



MEMORANDUM

To: Chartered Clubs and Organizations (CCOs)
Cc: Democratic County Central Committees
From: CADEM Operation and Political Department
Date: February 2023
RE: 2023-24 Endorsement Information

As in past years, Chartered Clubs and Organizations (CCOs) have the right to representation at the first step in the California Democratic Party's endorsement process, which takes place at the CDP Pre-Endorsing Conferences.

Below is a review of the rules pertaining to Chartered Clubs and Organizations (CCOs)

1. CCOs must define the phrase "member in good standing" in their rules and/or bylaws by **April 25, 2023**.
2. CCOs must have a provision in their club Bylaws that only "members in good standing" as of **April 25, 2023**, shall be included on the roster.
3. The CCO's President, Secretary or Treasurer must certify the status of the "members in good standing."
4. Chartered Clubs and Organizations (CCOs) must submit a roster of "members in good standing" to **Chartering Authority (County Committee), appropriate Regional Director and CADEM SEC (CDP Staff), May 10, 2023 by 12:00pm**
5. CCOs must have a process in their rules and/or bylaws that governs the selection of potential representatives (ensuring that only members in good standing can participate), or must select them at a duly noticed meeting affirmed by a vote of those members who are in good standing. The overall list of representatives to all conferences adhere to the Equal Division Rule, to the extent possible.
6. CCO potential representatives must be submitted to both the Chartering Authority and the appropriate Regional Director(s) **by July 11, 2023**.

Process for Determining Number of Representatives

Eligible voters for the Pre-Endorsing Conferences include Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Members with full voting rights, regular County Central Committee Members, and Designated Representatives of Chartered Clubs or Chartered Organizations (1 per 20 Democrats in each Assembly District).

The number of AD Representatives for a Chartered Club or Organization within each AD, is calculated as one Representative per 20 CCO members (in good standing), who must be registered to vote in the district based on the AD boundaries. **All eligible voters will vote in the districts based on where they are registered to vote.**

CDP Endorsement Key Dates

2023

- April 25 (Tue)** **Deadline** by which members of a Chartered Club/Organization (CCO) must be “in good standing” in order for them to be included on the roster submitted to the Chartering Authority and appropriate Regional Director (14 days before CCO “members in good standing” must be finalized)
- May 10 (Wed)** **12:00pm Deadline** for Chartered Clubs/Organizations to submit roster of “members in good standing” to Chartering Authority and appropriate Regional Director & CADEM SEC
- May 25-28 (Thur-Sun)** Reorg Convention - Los Angeles
- September 1 (Fri)** Administrative Deadline for CCO potential representatives to be submitted to the both the Chartering Authority and the appropriate Regional Director
- September 15 (Fri)** **12:00pm Deadline** to Change any of the 2023-25 DSCC Delegates (no exceptions to this deadline): Close of all additions or changes to delegate /endorsement voter lists. The roster of eligible voters will be available approximately two weeks later
- TBD (Fri-Sun)** CDP Summer Executive Board Meeting – [Visalia, Anaheim or Virtual CA](#)
Preferred Date: August 3 – 6, August 10 – 13, August 17 – 20, August 24 – 27, 2023
- October 11 (Wed)** **12:00pm Deadline** (10 days prior to Pre-Endorsing Conferences) to file a challenge with CDP to object to the automatic placement of an incumbent office holder seeking re- election on the consent calendar of the State Convention
- October 13 (Fri)** **12:00pm Deadline** to register as a candidate seeking Endorsement to receive eligible voting list
- October 21-22 (Sat/Sun)** **Pre-Endorsing Conferences:** Participating candidates’ filing fee & 2023-24 (Sat-Sun) registration forms due to the Regional Convener at the conference before voting begins for that particular office
- November 8** **12:00pm Deadline** (10 days prior to State Convention) to file a challenge with CDP to remove an endorsement recommendation from consent calendar
- November 17-19 (Fri-Sun)** **State Convention:** Endorsing Caucuses as necessary, ratification of CADEM Endorsements
- December 13 (Wed) (tentative date)** **Political Party Endorsements:** Deadline to include party endorsements in the official sample ballot

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- March 5 (Tues)** **California Presidential Primary**

Note: The CDP Bylaws supersede any distributed information regarding the CDP Endorsement Process. A current copy can be found at cadem.org/our-party/by-laws.