



To: Candidates for Endorsements and Interested Parties
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Subject: Clarification on Appointments and Eligibility in Voting in Legislative Races

This memorandum details how the redistricting process will impact the ability of appointed delegates to vote in local endorsement processes. In summary:

The bylaws provide that an appointee of a district-level appointer may only vote in local endorsement processes where the appointee lives in the same district that their appointing authority currently represents AND in those races (under the new lines) where the appointee lives. If an appointee lives in BOTH the district their appointing authority lives AND in the new district their appointing authority is in by residence, then no change will occur. However, if the new district does not include the appointee's residence then the appointee will not be eligible to vote in their appointing authority's endorsement process (because they do not live in the appointing authority's new district). They will still, however, be eligible to vote in endorsement processes for all races in districts that include their residence.

Appointing Authority

The California Democratic Party Bylaws gives current elected officials and top performing democratic/nominees 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 Nominee, 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 Nominee 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.

For 2022, Appointed delegates from Article II, Section 3, a. & b are only eligible to participate in endorsement votes at Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses for Congress,

even-numbered State Senate, and Assembly contests when the Appointed Member is registered in the electoral district of the Elected Official or Nominee 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 eligible to participate in Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsing Caucuses for Congress, State Senate, and Assembly contests.

2022 Redistricting and Delegate Appointments

The Bylaws provide that for an appointed member of an Elected Official or Nominee from a Congressional, State Senate, or State Assembly Electoral District, the appointed member must be registered in and live in the same current electoral district as the appointing authority or the same new electoral district as the appointing authority to be eligible 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 are registered 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, nor the State Senate and Congressional District they are registered in.

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

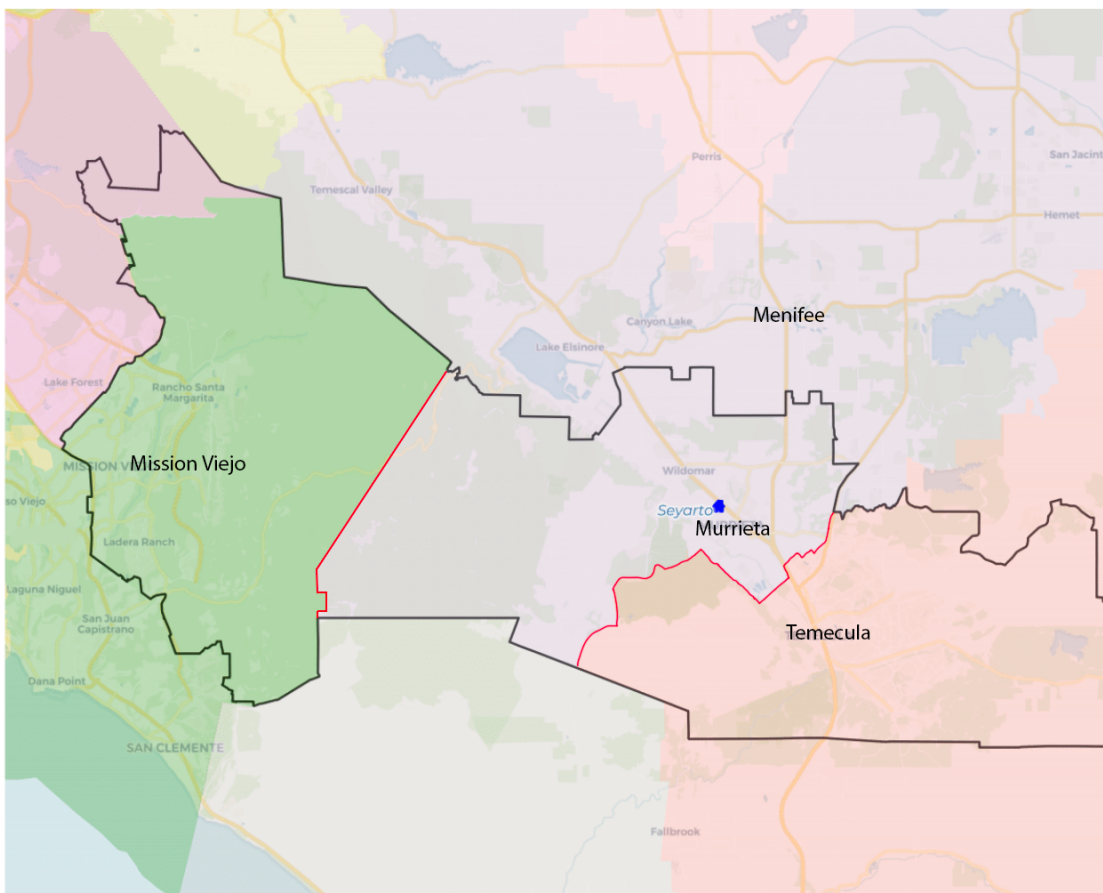
We are expecting the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to release the new Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly Maps on December 23, 2021 and finalized on December 27, 2021. All districts will have new lines, which will create 3 Categories of Potential Delegates. Please look at Image 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 eligible to vote in their own appointing authority's

endorsement process, because their appointing authority is in a different district. In Image 1, an appointed delegate in Menifee, who is appointed by the Assemblymember whose current district is Purple, would be eligible to vote in their new districts, but would not be eligible 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 not be eligible 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 eligible to vote in their new districts, but would not be eligible 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.