

California Democratic Party Rules Committee Floor Report
Saturday, February 19, 2022, 10:00AM

- I. The Committee was called to order at 10:02am. A roll call established a quorum with 24 members present. 1 member joined the meeting in progress
- II. M/S/P to adopt meeting agenda with amendment to add item III.A Rules of Debate
- III.A M/S/P to adopt rules of debate (5 speakers pro/con - 1 minute each)
- III. Review of Amendments to be considered by E-Board on February 20, 2022 (Adopted at 2021 November Eboard)
 - A. Article VIII, Section 3(c)(6) - Allowing Electronic Balloting for Endorsements Voting
 - B. Article VII, section 4(b)(2) - Modification of Rules to Call Special Executive Board Meetings
- IV. Review of Convention Rules and Platform Procedures
- V. Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Report of Caucuses Subcommittee
 - 1. M/S/P to accept the stipulation and adopt the Report of the Subcommittee regarding the self-reported endorsement of a potential ballot measure by the Disabilities Caucus on August 25, 2021. The report concludes that the Caucus vote violated Article VIII, Sections 1(d), (e) and (f) and Article XI, Section 2(a) and (6) of the CDP's Bylaws and Section 4.D.6(e) of the Guidelines for the Certification, Recertification and Decertification of Caucuses. The report concluded that it was in the best interest of the CDP not to proceed with a formal hearing and decertification process, but, instead, to allow the Caucus to complete the self-remedy process the Caucus had already begun. The agreed-upon self-remedy includes: an announcement to the Caucus membership that the endorsement vote was improper and of no force or effect; the adoption of a standing rule prohibiting consideration of motions, resolutions or other material support to a ballot measure or candidate other than an officially endorsed candidate or measure; periodic reporting; and a conversion of the Caucus' status to provisional for the balance of the certification cycle.
 - 2. The Subcommittee reported that it had received and filed a status report on the compliance efforts of the Progressive Caucus with the stipulated order directing it to take steps to remedy its violation of the rules prohibiting independent Caucus endorsement and support of/opposition to candidates.
 - 3. The Subcommittee received a report on the steps taken by the Chicano Latino Caucus (CLC) to satisfy the remedial provisions of an order finding it violated the endorsement rules in the CDP's Bylaws. M/S/P to adopt the report of the Subcommittee finding that the CLC has remedied the

violation and recommending that the Executive Board convert the CLC back to fully certified status.

4. The Subcommittee reported that it had informal contacts with the Black Caucus to help assure that the election to fill Caucus officer vacancies would be compliant with the CDP Bylaws and Guidelines.

B. Report of Standing Committees Subcommittee

1. M/S/P to adopt Legislation Committee Procedures with the following amendments::

- a) Section III d) amended as follows:

In each calendar year, each Democratic County Central Committee may submit up to two (2) legislative items plus an additional item for every two (2) Assembly Districts which are contained in whole or in part in that County. Further, each of the other sources ~~Each source~~ identified in Section III, Subsection b ~~(except the source identified in Section III b) iv.)~~ may submit no more than twelve (12) ~~four (4x)~~ legislation items for review in each calendar year ~~for any given session of the Legislation Committee.~~

- b) Section III b) iii amended as follows

The Legislation Committee shall only consider legislation duly submitted for review and recommendation by

- i. a Democratic County Central Committee
- ii. a recognized Caucus of the DSCC
- iii. ~~Charter Organization Recognized by the DSCC~~
Organizations Chartered by the DSCC
- iv. request from the legislation's author, an elected Democratic legislator.
- v. a majority of the Legislation Committee Co-Chairs
- vi. a referral from the Chair of the DSCC

Pursuant to Article V of the Bylaws, the Legislation Committee Procedures shall be appended to the Bylaws.

2. Reported that a proposal by Susie Shannon to make procedural changes to Resolutions Committee Procedures failed for lack of a second
3. M/S/P to send memo of General Standing Committee Participation Procedures to all Standing Committee Co-chairs with a copy of the Open Meeting rule.
4. M/S/P to refer Nomenclature Changes in Standing Committee Leadership Positions Proposal to the Rules Committee meeting at the 2022 March Convention

C. Report of County Bylaws Subcommittee

1. The California Democratic Party (CDP) Bylaws Article VIII, Section 4 states that a Democratic candidate for nonpartisan office who has been endorsed by his/her County Central Committee shall also be considered to be the endorsed candidate of the CDP provided that the endorsing provisions of the relevant County Central Committee Bylaws have been reviewed and approved by the CDP as consistent with its own Bylaws and with the fundamental rules of fairness.

The Subcommittee met to review the current and possible future structure to process County Bylaws for compliance with the California Democratic Party Endorsements. The subcommittee currently has three (3) Central Committee Bylaws submitted for approval.

VI. Subcommittee Appointments

SubCommittees	Chair	Vice Chair	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
ADEMS	Coby King	Nicole Fernandez	Kathy Bowler	Mclina 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	Mclina Woods	G. Anthony Phillips	Laurence Zakson	Suzanna Aguilera-Marrero	Garry Shay	Peter Gallotta
County Bylaws	Olivia Lee	Robin Torello	Mclina Woods	Izeah Garcia	Steven Alari	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 Phillips	Izeah Garcia	Kathy Bowler	Bill Wong	Laurence Zakson	Harris Mojadedi	James Williams
Chartered Organizations	Nicole Fernandez	Anita Narayana	Glenn Glazer	Harris Mojadedi	Sarah Souza	Garry Shay	
Caucus ReCertification Grouping	Chair	Vice-Chair	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	
Caucus Group A	Irish, Women's, Filipino, and LGBT	Jose Alcala	Martha Escutia	Izeah Garcia	Sepi Shyne	Jimmie Woods Gray	
Caucus Group B	Disabilities, Environmental, Senior, and Rural	Garry Shay	Anita Narayana	Katie Jaycox	Suzanna Aguilera-Marrero	Harris Mojadedi	
Caucus Group C	African American, Chicano/Latino, Veterans, and Progressive	Laurence Zakson	Bill Wong	Olivia Lee	Robin Torello	Andrea Cardenas	
Caucus Group D	Business & Professions, Arab American, Computer & Internet, Labor	Nicole Fernandez	G. Anthony Phillips	James Williams	Glenn Glazer	Abigail Kingsley	Mclina Woods
Caucus Group E	Asian Pacific, Childrens', Native American	Kathy Bowler	Steven Alari	Kenneth Armstrong	Sarah Souza	Nick Schultz	Peter Gallotta

VII. Review of Proposed Technical Amendments to Article VIII (Endorsements)

Technical amendments to Article VIII were discussed. The amendments will be considered at the Convention Rules Committee meeting and if passed, will be considered at the next E-Board after the Convention.

VIII. M/S/P Adjourn at 12:55pm

The Rules Committee (at its meeting on November 19, 2021) has recommended to the Executive Board the following CDP By-laws Amendments:

- 1) Provisions in connection with State Endorsement Process

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.

- 2) Modifying the requirements under which a Special Executive Board meeting may be called by petition under Article VII, section 4(b)(2), so that the section would read 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. However, if a statewide election, a meeting of This Committee, or an Executive Board meeting called pursuant to section 4(a) or section 4(b)(1) of this article, is already scheduled within sixty (60) days before or thirty (30) days after the time referred to in the written request, then the request submitted under this clause must include among those signing at least three (3) statewide officers.

**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 Covid vaccination and 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.

**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 Special Group Caucus Chairs, the 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

JEDI Committee

2:00PM Resolutions Committee (*Statewide Propositions Only*)

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*

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**CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES
Adopted by Rules Subcommittee on Standing Committees
February 16, 2022**

I. Name:

- a) This body shall consist of the Standing Committee of the California Democratic Party State Central Committee (DSCC), known as the "Legislation Committee."

II. Preamble:

- a) It shall be the function of the Legislation Committee to evaluate, recommend endorse, or propose legislation when needed, in response to the duties and policies of the Party; to maintain a listing of all pending legislation that is of "must" and/or major concern to the Party; and to keep a record of the vote by the Democratic Party legislators on such legislative items as able.
- b) The Legislation Committee shall in consultation with the Chair of the State Central Committee, organize and coordinate activities to advance Party positions on legislative priorities, including, but not limited to, lobby days with legislators, grassroots mobilization, delegate outreach, and as needed, shall advise the Chair of the State Central Committee and make recommendations as to how to most effectively utilize Party resources for this purpose, consistent with guidelines adopted by the Rules committee.

III. Scope:

- a) The Legislation Committee shall consider bills originating from the California State Legislature or the United States Congress. In exceptional cases, the Legislation Committee may consider local legislation of a statewide concern. Bills under consideration should be in furtherance of an existing party resolution or platform plank.
- b) The Legislation Committee shall only consider legislation duly submitted for review and recommendation by
 - i. a Democratic County Central Committee
 - ii. a recognized Caucus of the DSCC
 - iii. ~~Charter Organization Recognized by the DSCC~~ Organizations Chartered by the DSCC
 - iv. request from the legislation's author, an elected Democratic legislator.
 - v. a majority of the Legislation Committee Co-Chairs
 - vi. a referral from the Chair of the DSCC
- c) Requests for review and recommendation must be properly submitted through an online "Legislative Position Request Form" on the party's website, unless a request originates from a majority of the Legislation Committee Co-Chairs, or the Chair of the State Central Committee.

In each calendar year, each Democratic County Central Committee may submit up to two (2) legislative items plus an additional item for every two (2) Assembly Districts which are contained in whole or in part in that County. Further, each of the other sources ~~Each source~~ identified in Section III, Subsection b (except the source identified in Section III b) iv.) may

submit no more than ~~twelve (12)~~ ~~four (4x)~~ legislation items for review in each calendar year for any given session of the Legislation Committee.

- d) Old business items properly submitted for review by the Legislation Committee prior to the adoption of these Policies and Procedures may be considered by the Legislation Committee as determined by the Lead Chairs.
- e) Consideration of bills may result in a Legislative Committee recommendation including but not limited to: support, support if amended, oppose, oppose unless amended and neutral. A bill may also be laid on the table without taking any position.
 - i. In order to consider a position to oppose legislation sponsored by a Democrat, a 2/3rds vote threshold of the members of the Legislation Committee must be met, and at least fifteen (15) days notice must have been given to the proposed legislation's author or their chief of staff.
- f) Legislation Committee shall be guided by, but not limited to, the following when making recommendations on legislation:
 - i. Timeliness of the legislation.
 - ii. Positions taken by the DNC, DNC Committees, DSCC, CDP resolutions and/or platform committees, and/or positions taken by CDP Caucuses that may conflict with or adhere to issues related to the legislative request.
 - iii. Status of legislation in the CA State Legislature, U.S. Congress or other appropriate legislative body.
 - iv. Impact DSCC may have on the outcome of legislation.
 - v. Historical principles of the DNC and DSCC and communities it represents.
 - vi. Factors that may affect potential substantive changes to legislation, such as whether legislation requires 2/3 majority to pass legislative body.
 - vii. Constitutionality.
 - viii. Importance of the legislation.
 - ix. Number of bills on which a recommendation has been made.
 - x. Impact on Party resources.
 - xi. Degree of consensus in the Party.
- e) The Legislation Committee may also facilitate the sponsorship of legislation, taking into consideration the resources required to sponsor legislation, other potential stakeholders, capacity of committee members and party staff, and legal requirements of advocating for the passage of legislation.

IV. Sub-Committees::

- a) The Lead Chair(s) may, in consultation with the Co-Chairs, create and dissolve subcommittees within the Legislation Committee as appropriate.
- b) Members of the Legislation Committee may self-select to serve on a sub-committee.
- c) The Lead Chair(s) shall appoint the chair of each of the subcommittees.
- d) For a meeting of a subcommittee which has been duly noticed, quorum

shall be 40% or 10 subcommittee members, whichever is less.

- e) Subcommittees shall meet and vote via either telephonic or electronic communication as designated by the subcommittee chair, subject to the guidelines of the CDP regarding email, telephonic, and electronic communication. In-person meetings may only take place at scheduled DSCC meetings.
- f) Subcommittees may be tasked by Lead Chairs(s) to complete preparatory, operational, and follow up work as appropriate.
- g) The Lead Chair(s) shall be responsible for informing the Chair of the CDP on any change the Lead Chair(s) become aware of, to legislation on which the Legislation Committee has taken a position.

V. Procedures:

- a) Requests:
 - i. Legislative position requests may be submitted by any entity listed in Section III(b) through the procedures listed in Section III(c-e). Timely submitted legislative position requests shall be taken up at the first Legislation Committee meeting following the request.
 - ii. In order to be considered timely, Legislative Position Requests must be received no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to a meeting of the State Central Committee or Executive Board, unless the requested legislation was introduced, substantially amended, or given urgency status within the 30 calendar day period, or the request to review originates from a request from the DSCC Chair, in which case the committee may waive this requirement upon a simple majority vote of members present and voting.
 - 1. Substantial amendment is defined as language that changes one or more core functions of the legislation.
 - iii. Late legislative requests may be heard by the Committee unless a two (2) members of the Committee present and voting dissents, or unless approved as a new, substantially amended, or urgency bill by the Committee. Once a late legislative request has received consent to be heard, it will be treated in the same way as if it had been submitted as a timely legislative request. The submitter may also be asked to provide 40 copies of the legislation request form and related materials depending on the time frame.
- b) Sub-Committees:
 - i. The Lead Chair(s) of the Legislation Committee shall direct tasking as appropriate to each subcommittee.
 - ii. The Lead Chairs shall ensure that the Legislative Position Request Forms for timely legislative position requests and consent calendars shall be distributed to Legislation Committee members no later than 72 hours before the first day of State

Central Committee or Executive Board, whichever comes first. This task may be delegated to a subcommittee as appropriate.

c) Committee of the Whole:

- i. Recommendations may be severed from the consent calendar upon objection of any member of the Legislation Committee.
- ii. The order of legislative recommendation consideration shall be as follows:
 1. The consent calendar, excluding any severed items
 2. Positions severed from a consent calendar recommendation with the first vote being on the consent recommendation. No other motion, of any type, shall be in order until the consent calendar recommendation is disposed of by either being adopted or rejected.
 3. Floor Motions
- iii. Except when presented as a consent calendar, the members of the Legislation Committee shall be given the opportunity to debate the recommendation. Speakers shall be limited to no more than three (3) speakers in favor and three (3) three speakers opposed, with a time limit of no more than 1 minute per speaker. The number of speakers or time allotted may be extended by a majority vote of those present and voting.
- iv. A 60% vote of the Legislation Committee members present and voting is needed to make a legislative recommendation to the DSCC or DSCC E-Board. An abstention from a vote does not count toward "present and voting" count.
- v. The Legislation Committee will present legislative position recommendations in the committee report to the next meeting of either State Central Committee convention body or Executive Board, whichever comes first.

d) Sponsoring Legislation:

- i. Legislation sponsorship requests may be brought to the Legislation Committee by any source identified in Section III, Subsection b.
- ii. The Lead Chairs, in consultation with committee co-chairs, may refer this request to an ad hoc drafting subcommittee by majority vote of the Legislation Committee, with an effort to fill the drafting subcommittee with members of the Legislation Committee that have relevant experience in the subject matter of the proposed legislation.
- iii. The drafting subcommittee shall report at the next meeting, a report detailing draft language, potential authors, co-sponsors, supporters, opponents, feasibility, and findings to either recommend the Legislation Committee approve or deny the sponsorship request.
- iv. The Legislation Committee may recommend to the State Central Committee or Executive Board committee sponsored legislation presented via the ad hoc committee

mentioned in Section V(d) (ii) with a 60% vote of the Legislation Committee members present and voting.

- v. Any legislation sponsorship proposal may be made available to all State Central Committee members on the Legislation Committee's website and be included in any Committee Report to the convention or executive board floor.
- e) Post Meeting Powers:
- i. Reconsideration on legislative positions adopted by the Legislation Committee require a 2/3 vote of the Legislation Committee members present and voting. A vote for reconsideration must occur within one year of the committee taking its first position on the legislation up for reconsideration or at any time if amended.
 - ii. In the event that legislation that the California Democratic Party has taken a position on is substantially amended in such a way as to fundamentally change its nature so as to warrant a change in position, the Lead Chair(s) of the Legislation Committee may call upon a panel consisting of the Lead Chair(s) of the Legislation Committee and all Co-Chair's of the Legislation Committee to review the changes made to said legislation. A simple majority of panel members present and voting shall be sufficient to rescind a prior legislative position taken by the body. In the event that a legislative position is rescinded, it shall be taken up by the Legislation Committee at the next regular meeting as if it was a new piece of legislation.

VI. General Provisions:

- a) The Legislation Committee shall be guided by Roberts Rules of Order except where specified in this document.
- b) Due notice of Legislation Committee meetings must be made to all Legislation Committee members.
- c) Members of the Legislation Committee must disclose any conflict of interest to the best of their ability.
- d) The Legislation Committee shall ensure publication of committee reports and these bylaws on the party website.