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Sunday, July 10, 2022
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### Interim CDP Secretary

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The Committee was called to order at 4:02pm. A roll call established a quorum with 20 members present. 1 member joined the meeting in progress

M/S/P to adopt meeting agenda

Proposed Bylaws Amendments previously adopted by the Rules Committee

A. From March 2022 Rules Committee Meeting

1. Technical cleanup changes to Bylaws resulting from addition to Article II (membership) of President and Vice President of the United States

Section 3 PARTISAN PUBLIC OFFICES OTHER THAN PRESIDENT

c. Composition of Endorsing Caucuses, Timing, Qualifications for Candidate Consideration, Provision of Platform Link, Code of Conduct, Quorum, Written Ballot, No Endorsement Option, Number Endorsed, Vote Required:

Endorsing caucuses of This Committee shall be comprised of all members of This Committee resident and registered to vote in the relevant district except that those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(10) 2a(12) and 2a(12)-2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this Article) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral district as the one that the appointing authority represents. Endorsement caucuses in any given primary race shall be chaired by persons designated by the Chair of This Committee. The Chair of This Committee may also appoint a Parliamentarian who is a member of either the Rules or Credentials Committee of This Committee, and a Secretary for each Endorsing Caucus.

d. Consent Calendar, Ratification, Objection to Ratification, Process for Consideration of Objection:

(3)(b) 1. upon written motion by at least ten (10) members of the relevant caucus in the case of an Assembly District or at least twenty (20) members of the relevant caucus in the case of a State Senate or Congressional District, except that those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, 2a(10) 2a(12) and 2a(12)-2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate in such motions or petitions unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral district as the one that the appointing authority represents, or

e. Special Elections Process and Appeals Committee:

(1)(a) those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(10) 2a(12) and 2a(12)-2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral district as the one that the appointing authority represents, and

f. “Pre-endorsing Conferences” Time, Place, Absentee Voting, Notice, Convenor, Participants, Certification of Roster, No Proxy Voting, Address by Candidate, Offering of Name, Single Roll Call Vote, Prohibition on Vote Retraction, Participant’s Residency, Transmission of Results, Incumbent Consent Calendar Placement and Removal Process, Process for Endorsement in General Election:

(5)(a) All members of This Committee resident in the district, except that those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(10) 2a(12) and 2a(12)-2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral district as the one that the appointing authority represents;

h. Post-Primary Endorsement Process:

(1)(b)1. those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(10) 2a(12) and 2a(12)-2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral District as the one that the appointing authority represents, and

i. Objections to Endorsements, Process for Review by the Election Appeals Committee: For those races subject to review by the Election Appeals Committee via the filing of a Letter of Objection, within fifteen (15) days after Secretary of State certification of the Primary Election, twenty percent (20%) of the members of This Committee resident in the district in question except that those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(10) 2a(12) and 2a(12)-2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral District as the one that the appointing authority represents, must sign and file with the Secretary of This Committee a Letter of Objection objecting to the endorsement of a particular candidate.
j. Process When No Convention Scheduled At least Forty-Nine (49) Days Prior to the Partisan Primary:

(1) For districted races, the Chair of This Committee shall cause to be convened an endorsing caucus of the members of This Committee resident in the each relevant district, except that those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(10) 2a(12) and 2a(12)-2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral District as the one that the appointing authority represents may group such districts on a regional basis as necessary and shall designate a convenor. No proxy voting shall be allowed - each member shall be sent a vote-by-mail ballot which shall be read off as though it were a roll call vote. Once received by the designated convenor of the caucus, a ballot may not be retracted, rescinded, or otherwise changed and shall be counted in the totals. Lost ballots may be replaced at the caucus prior to the close of balloting. Each caucus may place on a consent calendar of the Executive Board of This Committee:

B. From June 2022 Rules Committee Meeting

1. Bylaws changes to implement 2023 ADEM system

   a. Article VI, Section 1 - Assembly District Election Meetings

Section 1. ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ELECTION MEETINGS

a. Except as may be otherwise allowed herein, biennial Assembly District Election Meetings shall be held for the purpose of electing from each Assembly District 14 members to this Committee and one representative to the Executive Board:

(1) The Election Meetings shall be held on the Saturday or Sunday of the weekends immediately prior to and following the weekend when the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is celebrated in odd-numbered years, with such meeting beginning no earlier than 10 am nor begin later than 2 pm, with the time for registration to be open for a four-hour period.

(2) Persons eligible to participate shall be all registered Democrats residing in the Assembly District, who have agreed in writing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

(3) Persons eligible to be candidates for Assembly District representative or Assembly District Representative to the Executive Board shall be include all registered Democrats who were eligible to participate as such in the preceding General Election; provided however, that if a person turned 18, or became a United States citizen by virtue of naturalization, after the last day for registration for said election, execution on or before the end of the filing period referred to in Section 1(i) of the Article of a legally valid voter registration form showing a residence within the Assembly District shall constitute prima facie evidence of eligibility to participate; and has agreed to writing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

(b) In addition to the persons described in subsection (a) above, all persons who are unable to register to vote by reason of citizenship status are eligible to be candidates for Assembly District representative or Assembly District Representative to the Executive Board if they meet the following criteria: (1) on a form provided by the Chair of This Committee and posted to the Party website for download, the person fills out the form completely and attests that if eligible to register to vote they would do so and do so as Party Preference Democratic; (2) attests on that form that they reside at an address within the Assembly District of their candidacy and provide that address; (3) on that same form have obtained the name, voter registration address, and signature of a registered Democrat in the state of California, which person will be serving as a reference for the person submitting the form; (4) shall file the completed form on or before the end of the filing period referred to in Section 1(i) of this Article, and (5) agreed in writing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

(4) The Convener of the Election Meeting shall be selected by the Chair of this Committee in consultation with the Regional Director responsible for the Assembly District, no later than September 15 of the year prior to the ADEM meeting.

The selected Convener must be a registered Democrat and pledge not to seek a DSCC seat nor an Executive Board position from that ADEM.

[...]

h. The Rules Committee of This Committee shall promulgate ADEM Procedures governing the organization and conduct of the Election Meetings, which shall include a process for in-person voting and vote-by-mail, a process for applying as a candidate for delegate, including an opportunity to indicate a willingness to serve as Representative to the Executive Board if elected as provided in Section 1(j)(1) below, require a filing fee of $420 (which will be waived for those who may not pay the fee by law and which may be waived due to hardship and with such waiver shall being available as an option online and on all written forms), a filing period of at least 30 days which shall start at least
60 days prior to the date of the first biennial Assembly District Election Meetings and end at least 30 days after the start of the filing period, and provide for the posting of eligible candidate names (to be updated no less than once per week starting with the opening of the filing period) on the Party's website, along with statements by the candidates, with the proviso that such statements be no longer 2400 characters and shall not mention the name of any other candidate. Statements shall be published as submitted; no additions, corrections, or other edits shall be made once submitted. Candidates may also provide a link to a video campaign statement as long as such statement does not mention the name of any other candidate.

i. Post-ADEM Procedures:
(1) When the time for balloting has ended according to the ADEM Procedures, the Convener shall proceed to count the number of ballots (but not the votes) according to the ADEM Procedures. The Convener shall transmit to the Chair of This Committee (or their designee) the number of ballots. The ballot box shall be sealed with the voted ballots, blank ballots and all supporting materials, and delivered to one or more addresses designated by the Chair of This Committee.
(2) Upon receipt of the ballot boxes, and after a process to verify participant eligibility is completed, the Chair of This Committee (or their designee) shall cause the eligible ballots to be counted (by an independent third party, at the Chair's discretion) and shall publicize the results on the CDP's website. The Chair shall then start the process of offering the position of Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board to the appropriate persons as provided in subsection (j)(1) below. Upon acceptance of the position, those persons’ names shall also be so publicized.
(3) Failure by the Convener to return the materials referred to in the previous paragraph shall result in the withholding of that Convener’s credential to, or ability to register for, any meeting of This Committee and its Executive Board for the remainder of the term, until such time as the Chair of This Committee certifies that the materials have been returned as required or upon the Chair’s finding of good cause, waives same.

b. Article II, Section 3 - Appointed Members

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP
SECTION 3. APPOINTED MEMBERS
d. Appointment of members to This Committee shall be made in writing in the form prescribed by the Secretary of This Committee, signed by the appointing member and delivered to the State Chair of This Committee. Appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing member. Delivery of notification of appointment to This Committee shall be made no later than by a date publicized by the Chair of This Committee which is at least February 7, 60 days before the prior to the Organizing Convention, following the General Election, or next business day if date falls on state holiday or weekend, in order for appointees to be eligible to vote at the next meeting of This Committee, except in the case of a special election not certified by 60 days prior to the Organizing Convention, Feb 2, delivery of notification of qualification to This Committee shall be made not later than fourteen (14) days after certification of the election, or next business day if date falls on state holiday or weekend.

c. Article II, Section 4 - Members Elected by County Central Committees

Section 4. MEMBERS ELECTED BY COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES
e. In order for the representative to be eligible to vote at the next meeting of This Committee, the County Chair shall notify the State Chair of This Committee in writing signed by the County Chair of the names and addresses of the persons elected to membership of This Committee no later than by a date publicized by the Chair of This Committee which is at least 60 days before the prior to the Organizing Convention, February 7 of an odd-numbered year, or next business day if date falls on state holiday or weekend, the County Chair shall notify the State Chair of the Party in writing signed by the County Chair of the names and addresses of the persons elected to membership of This Committee. Those committees which reorganize in January shall make this notification within three days of the elections held pursuant to subsection (c).

d. Article IV, Section 1 - Regular Meetings

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS
Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS
a. Regular Meetings
(2). For the first regular meeting of an odd-numbered year (the "Organizing Convention"), the roll of eligible voters at this meeting of This Committee shall consist of those members who have qualified as of by a date publicized by the Chair of This Committee which is at least 60 days prior to the Organizing Convention, February 7, or next business day if date falls on state holiday or weekend,
of the year of that meeting. Once qualified as of by a date publicized by the Chair of This Committee which is at least 60 days prior to the Organizing Convention February 7, or next business day if date falls on state holiday or weekend, one who remains otherwise qualified to maintain their membership on This Committee, shall vote in the district(s) in which they are registered.

2. Caucuses - Changes to shift the certification period to the year after the gubernatorial election year
   a. Article XI, Section 4.h - Certification / Recertification
      i. M/S/P to recommend technical change to add a comma after the word “in” in the second line Article XI (Caucuses), Section 4.h regarding timelines is amended as follows:
      h. Notwithstanding any other provisions of, or any Guidelines or Procedures promulgated pursuant to the authority granted in, this Article XI, the deadlines for the certification process in subsections (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this Section 4 and any Guidelines or Procedures implementing these provisions of this Section 4, shall be inapplicable to the recertification of any Caucus the certification of which is extended until August 31, 2023, pursuant to Section 5 of this Article. Rather, for such Caucuses, the application for recertification shall be made available to the Caucuses by no later than November 20, 2022, and the deadline for submission of applications for Caucus recertification shall be seven days after the adjournment of the first Convention of This Committee in 2023. By no later than November 20, 2022, the Rules Committee shall establish and publish the other deadlines for the recertification process for such Caucuses. The provisions of this subsection (h) shall expire as of September 1, 2023, and, without further action of This Committee or its Executive Board, shall no longer be a part of these Bylaws or this Article XI as of that date.

   b. Article XI, Section 5 - Term of Certification

Section 5. TERM OF CERTIFICATION

Beginning 1/1/15, official Certification of a Caucus shall extend through the second meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee held following the:

a. Next regular general election, or until revoked for cause as set forth herein, for all initial certifications, and
b. Next regular meeting of This Committee at which endorsements for Governor may be considered, or until revoked for cause as set forth herein, for all recertifications.

a. All Caucuses that are provisionally or fully certified as of July 11, 2022, shall have their current certification status extended through August 31, 2023, unless revoked for cause as set forth herein; provided, however, that, during this extended certification period, provisional certification may be converted to full certification and full certification converted to provisional certification in accordance with procedures for such conversion consistent with this Article XI promulgated by the Rules Committee. The provisions of this subsection (a) if this Section 5 shall expire as of September 1, 2023, and, without further action of This Committee or its Executive Board, shall no longer be a part of these Bylaws or this Article XI as of that date. The Secretary of This Committee, upon recommendation of the Rules Committee, shall cause subsection b and its subparts to be renumbered accordingly.

b. All official Certifications of a Caucus made effective on or after September 1, 2023, shall extend through the following dates:
   (1) For recertifications, unless revoked for cause as set forth herein, the later of August 31 of the year after the year in which the next regular Gubernatorial election is held or the adjournment of the first Executive Board meeting of This Committee held after the first meeting of this Committee in the year after the year in which the next regular Gubernatorial election is held; or
   (2) For initial certifications, unless revoked for cause as set forth herein, the earlier of two years after the effective date of the initial certification or the first Executive Board meeting of This Committee held after the first meeting of this Committee in the year after the year in which the next regular Gubernatorial election is held.

(3) Notwithstanding the certification terms set forth herein, full certification may be converted to provisional certification and provisional certification may be converted to full certification in accordance with procedures for such conversion consistent with this Article XI promulgated by the Rules Committee; provided that no such conversion shall extend the term of certification of a Caucus.

NOTE to E-Board Members: The Rules Committee adopted conforming changes to the Caucus Guidelines which will be in effect if the E-Board adopts the above amendments to Article XI, section 5 (or amendments with substantially the same effect.)

IV. Items to be Reported to E-Board

A. CDP Bylaws, Article Footnote 1 - Report to EBoard to Ratify changes (see attached memo)
B. M/S/P Changes to Bylaws Appendices C and D as a result of changes to CDP Bylaws in Item A above (see attached memo)
C. Ratification of Caucus Certification changes previously certified by Rules Committee
1. Disabilities Caucus - accept stipulation
2. Progressive Caucus - provide update of status of compliance on stipulation
3. Chicano Latino Caucus - recommend upgrade to full certification

D. From June Meeting:
   1. M/S/P to approve 2022 CADEM Redistricting Memo and Appointment of Members to Joint Subcommittee with JEDI Committee: Lead Co-Chair, Izeah Garcia; Members: Andrea Cardenas, Harris Mojadedi, Anita Narayan and Katie Jaycox

V. Subcommittee Reports
   A. M/S/P to approve report on Chartered Organization Subcommittee as amended (relevant portions attached below)
   B. Received oral report on County Bylaws Subcommittee
   C. Received report on Standing Committees Subcommittee
   D. Received oral report on Miscellaneous Items Subcommittee

VI. Proposed Bylaw Amendments
   A. M/S/P to approve proposal regarding changing committee titles to Co-chairs and Vice-chairs (to be considered at next Executive Board)
   B. M/S/P to refer proposal by Joshua De Leon proposing to introduce a ranked choice voting process to Statewide Officer Elections and Regional Director elections to Subcommittee on Officers, Election, Duties, Etc

VII. M/S/P to approve revised Code of Conduct (see attached)

VIII. M/S/P Adjourn at 5:18pm
Pursuant to footnote 1 to Article V of the Bylaws of the California Democratic Party, which provides as follows:

[1] In the event that a cross-reference to Article V is rendered inappropriate as a result of any of the above changes, the Secretary of This Committee, in consultation with the Lead Chairs of the Rules Committee, shall be empowered to make such change without need for further action. Any such change shall be reported to the Executive Board of This Committee at its next meeting for ratification.

The Co-Lead Co-Chairs of the Rules Committee have found the following cross-references to the Organizational Development Committee and Voter Services Committee that were rendered inappropriate due to the recent elimination of those committees and the shifting of their duties. These changes will be reported to the Executive Board in July 2022 for ratification.

The Bylaws changes are as follows:

**Amend Article I, Section 4:**
Section 4. REGIONS
This Committee shall be divided into Regions. Regions shall be defined by A.D. boundaries and are subject to redistricting by the Organizational Development Rules Committee for approval by This Committee or its Executive Board (See also Article III, Section 4.) and shall, beginning with the next reapportionment after 2001, be comprised of an equal number of Assembly Districts. Notwithstanding the previous language in this section, the Organizational Development Rules Committee, in order to facilitate This Committee’s operations, organizing and electoral activity, shall have the power to divide up to two of these Regions into two separate Regions each, for a total of four Regions consisting of a lesser number of Assembly Districts than the remaining Regions; provided, however, no Region may consist of fewer than two Assembly Districts.

**CDP Bylaws Article V, Section 5h(8)**
promulgate Procedures for Charting, Re-Chartering, and De-Chartering of Statewide CDP Chartered Organizations, and advise the Secretary of This
Amend Article VIII, Section 3, j, (b):

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In either case, this written motion must be filed with the Secretary of This Committee by 8 PM on the day that the endorsing caucuses are held at the endorsing convention. The Pre-Primary Endorsement Review Committee shall be comprised of all members of the Executive Board registered in the relevant district, the Statewide Officers; the Regional Director(s) of the relevant district, and two (2) Executive Board members, appointed by the Chair of This Committee prior to the start of the Convention, from each of the following committees: Rules, and Credentials, and Voter Services. If such a motion for formal objection to the ratification of an endorsing caucus decision is so filed with the Secretary by 8 PM the evening before the period set aside for ratification vote, then the relevant Pre-Primary Endorsement Review Committee shall meet at 8 AM the morning prior to the ratification vote. Presentations for the motion by the filer and against the motion by the endorsed candidate shall be no more than five (5) minutes each. Such a motion for formal objection to the ratification of an endorsing caucus decision may be adopted by the relevant committee by a majority of the committee present and voting.

Amend Article VIII, Section 3, e, (2):

(2) A Special Elections Appeals Committee will make the final determination at a meeting no later than five (5) days after an objection has been filed. This Special Elections Appeal Committee shall be comprised of the Statewide Officers; the Regional Director(s) of the relevant district, two (2) Executive Board members, appointed by the Chair of This Committee, from each of the following committees: Rules, and Credentials, and Credentials and Voter Services.

Amend Article VIII, Section 3, g, (1):

(1) The Elections Appeals Committee will make the final determination at a meeting no later than five (5) days after an objection has been filed. This committee shall be comprised of the Statewide Officers; the Regional Director(s) of the relevant district (or all Regional Directors in the case of a statewide election), two (2) Executive Board members, appointed by the Chair of This Committee, from each of the following committees: Rules, and Credentials, and Voter Services.

Amend Article X, Section 3, a, (7):

(7) A finding of fact having been made by the Organizational Development Rules Committee as to what information is needed on the Application for Charter;
Committee and concurred in by the Executive Board of This Committee that the organization has failed to act in, and/or has acted in a manner adverse or detrimental to, the best interests of the Democratic Party, including but not limited to:

(a) A failure to adopt or maintain the Code of Conduct as part of its own bylaws with a provision that each member is bound by it terms, and/or

(b) A willful, intentional, or repeated failure to address violations of the Code of Conduct within the organization.

**Amend Article XII, Section 2, a, (5):**

(5) During the period 120 days prior to any Primary or General Partisan Election, the Compliance Review Commission may, upon written request by the Chair of This Committee, issue an Order of Temporary Suspension of Charter, for a period of thirty days, of any charter issued by This Committee, for alleged violation of any of the above provisions, provided the request of the Chair of This Committee for suspension sets forth in writing the reasons therefore, and said request is served on the Chair of the Organization in question at their last known address of record on file with This Committee, the Secretary of This Committee, and the Chairs of the Rules, Credentials, and Organizational Development and Credentials Committees of This Committee. In the event of the issuance of an Order of Temporary Suspension of Charter, the Compliance Review Commission shall also issue an Order to Show Cause why the suspension should not become permanent and request written argument thereon be submitted to the Secretary of This Committee within ten days, after which the Compliance Review Commission may take action under Section 5 herein, including the issuance of an Order of Revocation of Charter or rescission of the Order of Temporary Suspension of Charter.

**Article XII, Section 3, f, (3):**

(5) Review such reports, including those that are relied upon for the denial or revocation of a Charter under Article X upon recommendation of the Rules Organizational Development Committee, and

We are requesting that they be amended as stated above and reported to the Executive Board of This Committee at its next meeting for ratification.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Amend Appendix C as follows:

Guidelines re: Chartering of Organizations
Adopted by Organizational Development Committee and forwarded to Rules Adopted Jan 28, 2006 by the Rules Committee and received by the CDP Executive Board

Amend Section 1 as follows:

(1) AUTHORITY: These Guidelines are proposed pursuant to the Bylaws of This Committee, Article X, Section 4, which provide that Charters for organizations which include in any part of their name the name of the Democratic Party, and, directly or indirectly solicit funds in the State of California for any purpose whatsoever under the representation, either express or implied, that the funds are being solicited for the use of the Democratic Party shall only be granted upon recommendation of the Organizational Development Rules Committee pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Rules Committee.

In the rest of Appendix C:

Wherever the phrase “Organizational Development Committee pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Rules Committee,” appears change it to read “Rules Committee pursuant to the Guidelines for Chartering adopted by them.”.

Wherever the phrase “Organizational Development Committee” appears by itself, not followed by “pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Rules Committee,” change to read “Rules Committee”

Amend Appendix C Section 3, (2) as follows:

Charters shall only be granted by This Committee upon recommendation of the Organizational Development Committee pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Rules Committee Rules Committee pursuant to the Guidelines for Chartering adopted by them.
Amend Appendix C Section 3, 3(d) as follows:

An agreement that the Organization shall provide the Secretary of This Committee and the Chair(s) of the Organizational Development Rules Committee a written report on the Organization’s activities and progress towards fulfillment of the Organization’s purposes, as evidenced through objective measures or standards, and a complete “Roster of Members” containing the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all its members, noting whether a particular member has organizational responsibility for a particular activity, on an annual basis, no later than February 7th of each year. Copies of all reports shall be distributed to the members of the Organizational Development Rules Committee no later than February 22nd of each year;

Amend Appendix C Section 3, 3(e) as follows:

An agreement by the organization that it will give ten (10) days written or electronic notice of any and all of its meetings, both regular and special, to the Secretary of This Committee, who shall distribute such notice to the Chairs of the Organizational Development Rules Committee;

Amend Appendix C Section 3, (8) as follows:

In considering whether to recommend granting or rejecting an application for Charter, the Organizational Development Rules Committee will, among other factors, consider whether or not there are existing organizations serving the same or similar purposes and/or jurisdiction chartered by This Committee or other authorities, and whether recommending granting or rejecting the application would be in the overall best interests of the Party, under the circumstances.

Amend Appendix C Section 3, (9) as follows:

In the event competing applications for chartering are presented, weight shall be given to the number and geographic distribution of members in the organization and to the scope of the plan for political organizing and activity, with emphasis on voter registration, voter turn-out activities, promotion of candidates, and such other factors that promote the interests of the Democratic Party and the election of Democrats. The Organizational Development Rules Committee shall attempt to facilitate the merger of such competing groups.

Amend Appendix C Section 3, (D) as follows:

This Committee shall refrain from chartering organizations whose primary purpose is to function as a “traditional Democratic Club,” leaving such responsibility to County Central Committees, unless the local County Central Committee either does not
charter organizations, or does not exist. However, in the event a local County Central Committee has declined to charter an organization, or delayed such charter for an unreasonable period of time, This Committee shall consider such application for charter. Such application must include a clear explanation and/or documentation of the extraordinary circumstances justifying the intervention of This Committee in what is generally considered a local County Central Committee function. The County Central Committee Chair and Executive Board representatives of said county (if any) shall be given written or electronic notice and invited to submit testimony to the Organizational Development Rules Committee. In its discretion, This Committee, or any of its subordinate bodies considering the matter, may invite oral testimony, provided all interested persons are accorded the same right;

**Amend Appendix C Section 4, (C) as follows:**

In the event the Compliance Review Commission does not exercise jurisdiction under Article XI, Section 2,a, over a complaint concerning the chartering of an organization, and upon written complaint signed by thirty (30) members of the Executive Board, or any three (3) State-wide officers of This Committee, the Organizational Development Rules Committee may institute Charter Revocation hearings and shall issue a written report of its findings and recommendations, as well as the reasons therefore, to the Executive Board of This Committee for further action.

**Amend Appendix C Section 5 as follows:**

During the period 120 days prior to any Primary or General Partisan Election, the Compliance Review Commission may, upon written request by the Chair of This Committee, issue an Order of Temporary Suspension of Charter, for a period of thirty days, of any charter issued by This Committee, for alleged violation of any of the above provisions, provided the request of the Chair of This Committee for suspension sets forth in writing the reasons therefore, and said request is served on the Chair of the Organization in question at his/her last known address of record on file with This Committee, the Secretary of This Committee, and the Chairs of the Rules, Rules, and Credentials, and Organizational Development Committees of This Committee. In the event of the issuance of an Order of Temporary Suspension of Charter, the Compliance Review Commission shall also issue an Order to Show Cause why the suspension should not become permanent and request written argument thereon be submitted to the Secretary of This Committee within ten days, after which the Compliance Review Commission may take action under Section 6 herein, including the issuance of an Order of Revocation of Charter or rescission of the Order of Temporary Suspension of Charter.

**Amend Appendix D Section 2 (H) as follows:**
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Delete pages 87 – 89 as duplicative
TO: CDP Rules Committee  
FR: Garry S. Shay, Chair Emeritus, CDP Rules Committee  
DA: 21 May 22  
RE: Changes to California Democratic Party Guidelines for Chartering of Organizations necessitated by changes to Article V, Section 5, h, 8 and elimination of the Organizational Development Committee

These changes are necessitated by recent changes to CDP Bylaws Article V, Section 5, and the elimination of the Organizational Development Committee.

I have also taken into consideration a memo prepared by Royce Kelly, the former Lead Chair of Organizational Development.

[NOTE: I have bolded items so they stand out in the amendments, for easier visibility. The bolding is NOT part of the amendment. Additionally, I have added cross-references to the particular bylaws sections.]

1. Pursuant to Footnote #1 to Article V, which states:

   In the event that a cross-reference to Article V is rendered inappropriate as a result of any of the above changes, the Secretary of This Committee, in consultation with the Lead Chairs of the Rules Committee, shall be empowered to make such change without need for further action. Any such change shall be reported to the Executive Board of This Committee at its next meeting for ratification.

   request the Secretary amend Article X, Section 3, a, (7) as follows:

   **Section 3. DENIAL AND REVOCATION**

   **a.** This Committee shall have the power and authority to deny or revoke a charter of any organization, for cause by majority vote. Cause for denial or revocation shall include:

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   (7) A finding of fact having been made by the Organizational Development Rules Committee and concurred in by the Executive Board of This Committee that the organization has failed to act in, and/or has acted in a manner adverse or detrimental to, the best interests of the Democratic Party, including but not limited to:

   (a) A failure to adopt or maintain the Code of Conduct as part of its own bylaws with a provision that each member is bound by it terms, and/or

   (b) A willful, intentional, or repeated failure to address violations of the Code of Conduct within the organization.

   and reported to the Executive Board of This Committee at its next meeting for ratification.

2. Amend Article X, Section 3, to correctly paginate the paragraphs. There are currently two subsection “(5)’s” designate the second as “(6)” and renumber accordingly.
Proposed amendments to Guidelines re: Chartering of Organizations:

Guidelines re: Chartering of Organizations
Adopted by Organizational Development Committee and forwarded to Rules
Adopted Jan 28, 2006 by the Rules Committee and received by the CDP Executive Board
Adopted by the Rules Committee pursuant to Article V, Section 5, h, 8) CDP
Bylaws, June __ , 2022

1. **AUTHORITY:** These Guidelines are proposed pursuant to the Bylaws of This Committee, Article X, Section 4–1, which provide that Charters for organizations which include in any part of their name the name of the Democratic Party, and, directly or indirectly solicit funds in the State of California for any purpose whatsoever under the representation, either express or implied, that the funds are being solicited for the use of the Democratic Party shall only be granted upon recommendation of the Organizational Development Rules Committee pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Rules Committee. [CDP Bylaws Article X, Section 1 and 2d]

2. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of these proposed guidelines is to:
   A. Develop a systematic method for considering applications for Charter and provide criteria for weighing the qualifications of applicants requesting Charter,
   B. Describe how This Committee assumes the primary responsibility of Chartering Statewide Democratic Organizations,
   C. Maintain County Central Committees as the primary authority for chartering organizations on the local level,
   D. Allow for the chartering of one State Chartered Organization in each district or area whose primary purpose is political organizing on the precinct level and engagement in electoral political activity, all in the best interests of the California Democratic Party,
   E. Foster a clear delineation of responsibility between organizations and avoid organizational conflict, and,
   F. Allow for an objective measure of the progress and efforts of State-Chartered Organizations in the performance of their purpose, through written reports.

3. **GRANTING:**
   A. The following guidelines shall apply to the chartering of all organizations:
      1. All organizations desiring to be chartered by This Committee shall make application for such charter in writing. [CDP Bylaws Article X, Section 4]
      2. Charters shall only be granted by This Committee upon recommendation of the Organizational Development Rules Committee pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Rules Committee. [CDP Bylaws Article X, Section 2d]
      3. The application shall be on a form provided by the Secretary of This Committee and shall contain such information as may be required by the Rules Committee, [CDP Bylaws Article X, Section 4] including:
a. The name of the organization;
b. A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization, and if applicable, its Articles of Incorporation;
c. A Statement of Purpose and Intended Activity, and means of effectuating same, as well as the objective, measurable standards by which the Organization shall evaluate its success each year;
d. An agreement that the Organization shall provide the Secretary of This Committee and the Lead Chair(s) of the Organizational Development Rules Committee a written report on the Organization’s activities and progress towards fulfillment of the Organization’s purposes, as evidenced through objective measures or standards, and a complete “Roster of Members” containing the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all its members, noting whether a particular member has organizational responsibility for a particular activity, on an annual basis, no later than February 7th of each year. Copies of all reports shall be distributed to the members of the Organizational Development Rules Committee no later than February 22nd of each year;
e. An agreement by the organization that it will give ten (10) days written or electronic notice of any and all of its meetings, both regular and special, to the Secretary of This Committee, who shall distribute such notice to the Lead Chairs of the Organizational Development Rules Committee;
f. The names, addresses, and phone numbers of the organization's officers which shall include as a minimum a chair and a treasurer, and which the organization shall agree to keep current and advise This Committee of any changes therein;
g. The names, addresses, and phone numbers of all persons listed on the Statement of Organization;
h. The identification number(s) used by the organization when filing statements with the Secretary of State, the Fair Political Practices Commission, and/or the Federal Elections Committee;
i. A written certificate signed by the Chair and one additional officer of the organization, certifying that the Organization has at least thirty (30) members in good standing and that each of its members is a registered Democrat;
j. The above subsections a-i shall constitute the annual report, as referred to in Section 4.B.9, and;
k. Indication of payment of a charter fee in the sum of $50.00.

4. This Committee shall only charter organizations having as their objective the advancement of the Democratic Party. [CDP Bylaws Article X, Section 2a]

5. Chartered Organizations are intended to be independent of the California Democratic Party and not “affiliated” therewith, as that term is defined by the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act and other applicable State and Federal laws, rules and regulations. This Committee shall not engage in any activities that directly or indirectly establish, finance, maintain, or control any organization chartered under this Article. [CDP Bylaws Article X, Section 2b]

6. Any Charter which has been granted by This Committee shall be effective from the date said charter was granted, until revoked for cause as set forth herein, Any Charter which has been granted by This Committee shall be effective from the date said charter was granted until the second meeting of the Executive Board held following the regular
7. Applicants for charter shall exhibit a demonstrated commitment to inclusion and have a clear history of dedication to Democratic Party principles and practices, and shall maintain said qualities in all of their activities,

8. In considering whether to recommend granting or rejecting an application for Charter, the Organizational Development Rules Committee will, among other factors, consider whether or not there are existing organizations serving the same or similar purposes and/or jurisdiction chartered by This Committee or other authorities, and whether recommending granting or rejecting the application would be in the overall best interests of the Party, under the circumstances.

9. In the event competing applications for chartering are presented, weight shall be given to the number and geographic distribution of members in the organization and to the scope of the plan for political organizing and activity, with emphasis on voter registration, voter turn-out activities, promotion of candidates, and such other factors that promote the interests of the Democratic Party and the election of Democrats. The Organizational Development Rules Committee shall attempt to facilitate the merger of such competing groups.

10. Organizations applying for Charter must state in their bylaws that they subscribe to the principles set forth in the General Provisions of the Bylaws of This Committee, and,

11. In all of its proceedings, This Committee, and all of its subordinate bodies, shall observe the basic due process rights of notice, written response, representation, and a right to be heard via written testimony, reserving the right to set reasonable rules, methods and timetables regarding same; This Committee, or any of its subordinate bodies involved in this process, may issue an invitation to submit oral testimony provided a similar invitation to submit oral rebuttal thereto is also extended.

B. District and Area Organizations

1. This Committee shall not charter more than one District or Area based organization in a particular geographic area.

2. A presumption shall exist in favor of chartering organizations whose geographic area is inclusively defined as the boundaries of an Assembly a legislative district.

3. The organization shall, in its bylaws and application for charter, indicate that its primary purpose is to actively engage in political organizing on the precinct level as well as other forms of electoral political activity.

4. All members of This Committee’s Executive Board resident in the geographical area concerned shall be provided written or electronic notice of intent to consider an application for charter and be invited to provide written testimony either in support or opposition to the application. In its discretion, This Committee, or any
of its subordinate bodies considering the matter, may invite oral testimony, provided all interested persons are accorded the same right.

5. The Roster of Members of a District or Area Organization shall be made available by This Committee to all candidates that This Committee endorses

C. Statewide Organizations
1. This Committee shall not charter more than one organization representing or sharing substantially similar interests;

2. The Chairs of Caucuses certified under Article III, Section 9, of the Bylaws of the CDP shall be given written or electronic notice of any application for charter by a Statewide Organization representing or sharing substantially similar interests as their caucus, and shall be invited to submit written testimony either in support or opposition to the application. In its discretion, This Committee, or any of its subordinate bodies considering the matter, may invite oral testimony, provided all interested persons are accorded the same right.

D. Democratic Clubs
1. This Committee shall refrain from chartering organizations whose primary purpose is to function as a “traditional Democratic Club,” leaving such responsibility to County Central Committees, unless the local County Central Committee either does not charter organizations, or does not exist. However, in the event a local County Central Committee has declined to charter an organization, or delayed such charter for an unreasonable period of time, This Committee shall consider such application for charter. Such application must include a clear explanation and/or documentation of the extraordinary circumstances justifying the intervention of This Committee in what is generally considered a local County Central Committee function. The County Central Committee Chair and Executive Board representatives of said county (if any) shall be given written or electronic notice and invited to submit testimony to the Organizational Development Rules Committee. In its discretion, This Committee, or any of its subordinate bodies considering the matter, may invite oral testimony, provided all interested persons are accorded the same right;

2. When considering an application for charter of any organization that a local County Central Committee has declined to Charter, a rebuttable presumption shall exist in favor of the local County Central Committee’s action.

3. Prior to granting any charter under the provisions of this section, a specific finding of one of the following circumstances shall be made:
   a. No County Central Committee is organized in the relevant county,
   b. The County Central Committee in the relevant county has a policy of not issuing such charters, or
   c. Extraordinary circumstances exist.

E. Councils of Democratic Clubs
1. This Committee acknowledges the Charter previously granted to the California Democratic Council in 1952, which organization shall be exempted from these guidelines, except with regard to those pertaining to revocation of charter;

2. This Committee may charter additional Statewide Councils of Democratic Clubs representing or sharing substantially similar interests, consisting of at least 3
individual clubs that have been chartered by This Committee or local County Central Committees, and are geographically diverse.

4. REVOCATION
   A. This Committee shall have the power and authority to deny or revoke a charter of any CDP Chartered Organization, for cause by majority vote of This Committee. [CDP Bylaws Article X, Section 3]

   B. Cause for revocation includes:
   1. Having fewer than thirty (30) members in the geographical area from which the organization draws its membership,
   2. Failing to grant membership to any registered Democrat who seeks to join and is resident in the geographical area from which the organization draws its membership,
   3. The knowing enrollment of a person registered as anything other than a member of the Democratic Party as a voting member of the organization,
   4. The endorsement of a non-Democrat for elective office,
   5. The endorsement of any candidate for public office running against an endorsed candidate of This Committee, by any organization granted a Charter by This Committee after the adoption of this Article X on July 31, 2005, (NOTE: This Committee previously granted a Charter to the California Democratic Council in 1952, prior to This Committee’s authority to endorse candidates and prior to the adoption of the Chartering rules contained herein, and the California Democratic Council is specifically exempted from this possible grounds for revocation of Charter),
   6. Transferring of funds from the organization's accounts to an account of a non-Democrat running for elective office,
   7. Acting in violation of State or Federal laws or regulations,
   8. A finding of fact having been made by This Committee that the organization has failed to act in, and/or has acted in a manner adverse or detrimental to, the best interests of the Democratic Party,
   9. A finding of fact having been made by the Organizational Development Rules Committee and concurred in by the Executive Board of This Committee that the organization has failed to act in, and/or has acted in a manner adverse or detrimental to, the best interests of the Democratic Party, including but not limited to:
      (c) A failure to adopt or maintain the Code of Conduct as part of its own bylaws with a provision that each member is bound by it terms, and/or
      (d) A willful, intentional, or repeated failure to address violations of the Code of Conduct within the organization.

[CDP Bylaws Article X, Section 3]
and/or,

10. Failure to submit the annual written report referred to above shall create a rebuttable presumption of having failed to act in the best interests of the Democratic Party, provided written notice of the deficiency has been served by certified mail on the Chair of the Organization at the address last provided to This Committee and 15 days opportunity to correct the deficiency has been given. Submission of the deficient report within the given 15 days shall be considered evidence of compliance with the above report requirements.

C. In the event the Compliance Review Commission does not exercise jurisdiction under Article XI, Section 2,a, over a complaint concerning the chartering of an organization, and upon written complaint signed by thirty (30) members of the Executive Board, or any three (3) State-wide officers of This Committee, the Organizational Development Rules Committee may institute Charter Revocation hearings and shall issue a written report of its findings and recommendations, as well as the reasons therefore, to the Executive Board of This Committee for further action.

D. No organization's charter may be revoked for cause without sixty (60) days written notice of grounds of revocation having been mailed to the Chair of the organization in question, and the rights of response before This Committee having been granted to said organization's designated representative. For purposes of this section the Chair shall mean the last person designated in writing to This Committee as Chair. [CDP Bylaws Article X, Section 3b]

E. The Charters of geographically based organizations shall be automatically revoked thirty (30) days after the passage of any reapportionment law altering the boundaries of that organization's defined district boundary becomes final. [CDP Bylaws Article X, Section 3c]

5. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CHARTER
During the period 120 days prior to any Primary or General Partisan Election, the Compliance Review Commission may, upon written request by the Chair of This Committee, issue an Order of Temporary Suspension of Charter, for a period of thirty days, of any charter issued by This Committee, for alleged violation of any of the above provisions, provided the request of the Chair of This Committee for suspension sets forth in writing the reasons therefore, and said request is served on the Chair of the Organization in question at his/her last known address of record on file with This Committee, the Secretary of This Committee, and the Chairs of the Rules, Credentials, and Organizational Development Committees of This Committee. In the event of the issuance of an Order of Temporary Suspension of Charter, the Compliance Review Commission shall also issue an Order to Show Cause why the suspension should not become permanent and request written argument thereon be submitted to the Secretary of This Committee within ten days, after which the Compliance Review Commission may take action under Section 6 herein, including the issuance of an Order of Revocation of Charter or rescission of the Order of Temporary Suspension of Charter.

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[NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ARE CURRENTLY ATTACHED TO THE GUIDELINES AND SHOULD NOT BE ATTACHED.]

THE INCLUSION OF RELEVANT BYLAWS LANGUAGE IS DELETED.
CODE OF CONDUCT

Expected Behavior
The California Democratic Party (CDP or Party) is committed to providing a welcoming, respectful, friendly, safe, supportive, and harassment-free environment for members, employees, and all others associated with the CDP.

The CDP expects all leaders, members, employees, and others associated with the CDP to act professionally, respecting the personal rights and dignities of all individuals involved with the Party so as to create a productive, inclusive environment for everyone. The CDP also expects all such individuals to alert Party leaders and/or the Party Ombudsperson of a perceived violation of this Code and to cooperate in an investigation of a potential violation.

The CDP’s expectations are not limited to CDP conventions and other meetings. Conduct in violation of this Code will not be tolerated at any and all events sponsored by or having an official connection with the CDP, as well as in any CDP office and in any call, text, or email, or on any digital communication platform or social media, that occurs in the context of conducting CDP business.

Harassment Prohibited
All individuals should feel welcome and safe within the CDP, regardless of their sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, pregnancy/reproductive status, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, religion, caste, creed, age, disability, health status, marital status, military or veteran status, body size, physical appearance, domestic violence victim status, social or economic status, or any legally protected classification or characteristic.

The CDP will not tolerate harassment and prohibits the creation of hostile conditions — that is, disrespectful or unprofessional conduct — based on any of the aforementioned categories. The manner of any such prohibited behavior includes verbal conduct, whether spoken or written (such as slurs, jokes, insults, remarks, epithets, teasing, yelling, foul or profane language, emails, posters, leaflets, internet posting, slander, etc.), visual conduct (such as the wearing, posting, or distributing of offensive symbols, pictures, cartoons, drawings, and computer displays, leering, gestures, libel, etc.), and physical conduct (such as gestures, blocking someone’s way, assault, invading someone’s space, unwelcome touching, etc.).

The CDP emphasizes that it will not tolerate sexual harassment, that is, conduct based on sex or of a sexual nature. Prohibited sexual harassment may include the actions described above, as well as other unwelcome sex-based conduct, such as unsolicited sexual advances or unwanted contact (such as kissing, hugging, neck-rubbing, an overlong handshake, etc.), requests for sexual favors, conversations regarding sexual activities, or other verbal, visual, or physical conduct or contact of a sexual or sexually suggestive nature.

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The CDP prohibits quid pro quo sexual harassment, such as when submission to sexual conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s membership in the CDP or an appointment to a CDP committee, to CDP leadership, or to another role within the CDP; or submission to or rejection of sexual conduct by an individual is used as the basis for decisions affecting that individual.

The examples above are just that—examples. In general, any conduct that is based on one or more of the protected classifications listed above that could interfere with an individual's participation in the CDP or could create an offensive, unsafe environment will be considered harassment in violation of this Code of Conduct. This is the case even if the offending individual did not mean to be offensive. It is essential that we all are sensitive to the feelings of others.

**Retaliation Prohibited**

Retaliation for good faith reporting of behavior that may violate this Code of Conduct, or for participating in an investigation into a potential violation, is prohibited.

Retaliation may include, but is not limited to, exclusion from meetings, committees, or opportunities for advancement and full participation, ostracism, bad mouthing, or other conduct that may discourage engagement with the CDP, or that would be reasonably likely to deter a reasonable person from reporting a violation of this Code or participating in an investigation of a potential violation.

**Reporting Procedure**

Anyone who experiences, witnesses, or learns of a perceived violation of this Code should promptly report it either to a Party leader or to the Party Ombudsperson. A Party leader who receives such a report must promptly report it to the Party Ombudsperson. The Ombudsperson will decide whether to initiate an investigation and remains available to the reporter throughout the investigation process and will oversee any investigation that ensues.

**Consequences for a Violation**

A violation of this Code of Conduct may result in sanctions including but not limited to private censure, public censure, being prohibited from attending Party events, and removal from a CDP office and/or delegate status.

**CDP-Affiliated Clubs and Organizations**

Party-affiliated clubs and organizations are encouraged to adopt this Code of Conduct or a code similar to it. However, the procedure for reporting a violation of such a code, the responsibility for investigating and enforcing it, and the consequences for violating it must be established by the club or organization independently of the CDP and its procedures and ombudsperson.
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**Resolution 22-03.001**

**Seeking Truth and Accountability for the Jan. 6, 2021 Insurrection**

WHEREAS as our nation contemplates the violent insurrection that in 2021 beset Washington DC and our nation, all patriotic Americans want the entire truth of what happened to be fully explored and determined, and so we salute and celebrate the remarkable dedication and steadfast work of the bipartisan U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th attack on the United States Capitol; and

WHEREAS the Select Committee has been implacable, courageous and fair in relentlessly seeking the facts of what happened, even when Republican Party leadership and so many of the makers, supporters and defenders of the insurrection’s call to arms — “The Big Lie” — have resorted to specious legal tactics and shameful political bombast in order to avoid scrutiny under oath and admission of what they know; and

WHEREAS the Select Committee’s members have displayed outstanding ability and unwavering dedication, seeking to discover everything that happened that grim day but also what led to it, and what still may be threatened, in order to best protect our democratic institutions and practices, and our liberty, values and electoral integrity from attack; 

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party expresses its profound appreciation for the spirited, just, and diligent work of the bipartisan U.S. House Select Committee to investigate the January 6th attack on the United States Capitol, and also encourages the Justice Department to decide how best to ensure utmost legal accountability for all related criminal transgressions.

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SPONSORS: Los Angeles County Democratic Party; CADEM Region 11; Connie Sullivan AD66, Jenni Chang AD52, Lynne Plambeck AD40, Renee Nahum AD52, Caro Avanessian AD44, Jimmie Woods-Gray AD55, Bobbie Jean Anderson AD57, Juliet Minassian AD44

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**Resolution 22-07.001**

**Provide Humanitarian Aid to Afghanistan**

WHEREAS, the Watson Institute at Brown University estimates that costs to U.S. taxpayers for the war in Afghanistan to date exceed $2.3 trillion, including $532 billion in estimated interest payments to date, and that 241,000 people have been killed in the Afghanistan and Pakistan war zones since 2001, including 4,241 Americans; and

WHEREAS, mass starvation and other causes of suffering are stalking the people of Afghanistan due to sanctions imposed by the United States preventing the provision of humanitarian aid at anywhere near the level the situation demands; and

WHEREAS, the United States has frozen $3.5 billion in funds belonging to the people of Afghanistan, and such funds could be used to assist the people of Afghanistan who are suffering from both mass starvation and the effects of a recent earthquake that has killed thousands and left many more homeless,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports the principle that sanctions should be targeted at leadership and government and not the general population of a country, and as such, supports removing all obstacles to the provision of humanitarian aid to the Afghan people and that governments should facilitate its transfer.

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Resolution 22-07.011
CONDEMNING THE OVERTURNING OF ROE v WADE CAUSING THREATS TO THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN
WHEREAS, for over 50 years, the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld as the law of the land that women have the right to control their bodies and whether to use contraception or to carry a pregnancy to full term under cases like Griswold v. Connecticut and Roe v. Wade embracing a view that eschews imposing a single religious view on contraception or abortion as Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian and those who do not ascribe to any specific religious faith view contraception, abortion and beginning of life differently; and
WHEREAS, generations of women have benefited from these fundamental rights, especially those who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color and others living in poverty, protecting them from dangerous, even life-threatening pregnancies and opening their lives to reach their full economic potential and by deciding if and when they wish to have a child without state interference; and
WHEREAS, due to the Supreme Court’s majority ruling in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health, a radical departure from a half-century of precedence imposing a narrow, sectarian religious view of abortion on the country, women and gender expansive people who can get pregnant in 26 states will be subject to state interference over their bodily autonomy and take away the personal decision of when to have a child, endangering lives, subjecting others to ties to abusers and rapists and sentencing others to a life of poverty; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party continues to stand by the principle that women and gender expansive people who can get pregnant should have control over their reproductive health, including the right to decide when and if to have a child and the right to terminate a pregnancy, and to do otherwise threatens the freedom, health and safety of women everywhere, especially women in poverty many of which are from communities of color, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party consistent with these principles, supports American governments at all levels taking such steps necessary to restore these fundamental rights by whatever legal means necessary, including changing the filibuster rules, adding justices to the Supreme Court, providing safe havens and resources for reproductive care, codifying the right of privacy and the right of women to control their reproductive health and bodies.

Resolution 22-07.012
CONDEMNING THE NEW SUPREME COURT’S ABANDONMENT OF STARE DECISIS
Whereas, basing judicial decisions on previous court decisions (Stare Decisis) has been a foundation of United States common law since its founding and as jurisprudence protecting fundamental rights expanded from the 1920s onwards, it has been embraced by the United States Supreme Court to preserve the integrity of the court and as Justice Cardozo noted, ensured courts can efficiently and justly reach interpretations of the law to “lay one’s own course of bricks on the secure foundation of the courses laid by others who had gone before him[or her]” and not reopen every past decision in interpreting law; and
Whereas, while past courts have overturned prior precedent in the past, it has predominantly done so to extend fundamental rights (such as Brown v. Board of Education overturning Plessy v. Ferguson) and under the Stare Decisis principles laid out by Justice Brandeis, used incremental rulings to correct or adjust “errors” in past decisions while respecting settled law, an approach that has become so entrenched in modern jurisprudence that nearly every recent Justice nominated to the Supreme Court has publicly pronounced support of Stare Decisis as an approach to legal interpretation; and
Whereas, Justices Alito, Thomas, Coney Barrett, Gorsuch, and Kavanaugh have blatantly contradicted their sworn testimony to the United States Senate to respect Stare Decisis principles by overturning Roe vs. Wade, taking away the right of women to make their own choices controlling their bodies to terminate a pregnancy under the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health, as described in the ruling of Justice Thomas, have voiced the intent to overturn other decisions protecting the right to relationships or to marry between adults regardless of race, gender identity or sexual orientation and the right to contraception, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party in supporting the rights of individuals to control their own bodies and the rights of adults to marriage equality, have relationships with other adults regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, supports the principle that Stare Decisis should continue to be followed by all courts to respect and protect the fundamental civil liberties and rights of Americans under the United States Constitution, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the California Democratic Party opposes and condemns those Justices who have lied to the United States Senate and in departing from settled law, tarnished the Supreme Court’s legitimacy.

CDP Resolutions Committee

Resolution 22-03-015
Protection from Misuse of Facial Recognition Technology

WHEREAS, Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) is a powerful technology that is used in many areas of modern life, including as biometric passwords in cell phones, and secure facilities, and has the potential to be helpful in various types of investigations such as finding missing persons or identifying perpetrators of ATM fraud; but at the same time failures have been demonstrated in this technology causing human rights abuses and harm to individuals, especially to people of color, women, and youth; and

WHEREAS, the acknowledged failure of FRT is its uneven performance with people of different races as documented by government studies which show that the type of facial recognition used by police investigations tends to produce more false-positive results when evaluating images of non-white persons; and studies found systems used by law enforcement agencies don’t always have the latest algorithms and as a result maybe even more unreliable; and

WHEREAS, due to FRT infringing on the civil liberties of black, Indigenous, people of color, and undocumented community members resulting in cases of false arrests due to inaccurate facial matches, cities such as San Francisco, Oakland, and Boston have banned the use of FRT by public agencies, while Washington, Virginia, and Massachusetts have introduced legislation to regulate its use, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports protecting people of color, women, and young people from false arrest and profiling by the misuse of Facial Recognition Technology, (FRT) which has the potential for abuse due to algorithmic biases and inaccuracies in the technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports continued protection from civil rights violations even as this powerful technology is perfected.

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Resolution 22-03.019
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

WHEREAS Ukraine is a sovereign, democratic nation-state whose United Nations recognized borders and territorial integrity cannot be changed by force and whose citizens have an inherent right to make their country’s decisions and determine their country’s future; and
WHEREAS in March 2014, The Russian Federation violated internationally recognized Ukrainian borders by invading and annexing the Crimean peninsula, and after 8 years of continued destabilization of Ukraine through covert operations and funding of paramilitary groups in Eastern Ukraine and engagement in electronic warfare, and on February 24, 2022, invaded Ukraine undermining vital international principles through an unjustified war which has already caused over 15,000 confirmed Ukrainian civilian casualties and internally displaced at least 8 million persons displaced in Eastern and Southern Ukraine while sending more than 31,000 Russian soldiers to their deaths and leaving a long trail of horrific barbaric acts against Ukrainians that shock the human conscience and which are under investigation by the International Criminal Court; and
WHEREAS it is the position of the Biden Administration that “the United States’ commitment to Ukraine’s independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity is ironclad,” and that position is joined by over 141 other nations in the United Nations condemning Russia’s invasion of Ukraine;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party joins in solidarity with Ukraine in the principle that democracies should not be subject to unjustified invasions, especially those that never threatened military action or persecution; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support for the principles that the borders and territorial integrity of a democratic, sovereign nation-state recognized by the United Nations and nearly the entire international community cannot be changed by force and that citizens in such a democracy have the right to determine their nation’s future without fear, intimidation, or violence.

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Legislation Committee Floor Report
July 2022 E-Board Meeting

Regarding Policies and Procedures

The CDP Legislation Committee is now operating under the recently revised and adopted February 2022 Policies and Procedures. In preparation for the implementation of the new procedures the committee crafted a frequently asked questions handout, a summary of rule changes, and conducted several online educational training sessions. All handouts and the notice of online training were issued to all Regional Directors, County Central Committees, DSCC Chartered Organizations, and the centralized points of contact for elected officials via the email addresses registered with CADEM. Members of the committee also sought to conduct educational updates on the new procedures at Regional Meetings across the state.

July 2022 E-board Notes

The committee agendized 25% of meeting time to open public comment. The speaker sign-up list was opened 45 minutes prior to the meeting start. The speaker sign-up list deadline was announced once the meeting began and again as the sign-up window was closing. The speakers list was fully exhausted during the public comment period. In total, the Committee recommended support on 41 pieces of legislation, support-if-amended on one (1) piece of legislation, and recommended oppose on one (1) bill. Upon endorsement by the CDP, the committee will begin the post-endorsement organizing process.

In Solidarity,

Margie Granado & A.J. Thomas
Lead Co-Chairs
California Democratic Party Legislation Committee
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