.

This organization's members have authored & coauthored several resolutions passed by LACDP, cosponsored by hundreds community leaders and individuals.

Expel Congress members who voted not to certify presidential elections.
Congress Recognizes Armenian Genocide, Trump Will Not

On several occasions CAAD members participated with tabling, phone banking, texting and registering people to vote. Informing electorates about Democratic Party candidates and out values.

Sincerely
Caro Avanesian
Chair, California Armenian American Democrats

Democrats for Israel

Activity	Means	Standard
Registration	Tables at local Jewish community festivals, Israel festivals	Registering at least 20 new voters at each event, 100 per cycle. (DFI-LA has already done this at the Israel Festival).
Outreach	Organizing candidate forums and events with allied organizations.	<p>Organizing at four to six regional forums at local synagogues or community centers to focus on Democratic candidates and messaging in the Jewish community (DFI-LA has done one every year including this year, with 100 attending a Jewish community candidates forum with representatives from Sanders, Bloomberg, Biden & Steyer campaigns).</p> <p>Joint events and outreach to other organizations such as PeaceNow, J Street and being a speaker at the initial meeting of the Southern California Muslim Democratic Club.</p>
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail appeals letters • Host events • Distribute memorabilia in recognition of • contributions 	Raise \$20-50,000 per cycle. DFI-LA raised over \$15,000 in 2019-2020 through annual fundraising event and email appeals.

California Democratic Renters Council

2020 Annual Report Progress and Accomplishments towards Organization Purposes

1) To work with tenant organizations throughout the year and connect tenant organizers with the Democratic Party and their legislators.

CADEM Renters Council members have participated in: 1) Weekly Housing Now Coalition 2) Quarterly Bay Area Regional Tenant Organizing (RTO) and 3) Monthly Tenants Together conference calls.

2) To advance resolutions, legislation, and other policies that address the issues faced by renters.

Resolutions

CADEM Council member wrote the resolution 20-11.20 "Taking the Hate out of Homeownership " calling on the party to support the removal of racially restrictive language that continues to exist on deeds and covenants even after a 1948 ruling made them unenforceable. This year, state bill AB1466 has been introduced to carry this out.

Legislation & Other Policy

CADEM Renters Council worked with tenant organizations in lobbying for the extension of emergency tenant protections.

At the July 2020 convention, CADEM Renters Council members submitted legislation endorsement requests for 9 housing bills on topics such as emergency tenant relief, mobile homes, zoning, and tenant rights.

3) To educate and inform legislators and party delegates and leaders on proposed legislation and legislative strategy around affordable housing and tenant protection proposals.

During the ADEMs process, CADEM Renters Council recruited housing justice warriors to run for delegate and reached out to delegate candidates. Over 150 ADEM delegates completed the Renters Council questionnaire on their experience supporting tenants and their position on rent control, Repeal Costa-Hawkins, the Ellis Act, upzoning, and emergency rent relief.

4) To increase renter voter turnout, Census count, and elected representation.

CADEM Renters Council's Central District partnered with Central Valley Empowerment Alliance (CVEA) to co-lead a voter registration and voter turnout campaign. Voter Registration booths were placed in rural unincorporated communities like Poplar, Terra Bella and Ducor to the bigger cities of Visalia, Fresno and Bakersfield. The Voter Turnout campaign consisted of calling registered voters, texting reminders and transporting Register Voters to the polling booths. CADEM Renters Council's Central District created outreach opportunities through phone

banking, texting and a series of caravan parades (keeping with social distancing CDC Guidelines).

CADEM Renters Council's Central District partner with Census 2020 to host a three week campaign in the unincorporated communities of Tulare County--Poplar, Decur, and Tule River Indian Reservation.

5) To recruit, organize, and educate candidates and party members at Convention and Executive Board meetings.

During the 2020 election, CADEM Renters Council partnered with Tulare County Democratic Central Committee and MovementLabs to recruit housing justice warriors. Texts were sent to Tulare County registered Democrats; over 300 Democrats responded; twenty-seven Democrats filed; and twenty-four Democrats were elected. CADEM Renters Council endorsed 39 tenants running for local office. CADEM Renters Council members ran the outreach phonebanking center for Prop21 "partial repeal of Costa-Hawkins" campaign.

CADEM Renters Council held its first local candidate and ballot measure endorsement process, endorsing 77 local candidates and taking position on 26 local ballot measures. Win rate: 45 candidates and 14 of the ballot measures positions. Candidates seeking endorsement were educated about tenant issues including rent control, emergency tenant protections, and long term solutions to the housing crisis