

CDP RULES PACKET

November 19, 2021

California Democratic Party Rules Committee Tentative Agenda
Friday, November 19, 2021 at 4:30pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of Meeting Agenda
- IV. Review of Bylaw Amendments before the Executive Board (Adopted at 2021 August Eboard)
 - A. Article X, (Charters), Section 2 (Granting)
 - B. Article IV, Section 1.a.(3), replace “sixty (60)” with “forty-five (45)”
 - C. Article VIII, section 1.k, amend Prohibition on Endorsing in Reapportionment Years language
 - D. Article VIII, section 1.g.(6), replace “sixty (60)” with “forty-five (45)”
 - E. Article VIII, section 1.g.(13), replace “sixty (60)” with “forty-five (45),”
- V. Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Caucus Subcommittee
 - a. Report from Subcommittee on Caucuses
Chair: Zakson, Members: Alcala, Cardenas, Garcia, Lee, Schultz, Woods-Gray
 - B. Endorsements Subcommittee
 - a. Report from Subcommittee on Endorsements
Chair: Bowler, Members: Armstrong, Escutia, Glazer, Hernandez, King, Wong
- VI. Creation of Subcommittee on Chartered Organizations
 - a. Subcommittee Assignment
Chair: Nicole Fernandez, Vice-Chair: Anita Narayana, Members: Glenn Glazer, Harris Mojadedi, Sarah Souza, Garry Shay
- VII. Proposed Bylaw Amendments
 - A. Proposals by CDP Staff to amend Article VIII, Section 3(c)(6) to provide for bylaws changes to allow procedural flexibility in the conduct of Convention endorsement caucuses (see attached)
 - B. Proposal to modify the requirements under which a Special Executive Board meeting can be called by petition under Article VII, section 4(b)(2) (see attached)

C. Proposal by David Mandel to make the Platform, Resolutions and Legislation
Committee Procedures Consistent

VIII. 2022 Convention and Platform Rules

IX. Convention Agenda

X. Review of Chartering Guidelines

XI. New Business

XII. Adjournment

**REVIEW OF BYLAW
AMENDMENTS
BEFORE THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD
(ADOPTED AT 2021
AUGUST EBOARD)**

**Bylaw Amendments to be adopted at the CDP's Executive Board Meeting held on
November 21, 2021, virtually through the CDP Zoom Account**

The Rules Committee has recommended to the Executive Board the following CDP By-laws Amendments:

1) Amend Article X, (Charters), Section 2.d (Granting), as follows:

Charters shall only be granted upon recommendation of the ~~Organizational Development~~ Rules Committee pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Rules Committee.

2) In Article IV, Section 1.a.(3), replace "sixty (60)" with "forty-five (45)", as follows:

For all other meetings of This Committee (whether regular or special), the qualification date shall be a date selected by the Chair of This Committee and publicized on the Party's website that is between ~~sixty (60)~~ forty-five (45) and ninety (90) days prior to that meeting.

3) In Article VIII, Section 1.k, amend Prohibition on Endorsing in Reapportionment Years language as follows:

Prohibition on Endorsing in Reapportionment Years:

This Committee shall not endorse in partisan primary races in districts subject to redistricting unless final maps have been published by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission ~~redistricting has been implemented~~ within ~~ninety (90)~~ forty-five (45) days of a duly noticed "endorsing convention" of This Committee.

4) In Article VIII, section 1.g.(6), replace "sixty (60)" with "forty-five (45)," as follows:

No proxy voting shall be allowed at pre-endorsing conferences. In order to effectuate notice to all potential voters, and to determine and certify eligibility to vote, it shall be the responsibility of each Regional Director, with the assistance of the relevant County Committee Chair(s) and the Executive Board representative from each Assembly District to identify by name all persons who will be eligible voters at their regional pre-endorsing conference and to transmit the names of all such voters to the State Chair, along with the Assembly District, Senate District and Congressional District in which each resides by a date selected by the Chair of This Committee and publicized on the Party's website that is between ~~sixty (60)~~ forty-five (45) and ninety (90) days prior to the State Endorsing Convention. A roster of the certified eligible voters shall be maintained by that Regional Director and shall be provided to the Chair of This Committee and

to each candidate who has requested consideration. In order to be a voting member of a pre-endorsing conference, an individual's membership must have been certified as indicated herein and their name must appear, or have had the right to appear, on the certified roster as described above. Nothing in this section relieves a Democratic Club of its obligation to submit its roster to the Regional Director by the date selected pursuant to Section 3(g)(5)(c)(1)(a) above.

5) In Article VIII, section 1.g.(13), replace “sixty (60)” with “forty-five (45),” 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-endorsing 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)~~ forty-five (45) 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

[DRAFT] REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON CAUCUSES CONCERNING THE ANONYMOUS
COMPLAINT AGAINST THE CHICANO LATINO CAUCUS

On November 19, 2021, the Rules Committee met and reviewed the October 27, 2021, Final Report of the Subcommittee on Caucuses of the California Democratic Party (Final Report). The Final Report is appended to this Report of the Rules Committee.

For the reasons set forth in the Final Report, the Rules Committee finds that this matter is properly before the Rules Committee on an anonymous complaint that alleges a violation of the CDP Bylaws and/or Guidelines.

The Rules Committee adopts as its own the factual findings supporting the conclusion, and the conclusion, that the Rules Committee has jurisdiction of these complaints under Article XI, Section 6 of the Bylaws of the California Democratic Party.¹ A

The Rules Committee finds that the initial hearing on September 22, 2021, and continued hearing on October 27, 2021, satisfy the requirements in Article XI, Section 6 that the Caucus be given notice of the allegations against it and an opportunity to be heard on those allegations.

The Rules Committee adopts the finding in the Final Report that the CDP Chicano Latino Caucus passed a motion at its July 11, 2021, meeting that conditionally endorsed Ruth Luevanos for Congress. That same action authorized the Chair to endorse Ms. Luevanos “as an individual with title for identification purposes only.” The Rules Committee further adopts the finding in the Final Report that the motion

¹ Unless otherwise expressly indicated, Articles and Section Numbers are to the CDP Bylaws.

to allow the Chair to endorse was an authorization to endorse and, when considered in context, was an expression of support, recommendation and approval. The Rules Committee adopts the finding in the Final Report that as of July 11, 2021, the California Democratic Party had not yet considered an endorsement in the race for Congress in the 25th Congressional District. As a result, Ruth Luevanos was not the endorsed candidate of the California Democratic Party in that race.

Further, the Rules Committee adopts the factual findings underlying the conclusion and the conclusion that this conduct violates the Party's "One Form of Endorsement" and "One Voice" rules. The Rules Committee further adopts the factual findings underlying the conclusion and the conclusion that Caucus Chair Carlos Alcalá's email to Ms. Luevanos' staff member, Kevin Pikkell, sent after Caucus Chair Alcalá became aware of the complaint filed with the California Democratic Party, does not erase or eliminate the Caucus' violative conduct nor does it remedy the violation.

The Rules Committee therefore finds that the Chicano Latino Caucus violated Article VIII, Sections 1(d), (e) and (f), Article XI, Section 2(a) and (6) of the CDP Bylaws and Section 4.D.6(e) of the Guidelines.

Under the Bylaws, a finding of one or more violations of the Bylaws and/or Guidelines warrants decertification unless there is a showing that "all such defects have been remedied."

To remedy this violation, the Rules Committee hereby orders the Chicano Latino Caucus to take the following steps or face the resumption of decertification proceedings.

A. Inasmuch as the Bylaws of the Chicano Latino Caucus already prohibit unauthorized endorsements, the Caucus fortify its prohibitions by passing a standing rule reiterating that any motion, resolution or other effort to endorse, support, approve or otherwise recommend or to provide other material support of any kind to a person other than the

officially endorsed candidate of the California Democratic Party or the nominee of the Democratic National Committee for President or Vice-President is out of order and shall not be considered. Nothing in the rule shall prohibit the Chicano Latino Caucus from calling on the California Democratic Party to take an action otherwise authorized by Article XI, Section 1.a of the CDP Bylaws.

B. The Chicano Latino Caucus shall provide the Lead Co-Chairs of the Rules Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Rules Committee's Subcommittee on Caucuses a report 30 days after the November 2021 Executive Board Meeting of the steps taken to fulfill this obligations and shall file a report each 30 days thereafter (until the termination of the current Caucus certification cycle) certifying that the Caucus is in compliance with these remedial provisions, including the prohibition on endorsements, support, recommendation and approval all these remedial conditions. The certification shall explicitly state that no changes have been made to the required standing rule or the Bylaws provision on unauthorized endorsement.

C. For the balance of the current Caucus certification cycle, the Chicano Latino Caucus' certification shall be converted back to provisional and any failure to implement or abide by these remedial requirements shall be grounds for revocation of provisional status and the resumption of decertification proceedings.

FINAL REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CAUCUSES
OF THE RULES COMMITTEE OF THE CALIFORNIA
DEMOCRATIC PARTY

10/27/21

I. INTRODUCTION

The California Democratic Party (CDP) received an anonymous complaint dated July 13, 2021, that the Chicano Latino Caucus was in violation of the CDP Bylaws and Guidelines for the Certification/Recertification/Decertification of Caucuses, Adopted by the CDP Rules Committee – February 2018.

At its special meeting on July 17, 2021, the CDP Rules Committee referred this complaint to its Subcommittee on Caucuses (Subcommittee).

After consultation among the Lead Co-Chairs of the CDP Rules Committee and the Chair of this Subcommittee, a hearing on the complaint was scheduled for September 22, 2021. The purpose of the hearing was to elicit evidence in connection with the complaint and to prepare a draft report for Subcommittee consideration. This draft report is to be transmitted to the CDP Rules Committee to be considered at its regular meeting on November 19, 2021.

A hearing was held on September 22, 2021, starting at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of the Subcommittee was present, consisting of the following members:

- A. Laurence Zakson, Subcommittee Chair;
- B. Jimmie Woods Grey, Subcommittee Vice Chair;
- C. Jose Alcalá;
- D. Olivia Lee
- E. Andrea Cardenas
- F. Nick Schultz

G. Izeah Garcia

Ex-Officio:

- A. Coby King
- B. Valeria Hernandez

The Chair of the Subcommittee, Laurence Zakson, and Vice-Chair Jimmie Woods Gray were delegated to prepare a preliminary draft of the draft report.

A follow-up hearing was held on October 27, 2021. The Caucus Chair and various other witnesses and members of the public were heard and Ben Seinfeld providing further testimony in connection with the receipt and contents of the anonymous complaint.

A quorum of the Subcommittee was present and adopted this Final Report.

- A. Laurence Zakson, Subcommittee Chair;
- B. Jimmie Woods Grey, Subcommittee Vice Chair;
- C. Jose Alcala;
- D. Olivia Lee
- E. Andrea Cardenas
- F. Nick Schultz
- G. Izeah Garcia

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II. NOTICE AND HEARINGS

Article XI of the CDP Bylaws provides that determinations on questions of decertification shall take place after a hearing and any determination shall be based on factual findings by the Rules Committee. Specifically,

Article XI, Section 6 of the CPD Bylaws, provides:

“Section 6. DECERTIFICATION

After notice and an opportunity to be heard, and upon a finding by the Rules Committee that a certified caucus has failed to:

a. maintain compliance with the above,

b. adopt or maintain the Code of Conduct as part of its own bylaws with a provision that each member is bound by its terms, and/or

c. has willfully, intentionally, or repeatedly failed to address violations of the Code of Conduct within the caucus,

the Executive Board of This Committee may decertify a Caucus by majority vote. In the event the Rules Committee should make a finding of non-compliance with the Guidelines, it shall report a recommendation to de-certify the Caucus specifically noting the grounds and basis for its decision. Such recommendation may only be overturned by the Executive Board of This Committee, by majority vote, but only if the Executive Board makes specific findings that the Rules Committee was incorrect in each of its findings that formed the basis of the Rules Committee’s recommendation to decertify, or that all such defects have been remedied.”

For the reasons that follow, we find that:

1. The Notice and an opportunity be heard required by Article XI, Section 6 was satisfied by the notices and hearings; and,
2. These hearings yielded a sufficient predicate for this Subcommittee to recommend, and the Rules Committee to make, factual findings.

As to Notice, we confirm that:

1. The first complaint was included as item VIII on page 4 in the report of the Special Meeting of the Rules Committee on July 17, 2021. The anonymous complaint was addressed to CDP Political Director Ben Seinfeld, is dated July 13, 2021. It was marked as Exhibit A.
2. The Facebook page of Ruth Luevanos for Congress to which Exhibit A was linked was marked as Exhibit B.
3. Item VIII of the report of the duly noticed Special Meeting of the Rules Committee on July 17, 2021, shows the receipt of the complaint and its referral to this subcommittee. This report was marked as Exhibit C.
4. On September 2, 2021, Notice of the Subcommittee's September 22, 2021, Hearing was served on Carlos Alcala, Chair of the CDP Chicano Latino Caucus, with a copy to, among others, the officers and senior advisors of the CDP Chicano Latino Caucus on file with the CDP. A copy of that Notice is Exhibit D.
 - a. On September 2, 2021, this Subcommittee received a Notice, marked as Exhibit E, and an agenda packet for the September 22, 2021, Hearing.
 - b. The agenda packet included an email from Ben Seinfeld to Ruth Luevanos dated July 14, 2021, concerning the inability of the Chicano Latino Caucus to independently endorse. It is marked as Exhibit G.
 - c. A document entitled "Proposed Minutes for Chicano Latino Caucus meeting Sunday, July 11, 2021 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m." was also part of the agenda packet and is marked as Exhibit H.
5. At the September 22, 2021, the Committee received into the record the following:
 - (i) Article VIII of the CDP Bylaws, entitled Endorsement of Candidates

for Partisan and Nonpartisan Office, and Endorsement and Opposition to State Propositions, Initiatives, Referendum and Recall is found at pages 39 to 56 of the CDP Bylaws. It is marked as Exhibit I.

The most relevant portion of this Article is Article VIII, Section 1(a), known as our “Only One Form of Endorsement” rule. It says:

“The only form of endorsement of a candidate for partisan public office, or position on a State Ballot Proposition, Initiative, Referendum, or Recall, is an ‘official endorsement’ as provided for under these By-Laws. Unless a candidate, or position on a State Ballot Proposition, Initiative, Referendum, or Recall, has received an “official endorsement” all motions of support, recommendation, or other expressions of approval, or disapproval, whether express or implied as pertains to a candidacy for public office, or position on a State Ballot Proposition, Initiative, Referendum, or Recall, no matter how denominated, shall be out of order at any meeting of This Committee, its Executive Board, its Regions, its Assembly District Committees or its Caucuses; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent This Committee’s Regions, or its Caucuses, from calling on the California Democratic Party to take any action.”

Also notable is Article VIII, Section 1(f) of the CDP Bylaws at page 40, which is entitled, “Caucuses Not Independent.”

(ii) Article XI of the CDP Bylaws, entitled, “Special Group Caucuses,” can be found at pages 60 through 63 of the CDP Bylaws. Article XI is marked as Exhibit J.

Jurisdiction of the Rules Committee over the complaint is premised on Exhibit J Article XI, Section 6 and Exhibit K (described below) at Section 7.

(iii) The California Democratic Party Guidelines for Certification, Re-

Certification and Decertification of Caucuses, Adopted by the CDP Rules Committee – February 2018 is item 6 referenced in the Notice and is marked as Exhibit K.

Each of these Exhibits was marked and reviewed at the September 22, 2021, Subcommittee Hearing and received into evidence without objection.

Also at the hearing, the Chicano Latino Caucus provided testimony and argument from Chair Alcalá.

Mr. Alcalá introduced into evidence an email sent to the California Democratic Party enclosing an email from him to Kevin Pikkell (kevinpikkell@gmail.com). The cover email was entered into evidence without objection as Exhibit L and the email from Mr. Alcalá to Mr. Pikkell was entered into evidence as Exhibit M.

Exhibit M reads in relevant part:

“Re: Ruth Luevanos

From: Carlos Alcalá (cmaslav@yahoo.com)

To: Kevinpikkell@gmail.com

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 10:17 AM PDT

At our meeting Sunday, I told you I would check on whether the Caucus is permitted to endorse. I did check the CDP Bylaws and the Caucus is not permitted to endorse’ so please do not list the Caucus as endorsing.

However I am permitted to endorse. My endorsement must be listed as ‘Carlos Alcalá, chair chicano latino caucus [sic], California Democratic Party’ followed by an asterisk which will state at the bottom, “Title for Identification Purposes Only.”

Carlos Alcalá”

Mr. Alcalá testified that he sent this email to Mr. Pikkell, whom Mr. Alcalá identified as a staffer of Ms. Luevanos, sometime (likely less than an hour) after Mr. Alcalá got a call from someone that a complaint had been filed with the California Democratic Party about the Caucus endorsing Ms. Luevanos.

The Subcommittee also heard from Chicano Latino Caucus Board Member Joseph H. Salas, who testified that as a Caucus Board member he was aware of the need of the Caucus not to formally endorse and that he did not believe that a violation took place.

At the Hearing on September 22, 2021, Subcommittee agreed to resume the Hearing on October 27, 2021, review this draft report, which the Subcommittee did.

A video recording of the September 22, 2021, hearing has been marked as Exhibit N and should be entered into the record.

An email from the Caucus Chairs listed below was received on September 23, 2021, is marked as Exhibit O and was entered into the record:

John O'Riordan, Chair Irish American Caucus
Ruth Carter, Chair Senior Caucus
Brigette Hunley, Chair Computer & Internet Caucus
Tiffany Woods, Co-Chair (NorCal) LGBTQ Caucus
Nate Epstein, Chair Filipino-American Caucus
Deepa Sharma, Chair Asian Pacific Islander Caucus
Joy Sterling, Chair Rural Caucus
Amar Singh Shergill, Chair Progressive Caucus
Ann Crosbie, Chair Children's Caucus
Astrid Zuniga, Chair Labor Caucus
Cecile Bendavid, Chair Business & Professional Caucus

Igor Tregub, Chair Environmental Caucus
Ron Cohen, Chair Veterans Caucus

That email states, in relevant part:

“Mr. Zakson,

The CDP Caucus Chairs have been informed that the Chicano Latino Caucus acted in good faith under the CDP by-laws and did NOT endorse a candidate as alleged by an anonymous complainant.

The Caucus Chairs listed below, recommend that the matter be dismissed without action.”

On the evening of October 26, 2021, Chicano Latino Caucus Chair Alcala sent an email to members of the Subcommittee rejecting the draft report and indicating that, with one exception, the Chicano Latino Caucus board regarded the draft report as unfair and that, accordingly, the Caucus would not stipulate to the draft report. A copy of that October 26, 2021, email is marked as Exhibit P and was entered into the record.

Shortly in advance of the hearing on October 27, 2021, Chicano Latino Caucus Chair Alcala submitted a formal Opposition to Draft Report where the Caucus set forth its opposition to the draft report. A copy of that October 27, 2021, opposition is marked as Exhibit Q and was entered into the record.

At the October 27, 2021, CDP Political Director Ben Seinfeld referenced slides included in a Caucus training session which Mr. Seinfeld represented addressed, among other topics, the Party’s “One Voice” rule. A copy of these slides is marked as Exhibit R and was entered into the record.

A videorecording was made of the October 27, 2021, Subcommittee hearing. This videorecording is marked as Exhibit S and was entered into the record.

Based on the foregoing, the Subcommittee finds that the Hearings were duly noticed, that the notices provided sufficient information to inform the interested persons of the consequences of the Hearing, and that the interested persons were afforded a meaningful opportunity to participate in the hearings.

III. UNDISPUTED FACTS

On the record compiled before, during and after the hearings, the Subcommittee finds that while the Chicano Latino Caucus may dispute the import thereof, the following facts are undisputed:

A. On July 13, 2021, an anonymous person complained to the CDP Political Director, Ben Seinfeld that stated, in relevant part:

“Ruth Luevanos posted this [Facebook post] saying she was endorsed by the Chicano Latino caucus. It is my understanding that caucuses cannot issue independent endorsements.

I would like to file a formal complaint and request an investigation.

I would like to stay anonymous because Ruth has a history of attacking people who do not agree with her. I’m fearful of her actions.”

B. The linked Facebook post, identified as Exhibit B, is a Facebook post from Ms. Luevanos stating that the Chicano Latino Caucus had endorsed her.

C. The “Proposed Minutes for Chicano Latino Caucus Meeting

Sunday, July 11, 2021 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., which Mr. Alcala testified were accurate and reflected his understanding of what occurred and were embodied in writing under his auspices state, in relevant part:

“Ruth Luevanos candidate for Congress asked for endorsement. CMA [a reference to Mr. Alcala] explained that the Caucus may not be able to endorse. CMA will check the Bylaws and let her know. No endorsement at this time. CLC voted to endorse Ruth Luevanos if we are permitted to endorse per CDP Bylaws. However, CMA can endorse as an individual with title for identification purposes only.”

D. The import of the endorsement by the Chair is illuminated and given context by the entry regarding “Duane Wilson for West Sacramento City Council” in those same Proposed Minutes, marked as Exhibit H. In relevant part, they state:

“Authorize Chair to endorse Duane Wilson for West Sacramento City Council. YCCC has endorsed Duane Wilson, so has Dolores Huerta Democratic Club. CMA to check CDP Bylaws to see if Caucus can support endorsement of County Central Committee before we officially endorse. Passed unanimously among voting members.

E. Shortly after Chicano Latino Caucus Chair Mr. Alcala got a call from someone that a complaint had been filed with the California Democratic Party about the Caucus endorsing Ms. Luevanos, Mr. Alcala sent an email stating:

“Re: Ruth Luevanos

From: Carlos Alcala (cmaslav@yahoo.com)

To: Kevinpikkel@gmail.com

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 10:17 AM PDT

At our meeting Sunday, I told you I would check on whether the Caucus is permitted to endorse. I did check the CDP Bylaws and the Caucus is not permitted to endorse' so please do not list the Caucus as endorsing.

However I am permitted to endorse. My endorsement must be listed as 'Carlos alcala, chair chicano latino caucus [sic], California Democratic Party' followed by an asterisk which will state at the bottom, "Title for Identification Purposes Only."

Carlos Alcala"

IV. OTHER FACTUAL ISSUES

The email to Subcommittee Chair Zakson from the Caucus Chairs is not evidence, as none of them provides any facts or the basis for their factual assertions. It is, however, testimony that should be entered into the record.

V. FINDINGS

Article XI, Section 6 contemplates that any decision by the Rules Committee in a decertification proceeding be based on findings by stating, that the Rules Committee report on decertification "specifically not[e] the grounds and basis for its decision," which shall be conclusive unless "overturned by the Executive Board of This Committee, by majority vote, but only if the Executive Board makes specific findings that the Rules Committee was incorrect in each of its findings that formed the basis of the Rules Committee's recommendation to decertify, or that all such defects have been remedied."

In light of the record compiled at the Hearing and its evidentiary findings, the Subcommittee recommends that the Rules Committee make the following findings as a basis for its recommendations:

A. This matter is properly before the Rules Committee on an anonymous complaint that alleges a violation of the CDP Bylaws and/or Guidelines.

B. The Rules Committee has jurisdiction of these complaints under Article XI, Section 6. And the initial hearing on September 22, 2021, and continued hearing on October 27, 2021, satisfy the requirements in Article XI, Section 6 that the Caucus be given notice of the allegations against it and an opportunity to be heard on those allegations.

C. The CDP Chicano Latino Caucus passed a motion at its July 11, 2021, meeting that conditionally endorsed Ruth Luevanos for Congress. That same action authorized the Chair to endorse Ms. Luevanos “as an individual with title for identification purposes only.”

D. The motion to allow the Chair to endorse was an authorization to endorse and, when considered in context--which included a conditional endorsement of Ms. Luevanos for Congress and a previous item “[a]uthoriz[ing] the Chair to endorse” Duane Wilson for West Sacramento City Council while he verified if the Caucus could endorse a Yolo County Central Committee endorsed candidate—an expression of support, recommendation and approval. Inasmuch as it does not matter to a finding of a violation if the support, recommendation or approval is express or implied, no specific finding on whether this expression of support, recommendation and approval was express is made inasmuch as such support, recommendation and approval was clearly implied by the actions taken.

E. As of July 11, 2021, the California Democratic Party had not yet considered an endorsement in the race for Congress in the 25th Congressional District. As a result, Ruth Luevanos was not the endorsed candidate of the California Democratic Party in that race.

F. The Caucus’ contention that the action fell short of a formal endorsement is found, by a preponderance of the evidence, to be

factually accurate. However, fact that the action with respect to Ms. Luevanos was not a formal endorsement, as implied by the complaint, is irrelevant to the violation as no such formal endorsement is required to violate the Party's "One Form of Endorsement" and "One Voice" rules, which only require support, recommendation or approval, express or implied.

G. Caucus Chair Alcalá's email to Kevin Pikkell, sent after Caucus Chair Alcalá became aware of the complaint filed with the California Democratic Party, does not erase or eliminate the Caucus' violative conduct nor does it remedy the violation inasmuch as it does nothing more than reinforce that the actions taken by the Caucus in voting to support, recommend and/or approve of Ms. Luevanos' candidacy do not constitute a formal endorsement.

H. Evidence concerning the deliberateness of the Caucus' violation of the "One Form of Endorsement" and "One Voice" rules is found to be inconclusive.

VI. CONCLUSION

The foregoing findings warrant a conclusion that the Chicano Latino Caucus violated Article VIII, Sections 1(d), (e) and (f), Article XI, Section 2(a) and (6) of the CDP Bylaws and Section 4.D.6(e) of the Guidelines, and the Subcommittee recommends that the Rules Committee so conclude.

Based on a finding of one or more violations of the Bylaws and/or Guidelines, decertification is warranted. Accordingly, the Subcommittee recommends that the Rules Committee find that decertification is warranted unless remediation, as discussed below, is undertaken and completed.

Under Article XI, Section 6, a determination that decertification is warranted can be overcome by a showing that "all such defects have

been remedied.”

Accordingly, the Subcommittee recommends that the Rules Committee find that the steps outlined hereinbelow would constitute a full remedying of the violations recommended to be found here.

VII. REMEDIES

The Subcommittee recommends that the Rules Committee conclude that full remedying of the violations found here would consist of the following steps:

A. Inasmuch as the Bylaws of the Chicano Latino Caucus already prohibit unauthorized endorsements, the Caucus fortify its prohibitions by passing a standing rule reiterating that any motion, resolution or other effort to endorse, support, approve or otherwise recommend or to provide other material support of any kind to a person other than the officially endorsed candidate of the California Democratic Party or the nominee of the Democratic National Committee for President or Vice-President is out of order and shall not be considered. Nothing in the rule shall prohibit the Chicano Latino Caucus from calling on the California Democratic Party to take an action otherwise authorized by Article XI, Section 1.a of the CDP Bylaws.

B. The Chicano Latino Caucus shall provide the Lead Co-Chairs of the Rules Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Rules Committee’s Subcommittee on Caucuses a report 30 days after the November 2021 Executive Board Meeting of the steps taken to fulfill this obligations and shall file a report each 30 days thereafter (until the termination of the current Caucus certification cycle) certifying that the Caucus is in compliance with these remedial provisions, including the prohibition on endorsements, support, recommendation and approval all these remedial conditions. The certification shall explicitly state that no changes have been made to the required standing rule or the Bylaws provision on unauthorized endorsement.

C. For the balance of the current Caucus certification cycle, the Chicano Latino Caucus' certification shall be converted back to provisional and any failure to implement or abide by these remedial requirements shall be grounds for revocation of provisional status and the resumption of decertification proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

CDP Rules Committee Subcommittee on Caucuses
Laurence Zakson, Subcommittee Chair;
Jimmie Woods Grey, Subcommittee Vice Chair;
Jose Alcala;
Olivia Lee
Andrea Cardenas
Nick Schultz

Subcommittee Member Izeah Garcia was present at the hearing, but missed the final vote on adoption. He notes for the record that he concurs in Subcommittee's findings and conclusions and would have voted to adopt the Final Report.

Ex-Officio: Coby King
Valeria Hernandez

To: Rules Committee
Fr: Kathy Bowler, Chair Endorsements Subcommittee

Update on 2021 Redistricting and future items for Endorsements Subcommittee deliberation.

Since 1988, after a successful court ruling, when the CDP implemented the first pre-primary endorsement rules and process, the Rules Committee and Executive Board have made necessary changes to the rules as needed. These changes have resulted from changes in state law, various fixes to issues arising during implementation, and realization of unique challenges presented by certain infrequent events, such as the decennial redrawing of district boundaries following National Census etc.

Our By-laws have been amended throughout the last 30+ years to ensure a fair, open and transparent use of the highly valued right for a political party to make pre-primary endorsements. This year our staff have done a remarkable job of planning an orderly process for the 2022 Primary despite the extremely delayed new district lines (not final until 12/27) and compressed timetable.

For 2022, we could never have predicted the pandemic delayed census data and the final timetable of the California Redistricting Commission. Although the 2022 process has been carefully planned within the confines of our by-laws with the minor amendments we have discussed, the state law and the overall calendar, there are some inconsistencies that the Rules Committee should address in the future to rectify some potential conflicts during a redistricting year.

One example of the inconsistencies in the by-laws is that they aren't exactly clear in a redistricting situation where district boundaries are being changed at the same time officials are filing to run for reelection and of course exercising their right to appoint delegates who can still participate in the district endorsing process. When we amended the by-laws in 2014 creating the 2 classes of appointed delegates- those who live in the district represented by their appointing authority being able to vote in district level endorsements and the 2nd class of those appointed delegates who do not live in the appointing authority district and are therefore not allowed to vote in the endorsing process-- we did not consider the decennial redistricting process and its effects on district boundaries and the rights of appointers.

Without an immediate by-laws revision for the unique redistricting situation which we may consider for the future, there is a fix that balances the rights of the appointers to appoint delegates during the fluid situation of district boundaries realignment and the rights of appointed delegates to fully participate in the process. It is a bit more complicated for staff, the credentials committee, and the appointing individuals (congressional, assembly or senate members and nominees), however with proper outreach and education and adjustments to the voting rosters it can be done. To comply with the by-laws as written, and still have the ability to

appoint delegates who can participate in the 2022 redrawn legislative district that the member will be shortly filing for reelection, the appointing authority would need to ensure that their appointees reside in the “overlap” between the current district they represent and the newly configured district that they want to represent after redistricting. The voter file will contain the old and new districts for each delegate or voting participant, so that staff can ensure proper voting rights.

Obviously, the current rule still stands so that all appointees who live in the (pre-2022) district of their appointer can still vote in the endorsement process however depending on how the new lines are drawn, they may or may not live in new 2022 district that their appointer will be running in. Therefore, there must be an enhanced educational component during this endorsement process directed at all the voters regarding their new districts, all the appointers and candidates etc. Unfortunately, this is all heightened by the very late final district lines, the immediate launch of our endorsement process which will conclude at the convention in early March. The staff is well aware of these challenges and has planned accordingly.

I suggest reviewing Article VIII in addition to other relevant Articles after the March Convention to look for other problems which arise specifically during the redistricting cycle and discussing potential revisions if necessary so that future endorsement processes will be more efficient.

To: Candidates for Endorsements and Interested Parties
From: Ben Seinfeld, Political Director
Date: December 2021
Subject: Clarification on Appointments and Eligibility in Voting in Legislative Races

Introduction

The California Democratic Party Bylaws gives current Elected Officials and Top Performing Democratic/Nominee (Great Americans) for Federal and State Office the ability to appoint delegates to the Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC). The number of delegates that may be appointed is governed by Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws, titled APPOINTED MEMBERS.

There are two types of Appointed Delegates. The first type are those that are appointed by a Statewide Official, Statewide Officer, a Statewide Great American, or Legislative Caucus. Those are enumerated in Article II, Section 3, c.

The second type are appointed by members of the Congress, State Senate, State Assembly, or a Great American for one of the aforementioned offices. Those are enumerated in Article II, Section 3, a. & b.

Article II, Section 3. APPOINTED MEMBERS

a. Each member identified in Section 2b or 2c of this Article shall be entitled to appoint six members; except that members elected to the House of Representatives and the State Assembly shall be entitled to appoint five members. Equal Division shall be adhered to in all appointments made under this section.

b. Each member identified in Section 2d or 2e of this Article shall be entitled to appoint three members; except that nominee members for Congress and the State Assembly shall appoint two members. Equal Division shall be adhered to in all appointments under this section.

Appointed Members from Article II, Section 3, a. & b are only able to participate in Endorsement votes at Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses for Congress, State Senate, and Assembly contests when the Appointed Member is registered in the electoral district of the Elected Official or Great American that is appointing them.

Each Delegate to the DSCC is assigned a DSCC number by CADEM Staff and the Credentials Committee. All DSCC numbers start with the letter D and is followed by 6 digits, i.e. D101001. For an Appointed Member that is not registered to vote in the Electoral District of the appointing authority, there DSCC ID Number starts with an F and is followed by 6 digits, i.e. F101001. This is the easiest way to immediately tell whether a delegate is or is not able to participate in Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses for Congress, State Senate, and Assembly contests.

Additionally, Equal Division (of gender) shall be adhered to in all appointments made to the DSCC Per CADEM Bylaws:

Gender shall mean one being either “self-identified female” or “other than self-identified female.”

“Equal Division” shall mean that in all, to which this phrase applies, one half shall be self-identified female and the balance shall be other than self-identified female. A variance of no more than one (1) shall be allowed when the number concerned is an odd number. With regard to appointments made under Article II of the CADEM Bylaws, the appointor shall be counted in determining whether or not Equal Division has been adhered to.

Thus, as a DSCC appointor, shall be counted in determining whether Equal Division has been adhered to in appointing DSCC Delegates as noted enumerated above.

2022 Redistricting and Delegate Appointments

The rule is that for an appointed member of an Elected Official or Great American from a Congressional, State Senate, or State Assembly Electoral District, the appointed member has to be registered in that electoral district to participate in Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses.

Examples:

1. Assemblymember A represents Assembly District 1. Assemblymember A appoints Delegate X. Delegate X is registered to vote in Assembly District 1. Delegate X can participate in the Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses for Assembly District 1, and the State Senate and Congressional District they live in.
2. Assemblymember A represents Assembly District 1. Assemblymember A appoints Delegate Y. Delegate Y is registered to vote in Assembly District 3. Delegate Y CANNOT participate in the Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses for Assembly District 1 or Assembly District 3, and the State Senate and Congressional District they live in.

The examples above apply to appointed delegates for State Senate and Congress as well.

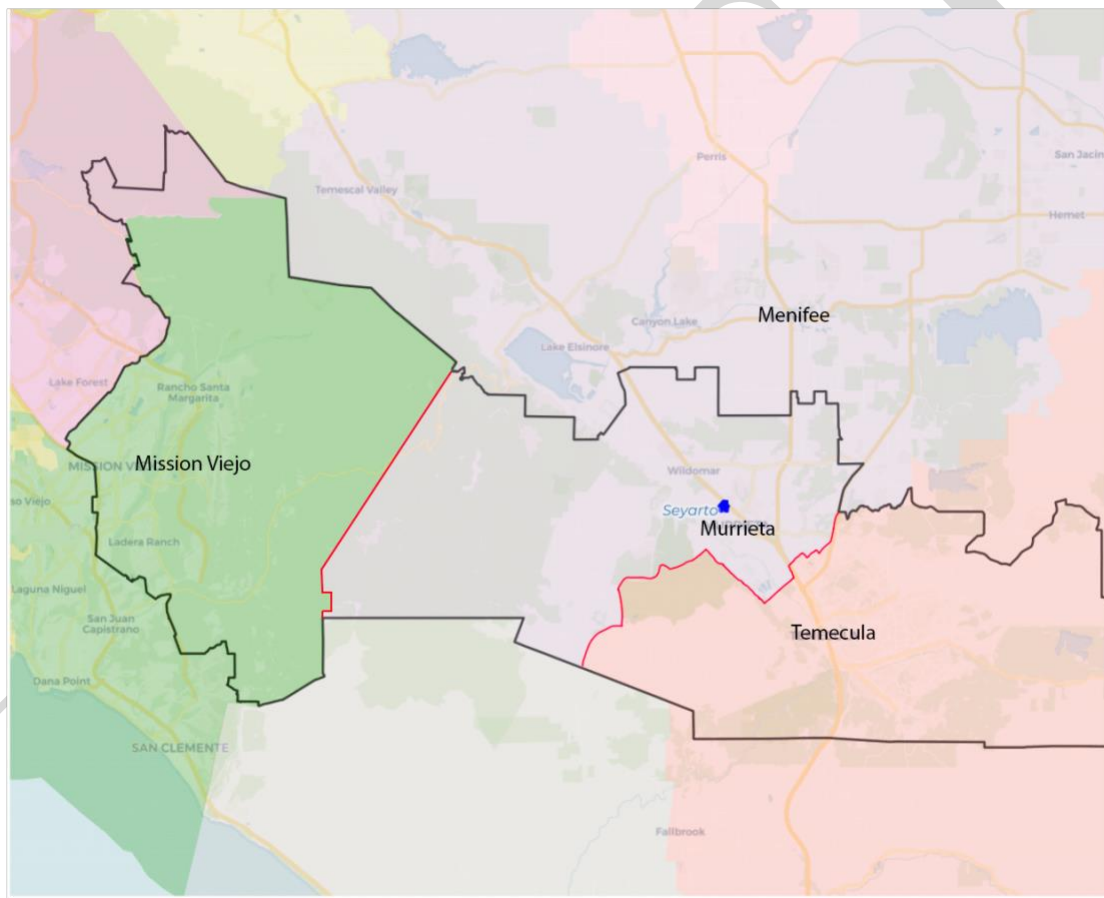
We are expecting the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to release the new Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly Maps on December 23, 2021 and finalized on December 27, 2021. All districts will have new lines, which will create 3 Categories of Potential Delegates. Please look at Image 1, below, to see the examples being described.

1. In Current District and New District - If an appointed member is registered to vote in the current electoral district of the appointing authority, and is in the new electoral district for the appointing authority, they will be eligible to vote for the appointing authority. In Image 1, an appointed delegate in Murrieta, who is appointed by the Assemblymember whose current district is Purple, would be able to vote in the district that is outlined in black.
2. In Current District and not in the New District - If an appointed member is registered to vote in the current electoral district of the appointing authority, but is not in the new electoral district for the

appointing authority, they will be eligible to vote in their Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses. However they will not be able to vote for the appointing authority, as it is a different district. In Image 1, an appointed delegate in Menifee, who is appointed by the Assemblymember whose current district is Purple, would be able to vote in their new districts, but would not be able to vote for the appointing authority.

3. In New District and Not in Current District - If an appointed member is registered in the new electoral district of the appointing authority, but is not registered to vote in the current electoral district of the appointing authority, they will be ineligible to vote in their Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses. In Image 1, an appointed delegate in Temecula, who is appointed by the Assemblymember whose current district is Purple, would not be able to vote in their new districts, but would not be able to vote for the appointing authority.

Image 1. Proposed Assembly District 67 (11/10/21)



Bonus Example:

In Image 1, an appointed delegate in Temecula, who is appointed by the Assemblymember whose current district is Green, would be able to vote in their new district, which is the Purple District, but would not be able to vote for the appointing authority, which is the Green District.

**CREATION OF
SUBCOMMITTEE ON
CHARTERED
ORGANIZATIONS**

SubCommittees	Lead Chair	Co-Chair	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
ADEMS	Coby King	Nicole Fernandez	Kathy Bowler	Mcclina Woods	Robin Torello	Sarah Souza	Katie Jaycox
Caucuses	Laurence Zakson	Jimmie Woods-Gray	Jose Alcala	Olivia Lee	Andrea Cardenas	Nick Schultz	Izeah Garcia
Endorsements	Kathy Bowler	Coby King	Glenn Glazer	Bill Wong	Martha Escutia	Valeria Hernandez	Kenneth Armstrong
Miscellaneous	Valeria Hernandez	Mcclina Woods	G. Anthony Phillips	Laurence Zakson	Suzanna Aguilera-Marrero	Garry Shay	Peter Gallotta
County Bylaws	Steven Alari	Robin Torello	Mcclina Woods	Izeah Garcia	Olivia Lee	Abigail Kingsley	Glenn Glazer
Standing Committees	Garry Shay	Olivia Lee	Jimmie Woods-Gray	Bill Wong	Anita Narayana	Sepi Shyne	Nicole Fernandez
Officers, Elections, Duties, ETC.	G. Anthony Philips	Izeah Garcia	Kathy Bowler	Bill Wong	Laurence Zakson	Harris Mojadedi	James Williams
Statewide Chartered Organizations	Nicole Fernandez	Anita Narayana	Glenn Glazer	Harris Mojadedi	Sarah Souza	Garry Shay	

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Item VII.A

The CADEM Operations and Political Department submits the following Bylaw Revisions for consideration.

The goal of these submissions is to expedite and ease administering Endorsing Caucuses at conventions. Additionally, it will limit the time when large groups of people will be huddled together during the upcoming convention.

Amend Article VIII, Section 3(c)(6) as follows:

Voting at all the endorsing caucuses shall be by electronic ballot or signed written ballot, the results of which shall be posted online or read off as though it were a roll call vote. Once submitted by the voter, received by the person chairing the caucus, a ballot, vote-by-mail or otherwise, may not be retracted, rescinded, or otherwise changed and shall be counted in the totals.

Add a new clause 10 to Article VIII, Section 3(c) as follows:

An Endorsing Caucus election ballot may be consolidated with the Statewide Endorsing Caucus election ballot if both appropriate and practicable as determined by the Chair of This Committee.

Item VII.B

Amend Article VII, section 4(b)(2), as follows:

Upon written request, designating the time and place of such special meeting, submitted to the State Chair signed by ~~fifty (50)~~ one hundred (100) or more members of the Executive Board, except that no request submitted under this clause shall be valid if a statewide election or an Executive Board meeting called pursuant to this article, section 4(a) or section 4(b)(1) is already scheduled within sixty (60) days before or after the time referred to in the written request, unless the request submitted under this clause includes among those signing at least four (4) statewide officers.

**Proposal by David
Mandel to make the
Platform, Resolutions
and Legislation
Committee Procedures
Consistent**

Rules Testimony

Reference #	11883947
Status	Complete
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Are you a CDP Delegate (DSCC Member)?	Yes
Please select the appropriate Subcommittee:	Miscellaneous Issues
Please select the item for which you would like to submit testimony (please select one):	Other
General Comments or suggestions	<p>This concerns the workings of the Platform, Resolutions and Legislation committees, which all process and then promulgate to the Central Committee pronouncements on policy. Their rules and procedures should be consistent, and correctives are needed for some current undemocratic policies.</p>

Please suggest exact language

1. Proposals for platform amendments, legislation endorsements or resolutions are to be submitted at least 30 days before the committee is to meet. (This is the current situation, for the most part.)
 2. Proposals may be submitted by X number of registered Democrats or by X number of CC members, or by a caucus, statewide chartered organization, county CC or club. (Should be consistent for all three committees.)
 3. As soon as the deadline passes, all proposals will be posted on the committee website, so authors of proposals on the same topic, and colleagues they tap, can, if they wish, with or without participation of committee members, explore combining them.
 4. Any amended proposals concluded through such communication will be posted on the committee website seven days before the meeting.
 5. Reasonable allowance will be made at the committee meeting for public comment for and against any proposal, beginning with the movers introducing it.
 6. Late proposals may be considered if a) significant developments after the deadline are what caused them to be late; and b) two-thirds of the committee agrees.
 7. The committees by majority vote may agree on a consent agenda for their meeting, but committee members and proposal authors may pull proposals from it if they dissent from the determination.
 8. After reasonable debate, proposals will be endorsed if they garner a majority of votes on the committee. A consistent rule on counting abstentions and absences will be adopted.
 9. All endorsed proposals will be submitted to the General Session, without distinction.
 10. Authors whose proposals are not endorsed...
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... may bring them to the General Session for a vote if they collect signatures from 300 delegates at a convention or 30 members at an Executive Board meeting. The proposal will then be distributed to voting members along with the endorsed measures, and adequate time will be allocated for debate.

11. Three delegates at a convention, or one Executive Board member at an E-Board meeting, may pull an item from the consent agenda presented to a general session by a committee. It will then be debated and voted upon.

12. All passed items will be posted on the committee website.

Please let us know why you think this change is necessary:

The three policy-oriented standing committees -- Platform, Legislation and Resolutions -- have similar functions but are run under very different sets of rules, sometimes invented on the fly, and sometimes in ways that seem to promote or suppress certain points of view. While some differences are understandable, certain basic principles of democracy should be standard in their treatment of proposals.

Additional Comments (if needed)

For several years, in Resolutions Committee especially, rules have been declared in various and frequently changing ways that sometimes violate CDP bylaws, preventing authors from appealing committee votes to the floor. No public comment is allowed regarding resolutions, and at most sessions in recent years, there was no advance notice of resolutions submitted by others until the day of the meeting. Also, in a recently applied practice, many resolutions are arbitrarily and inappropriately coded as "reaffirmations," even if there has been no similar resolution in the past. They are thus never brought before general sessions at all and in some cases, never appear on the committee website. At the August 2021 Legislation Committee meeting, there was utter confusion about the rules that should apply to voting.

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Rules Testimony

Reference #	11994036
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Are you a CDP Delegate (DSCC Member)?	Yes
Please select the appropriate Subcommittee:	Miscellaneous Issues
Please select the item for which you would like to submit testimony (please select one):	Other
General Comments or suggestions	<p>I see that this subcommittee is "not currently receiving" submissions, but what I have is an addendum to previously submitted comment. The Resolutions Committee has rejected an unknown number of proposals for the upcoming E-Board meeting for failure to receive endorsement of 25 CC members or a party body. But this is contrary to consistent past practice, in which any one delegate could submit a proposal for discussion at an E-Board meeting. There is no provision in the party by-laws or the committee rules that justifies such a change. Not only does that make it an "underground" regulation, but no announcement of even that was issued by the committee.</p>
Please suggest exact language	<p>The Rules Committee should direct the Resolutions Committee to abide by its existing rules.</p>
Please let us know why you think this change is necessary:	<p>Just basic rules-based democracy.</p>

Additional Comments (if needed)

This is yet another example of bylaws violation and making up "rules" on the fly that have characterized the Resolutions Committee for the past several years. Please see my previous submission for the past history.

Please list any references, sources, articles, etc., that you think would be relevant for the committee to see:

Party by-laws.
Instructions for submitting resolutions on the committee page (though beware in case someone tries to change them now).
Email exchange with committee staff (attached)

Please submit supporting documentation to your testimony here.

[resolutions_emails.pdf \(137 KB\)](#)

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**2022 CONVENTION
AND PLATFORM
RULES**

**RULES FOR THE 2022 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY ENDORSING CONVENTION
PROCEDURES FOR THE AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE 2022 CALIFORNIA
DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM**

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 2022 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, January 18, 2022. Chartered Clubs/Organizations must submit all required items to the appropriate Regional Director(s) and Chartering Authority by 5:00 PM, January 18, 2022, in order to have representation at the pre-endorsing 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 annual DSCC dues and registration fee (or had them waived, by request from the DSCC Member) to This Committee, registered for the meeting, received /obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued, and agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, prior the close of credentialing
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 2022 ballot. Candidates seeking statewide endorsement must submit a complete application by February 3rd at 5 PM. 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 2022 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.
14. In general, motions subject to floor debate, whether via committee reports or from the floor, shall be subject to the following limits on debate. There shall be three (3) speakers on each side of a motion, including the maker of the motion, and each speaker shall be limited to one (1) minute each. These rules may be suspended by a motion to amend these limits on debate, but such a motion shall not be debatable and may only apply to the specific motion before the body.
15. Attendees will be required to provide proof of vaccine or negative test upon entrance to the Convention. Additional requirements may be imposed by the Venue and other governing State or Local authorities, and CADEM Staff.
16. Rules governing adoption of the Platform

The Platform Committee's Draft Report shall be sent to all Convention delegates no later than February 3, 2022.

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 February 25, 2022 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 from five (5) different Assembly Districts or five (5) registered Democrats (one of whom must be a Member of the Democratic State Central Committee) 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. Any amendment must additionally contain the following: 1a) whether the delegate submitted the proposed amendment or an amendment with substantially similar language during the open written testimony period ending on November 19, 2021 at 5 PM; 1b) if not, why not; and, 2) why the current Platform draft language does not address the proposed amendment.

- (a) The Platform Committee shall meet or conference call by Friday, March 4, 2022 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 16, 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 February 25, 2022 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, March 5, 2022 at 5 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. Any amendment must additionally contain the following: 1a) whether the delegate submitted the proposed amendment or an amendment with substantially similar language during the open written testimony period ending on November 19, 2021 at 5 PM; 1b) if not, why not; and, 2) why the current Platform draft language does not address the proposed 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, March 5, 2022, 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. However, the sponsor of the amendment may, at any time, withdraw the amendment from consideration by the Platform Committee or the Convention delegates.

(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.

B. ADOPTION PROCESS

1. On Sunday, March 6, 2022 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 the Lead Co-Chairs of the Platform Committee or their designees.

(b) As each report is completed, the Lead Co-Chairs of the Platform Committee or their designees shall call on each sponsor of an amendment to present their amendment and said presentation shall be no longer than three (3) minutes.

(c) After each amendment has been presented by its sponsor, then the opponents of the amendments shall have three (3) 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 three (3) 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.

CONVENTION AGENDA

**2022 California Democratic Party State Convention
Tentative Agenda
March 3 - 6, 2022
Los Angeles**

Note – The physical Endorsing Caucus meetings will be eliminated. Speeches for Caucus candidates will be posted on CADEM website with candidate video statements.

After consultation and confirmation with the Caucus Chairs CDP Caucuses will be scheduled. Additionally, workshops, training 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.

Thursday, March 3, 2022

9:00AM - 5:00PM	Training Extravaganza
5:00PM - 7:00PM	CAUCUSES (Set)
8:30PM - 10:30PM	CAUCUSES (Set)

Friday, March 4, 2022

8:00AM – 10:00AM	CAUCUSES (set)
10:00AM	Platform Committee
	Legislation Committee
	Finance Committee
2:00PM	Resolutions Committee (<i>Statewide Propositions Only</i>)
2:00PM	Rules Committee
3:00PM – 8:30 PM	Credentialing
5:30PM – 7:30PM	CAUCUSES (set)
8:30PM – 10:30PM	CAUCUSES (Set)
10:15PM	Hospitality Suites

Saturday, March 5, 2022

8:00AM – 9:45AM	CAUCUSES (Set)
9:00AM – 1:00PM	Credentialing*

10:00AM – 11:30AM	General Session I
11:30PM – 1:30PM	Lunch Break
1:00PM – 3:30PM	General Session II
4:00PM – 6:00PM	Legislative Balloting & U.S. Senate and Statewide Offices (Endorsing Caucuses)
7:00PM	Preliminary Election Results posted
8: 00PM	PERC Deadline <i>(if necessary)</i>
5:00PM	Platform Committee <i>(if necessary)</i>
6:00PM	Dinner
8:30PM – 10:30PM	CAUCUSES (Set)
10:15PM	Hospitality Suites
11:00PM	Signatures (300 sig petition)

Sunday, March 6, 2022

9:00AM – 10:00 AM	Credentialing/Registration
10:00AM	General Session

** In order to vote, and have one's vote counted, at this Convention, a member must have timely paid their annual DSCC dues and event registration fee (or had them waived, by request from the DSCC Member ONLY) to This Committee, registered for the meeting, received obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued, and agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, prior the close of credentialing*