



Memorandum

To: Statewide Candidates
From: Ben Seinfeld, Political Director
Date: December 16, 2021
RE: 2022 Statewide Candidates Informational Memo

Updates for the 2022 Endorsement Process:

Candidates Affirm Reading of CDP Code of Conduct: Candidates seeking CDP endorsement consideration shall affirm in writing that they have read the CDP Code of Conduct. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (4)) (cadem.org/code-of-conduct/)

Delegate List: Each campaign will be provided a delegate list for the district that they have filed to run in. The delegate list of eligible voters for the pre-endorsement conferences and for the endorsing caucuses will be shared with each campaign in a Google Spreadsheet.

The list of delegates shared with a candidate is always subject to change. It is the responsibility of the Candidate and their Campaign to check the Delegate List Google Spreadsheet for updates.

This list will be provided on January 3rd and finalized no later than January 25th.

2022 In-Person Convention: The 2022 Convention will be held in person. Endorsing Caucus votes will be held in the late afternoon on Saturday of the Convention. The 2022 Convention will be in Los Angeles, CA from March 3-6, 2022.

Key Reminders for the 2022 Endorsement Process:

Candidates Affirm Reading of CDP Platform: Candidates seeking CDP endorsement consideration shall affirm in writing that they have read the most current CDP Platform. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (3)) (cadem.org/platform)

May only seek one office: Each candidate may only seek the endorsement consideration for one office. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (2))

All delegates vote: All delegates are eligible to vote on matters before the entire State Central Committee. Thus, for statewide races, all delegates are eligible to vote. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c; Art. VIII, Sec. 3 g (5)(a))

Statewide Candidate Endorsement Information:

Who is eligible for Endorsement?

Any Democratic candidate entered in the forthcoming primary who has filed for endorsement consideration by Thursday, February 3, 2022 and are deemed eligible by our statewide officers will be considered for endorsement. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (2); Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (3))

Where will voting take place?

Voting for statewide candidate endorsement consideration will take place during the 2022 Democratic State Convention. Specific date, time, and method are TBD. All votes by DSCC members are public votes per DNC By-Laws and CDP By-Laws. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (1); Art. XIII, Sec. 9)

Who is eligible to vote?

Only DSCC members or their qualified proxies who are credentialed (registered, dues paid, and checked in) by the close of registration on Saturday March 5th, are eligible to vote. No person may exercise more than one vote. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c)

How many votes does a candidate need to receive endorsement?

All candidates (regardless of incumbency status) need 60% of valid votes cast by credentialed, present and voting delegates or their qualified proxies to receive the endorsement recommendation. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (9)) For statewide offices, including State Board of Equalization offices, the ratification of the endorsement recommendation is assumed, since the Endorsing Caucus is comprised of all DSCC members. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 d (1))

Do abstentions count in the total?

No, we only count valid votes. Valid votes are those cast for an eligible candidate or for “no endorsement”. Once a ballot has been cast it may not be retracted, rescinded, or otherwise changed and shall be counted in the totals. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (6); Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (7))

What happens if no candidate reaches the voting threshold?

The Committee shall take the position of “no consensus” for endorsement. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (9))

How is the ballot order determined?

It will be determined by a random draw that will take place in the CDP office, tentatively scheduled on Monday, January 24, 2022.

Will there be an orientation?

We will do an orientation of the voting area, counting area, and procedures prior to the vote. The exact orientation date and time will be determined at a later date. Please email the name of the individual who will meet us for orientation to Ben@cadem.org and Emma@cadem.org.

Will I be able to have an observer during the vote?

Yes, you will be allowed to have an observer both in the voting area (troubleshoot table) when the polls are open and after the polls close in the counting area. The current plan is to count in the same room as the voting occurs in. In the counting area, there will be no electronics allowed (cell phones, tablets, etc.). Also, once the counting process begins, there will be no in/out privileges. Observers are not allowed to interfere in any way while observing. Observers who interfere will be removed from their position and no replacement will be allowed.

Will I get any extra credentials?

Due to floor space and availability, Campaign Staff Credentials are limited. Viable Democratic candidates in contested endorsement races will receive five Campaign Staff Credentials for the Convention. Candidates or their designated representatives may pick up their Campaign Staff Credentials at the Campaign/Candidate table at Registration during registration hours. Credentials will be valid for the Convention weekend and will allow campaign staff into all areas except the podium, VIP areas, and Convention Staff Rooms. To reserve your credentials or to designate a campaign representative, please email Ben Seinfeld at ben@cadem.org.

Will I be able to distribute materials?

Yes, candidates may distribute campaign materials in public walkways throughout the Convention's official hotels and the Los Angeles Convention Center.

- No signs are to be placed on walls, windows or curtains, or stuck on the floor.
- Do not place signs inside the Convention Center or hotels.
- Any damage created by incorrectly placed signs will result in a \$75 minimum charge per sign, to be paid by the candidate or organization(s) mentioned on the sign(s).
- Any damage done by candidate's or organization(s)'s stickers (or other materials) incorrectly placed (anything other than on a person is considered incorrect) will result in a \$75 minimum charge (per violation), to be paid by the candidate or organization(s) mentioned on the materials; anything other than on a person is considered incorrect placement.
- If you wish to bring signs (no sticks) into the Convention general session hall, you will need to make arrangements no later than Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 5 pm by emailing emma@cadem.org. The California Democratic Party reserves the right to remove, confiscate, and refuse to allow any campaign materials (sign, placard, etc.) in any area under CDP's contract for the Convention.
- Any materials left will be disposed of after the Convention. Any materials left in packaging or bulk may result in a \$75 minimum disposal charge per package.

How does appointing a proxy work?**COUNTY**

A member elected by a County Central Committee (DSCC ID# starts with D4) may only give his/her proxy to another member of the same County Central Committee (on roster) who is not already a DSCC member. (CDP Bylaws Art. IV, Sec. 6 a (1))

ADEM

A member elected through the ADEM Elections (DSCC ID # starts with D7) may only give his/her proxy to another registered Democrat who lives in the same Assembly District who is not already a DSCC member. (CDP Bylaws Art. IV, Sec. 6 a (2))

ALL OTHERS

All other DSCC members may only give his/her proxy to any registered California Democrat who is not already a DSCC member. (CDP Bylaws Art. IV, Sec. 6 a)

In all cases, a DSCC member may not also be a proxy holder – no person may exercise more than one vote. Whenever possible, a DSCC member should give his/her proxy to a person of the same gender identity. In order for a proxy to be credentialed and eligible to vote, the dues and registration of the DSCC member must be paid and the proxy must be credentialed by the close of registration on Saturday of Convention. (CDP Bylaws Art. IV, Sec. 6)

If you have questions, whom at the CDP do we contact?

Please feel free to contact Ben Seinfeld at (818) 441-4430 / Ben@cadem.org or Emma Harper at emma@cadem.org.

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