

CDP SPECIAL RULES PACKET

JULY 13, 2023

California Democratic Party Special Rules Committee
Thursday, July 13, 2023, 6:30PM

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REVIEW OF BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

**Amendments to CDP
Bylaws article XI
(Special Group
Caucuses)**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Committee, California Democratic Party
FROM: Laurence Zakson, Member, Rules Committee
RE: Caucus Bylaws Amendments
DATE: May 16, 2023

By memorandum dated May 15, 2023, the Subcommittee on Caucuses resubmitted for further consideration the proposed Bylaws Amendments adopted by the Rules Committee in about October 2022, but which failed to pass at the November 2022 Executive Board meeting.

In my capacity as a member of the Rules Committee, I submit to the Committee for its consideration a variation on the October 2022 proposal. A copy of my submission is attached.

The submission varies from the proposed Bylaws Amendments previously adopted by the Rules Committee by removing any provisions that relate to periods before the August 2023 Executive Board meeting and by making some punctuation and small organizational changes to conform to those deletions.

I respectfully request that the Rules Committee consider this submission at the same time it takes up the proposed Bylaws Amendments.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CAUCUSES
CDP RULES COMMITTEE CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO
BYLAWS ARTICLE XI. SPECIAL GROUP CAUCUSES
(9/27/22)

ARTICLE XI: SPECIAL GROUP CAUCUSES

Section 1. DEFINITION

A caucus is a statewide organization:

- a. Which is a constituent part of This Committee, governed by its decisions, and ~~must may~~ not take official positions on legislation, resolutions, or other matters, which are contrary to positions taken by This Committee, but, to the extent consistent with its purpose as set forth in Section 2 of this Article XI, may call on This Committee to take action.
- b. Consisting of Caucus Sponsors, who are members of the Caucus and of This Committee, constituting at least one percent (1%) of the full membership of This Committee,
- c. Which extends membership to persons of voting registration/preregistration age (as defined in the Elections Code), who meet the eligibility requirements for Caucus membership, and who are either (i) registered Democrats or (ii) ineligible to register as Democrats, but who have expressed an intent to register as a Democrat upon becoming eligible; ~~a~~And which extends full voting rights to all such persons who meet the voting requirements of that Caucus.
- d. Which has been found by the Rules Committee to be in compliance with the requirements noted herein and has also been found to meet the Guidelines for Certification or Re-Certification of Caucuses referred to below both at the time of the application for certification/recertification and at all times during the certification/recertification period thereafter;
 - (1) the finding of compliance at the time of the application shall be, based on a review of the application and investigation by the Rules Committee, whose findings shall be conclusive unless reversed by a majority of the Executive Board;,,
 - (2) the finding of continuing/ongoing compliance shall be made by the Rules Committee under rules of procedure it shall promulgate and publish, which shall include such hearing as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.
- e. Which has been considered for certification by the Rules Committee and has been certified by the Executive Board of This Committee in order to carry out the Purposes noted herein,

f. Whose Chair is a member of This Committee, and by virtue of the Caucus being certified, shall be a member of the Executive Board of This Committee; provided that in exceptional circumstances, as defined and authorized by the Rules Committee, an interim Chair serving only until such time as the Caucus may conduct an election may be excused from being a member of This Committee; provided, further, that the Caucus' representative on the Executive Board must be a member of This Committee, and,

g. If not initially certified prior to 1/1/10, the Caucus' Sponsors are DSCC members, who represent a common identity, demographic or interest which is historically or currently under-represented in Democratic Party affairs and cannot adequately be represented in Democratic Party affairs by a current caucus or chartered organization, and which has provided a reasonable explanation, determined to have been supported by clear and convincing evidence, as to why Chartering as a Statewide Organization under Article X of these Bylaws, would not be a more appropriate course of action

Section 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of a caucus is to:

a. Participate in the policy decisions of the Party, by, among other things, proposing Resolutions to the Resolutions Committee, Legislation to the Legislation Committee, bylaw amendments to the Rules Committee, or other such proposals to other Standing Committees, or to the Chair of This Committee, as may be necessary to carry out its goals and objectives. Caucuses are to conduct all of their affairs with an eye toward full and proactive compliance with: (i) the expectations and intent set forth in Article VIII, Section 1.c; (ii) the "one voice" rule in Article VIII, Section 1.d; and (iii) the prohibitions on endorsements in Article VII, Sections 1.h, 1.j and 2.a. No Caucus may take independent positions on such matters which are contrary to the positions of This Committee, provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent This Committee's Regions, or its Caucuses from calling on the California Democratic Party to take any action consistent with its status as a constituent part of This Committee;

b. Encourage participation, within the Caucus' community of interest, in the outreach programs of the Party, including such things as This Committee's Voter Registration and Get Out the Vote activities; but any such participation shall be limited to activities conducted by or in partnership with the Party. Any other such voter outreach or campaign activities are inconsistent with the Caucus' purpose and, as a result, are prohibited.

c. Promulgate and implement a Statement of Purpose and Intended Activity, aimed at expanding and strengthening the Party, subject to approval by the Rules Committee; and,

d. Make the Party more welcoming and more relevant to members of the public, the

electorate, and This Committee, who identify with the goals of the Caucus.

Section 3. GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATION, RE-CERTIFICATION, AND DECERTIFICATION OF CAUCUSES

The Rules Committee shall promulgate Guidelines for Certification, Re-Certification, and Decertification of Caucuses, which shall include the process and conditions necessary to certify, re-certify, or decertify a caucus. These Guidelines shall include, as a condition of Certification and Re-Certification, a requirement that Caucuses adopt the Code of Conduct and make information about reporting process for violations of the Code of Conduct readily available to members.

Section 4. CERTIFICATION / RE-CERTIFICATION

Certification, and re-certification, shall be subject to the following provisions:

- a. Form of Application – All organizations desiring to be certified, or re-certified, by This Committee as a caucus shall make application for such certification in writing on a form obtained from the Secretary of This Committee.
- b. Submission of Application – ~~Prior to September 1, 2023, A~~ An application for Caucus Certification, or Recertification must be submitted to the Secretary of This Committee, and to the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee of This Committee, at the email addresses designated for this purpose. ~~by the applicable deadline set forth in the Guidelines. As of September 1, 2023, †The deadline for submission of an application shall be no later than fourteen (14) within forty-five (45) days~~ after the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year after the year in which a regular Gubernatorial election is conducted; provided, however, that an applicant seeking initial certification as a Caucus may also apply in the fourteen-day period immediately following the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in any other odd year. in which the Caucus is intended to be recertified or initially certified. No application submitted outside that time-frame shall be considered.
- c. Acknowledgment of Receipt of Application – The Secretary of This Committee or the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee shall, where applicable, acknowledge receipt of the application by no later than the thirtieth day after the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year in which the application is submitted ~~within five (5) business days of determination of receipt,~~ and send confirmation thereof, to the Chair of the Caucus, or proposed Caucus, to the email address designated for this purpose. This acknowledgment shall also ~~list the documents received and~~ identify any required submissions which, from a facial review of the application, appear to be missing and identify a deadline for the submission of any such missing documents, or ~~obviously deficient, documents or information necessary for the Rules Committee to determine certification or re-certification, other than bylaws provisions. Such deficiencies in documentation or information may be corrected via amended application within sixty (60) days after the first meeting of the Convention of This~~

~~Committee in the year in which the Caucus is intended to be re-certified or initially certified.~~

~~d. Time-line for Consideration of Application; Notice of Deficiencies — By no later than July 17, 2023, the Rules Committee shall advise each existing Caucus which has submitted an application for recertification whether it:~~

~~(1) has met the requirements for recertification and shall be recommended for full recertification at the next meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee and, should that meeting be after the expiration of its current certification, shall be provisionally certified in the interim;~~

~~(2) has been found to be sufficiently in compliance with the requirements for recertification as to be recommended for provisional certification at the next meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee and, should that meeting be after the expiration of its current certification, shall be provisionally certified in the interim; or~~

~~(3) has failed to meet the requirements for recertification and, thus, will not be recommended for recertification and, as a result, its certification will expire and it must disband or apply for certification as a new Caucus.~~

~~(1) Special Rules for Applications Submitted before the 2025 Regular Convention.~~

~~Should at any time during its period of provisional certification, a Caucus recommended for provisional certification as of July 17, 2023, meet the requirements for recertification and become eligible for full certification at the next meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee, the Rules Committee shall recommend that Caucus for full recertification.~~

~~For proposed Caucuses that have submitted an initial application during 2023, the Guidelines shall set forth the timeline for consideration.~~

~~(2) Rules for Applications In and After 2025~~

~~For applications in and after 2025, the Rules Committee shall advise the Caucus or proposed Caucus of its recommendation by no later than ninety (90) days after the deadline for submission of the application or, if there has been a notice that required elements of the application were missing and, thus, that the application was deficient, by no later than ninety (90) days after the deadline set for cure of the deficiency.~~

~~No later than forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the term of Official Certification, or in the case of a proposed new caucus the second meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee held after submission of the application, a Chair of the Rules Committee of This Committee designated for this purpose, shall notify the Chair of~~

~~the Caucus, or proposed Caucus, in detail, of any deficiencies in documentation or information, including the substance of any amendments to Caucus Bylaws necessary to bring the Application into compliance along with the proposed recommendation regarding certification or re-certification.~~

e. Failure by the Rules Committee to Provide Timely Notice of ~~Deficiencies~~ Its Recommended Disposition of the Application by the Rules Committee – Absent agreement to the contrary by the Rules Committee, ~~failure of the Rules Committee to give timely~~ notice of its recommendation concerning disposition of the application ~~Deficiencies~~ shall be considered as a recommendation for Certification by the Rules Committee and allow the Chair of the Caucus, to make a motion for a specific finding of compliance with the Guidelines for Certification, Re-Certification, and Decertification of Caucuses by the Executive Board of This Committee and Certification of the Caucus, provided fifteen (15) days notice of intent to make such motion is first given to the Secretary of This Committee, and to the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee of This Committee, at the email addresses designated for this purpose.

~~f. Recommended Action on Application—The Rules Committee of This Committee, shall make a recommendation regarding action on the application to the Executive Board of This Committee, prior to the expiration of the term of Official Certification, or in the case of a proposed new caucus the second meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee held after submission of the application.~~

gf. Contents of Application – The application shall contain such information as may be required by the Rules Committee.

Section 5. TERM OF CERTIFICATION

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 may be 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) 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 regular meeting of the Convention 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 regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year after the year in which the next 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.

Section 6. DECERTIFICATION

a. After notice and an opportunity to be heard, and upon a finding by the Rules Committee that a certified caucus has failed to maintain compliance with the above, the Rules Committee may enter into an agreement with the Caucus or, in the absence of an agreement, order the Caucus to take certain remedial steps to again achieve compliance.

~~b. adopt or maintain the Code of Conduct as part of its own bylaws with a provision that each member is bound by its terms, and/or~~

~~c. has willfully, intentionally, or repeatedly failed to address violations of the Code of Conduct within the caucus;~~

b. In the event that, after the hearing referenced in subsection (a) above, the Rules Committee determines that remedial steps are an insufficient remedy or in the event that, after a subsequent hearing, the Rules Committee determines that the Caucus has failed or refused to successfully undertake the agreed upon or ordered remedial steps, the Rules Committee shall report a recommendation to de-certify the Caucus to the Executive Board of This Committee. The report shall specifically note the grounds and basis for the Rules Committee's recommendation. ~~may decertify a Caucus by majority vote.~~
~~In the event the Rules Committee should make a finding of non-compliance with the Guidelines, it shall report a recommendation to de-certify the Caucus specifically noting the grounds and basis for its decision.~~ Such recommendation may only be overturned by the Executive Board of This Committee, by majority vote, but and only if the Executive Board makes specific findings that the Rules Committee was incorrect in each of its findings that formed the basis of the Rules Committee's recommendation to decertify, or that all such defects have been remedied.

Section 7. RECOGNITION OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE

This Committee recognizes that the ~~Black African American~~, Asian Pacific Islander, Chicano Latino, Labor, LGBTQ, and Women's Caucuses were the original six caucuses certified pursuant to the definition contained in the 1985-7, or prior, Bylaws, defining a caucus as

"ethnic minority members or other broad elements of the membership" and as such recognizes the historical significance in maintaining their existence.

**Amendment to CDP
Bylaws Article VIII,
Section 3g(2)**

TO: Rules Committee, California Democratic Party

FR: Kathy Bowler, Chair Sub-Committee on Endorsements

RE: Report of the Sub-Committee on Endorsements

DA: May 14, 2023

There have been no suggested By-Law amendments to Article VIII since our last meeting which is appropriate since the 2024 Endorsement Process is about to begin. The CDP has always strived to ensure that the process be as transparent and clear as possible for the voters and candidates, without any last-minute rules changes so this year is no different.

Attached is the 2023-2024 Endorsement calendar which has been posted on the cadem.org site for a few weeks now. See <https://cadem.org/endorsements/>

The staff does have a suggested technical change which will further ensure that all VBM's are received and appropriately routed to the correct Regional Director for the Pre-Endorsement Conference and that each voter will receive a confirmation email when their ballot is received.

Amending Article VIII Section 3 g (2) "Pre-endorsing Conferences..." as follows in red:

Absentee ballot voting shall be allowed for each office to be voted upon at the pre-endorsing conference provided that the participation of at least five of the eligible members of This Committee as delegates to the pre-endorsing conference, either in person, or by vote-by-mail ballot, shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of such quorum no recommendation for endorsement shall take place; however, the relevant convention endorsing caucus shall consider the race "de novo". The ballot shall consist of a written, signed statement from the eligible voter and shall be recorded as part of the roll call vote if received by the designated Regional Director *or through an alternative electronic process promulgated by the Chair of This Committee or their designee* prior to the beginning of the roll call vote in the designated district. In the event that any Senate District or Congressional District falls into more than one Region, the State Chair shall assign those districts to a single regional pre-endorsing conference for the purposes of making the recommendation set forth in this section, due consideration being given to conflicting conference dates so as to allow for full participation.

The staff will be developing the endorsement procedures over the next few weeks and will update the Rules Committee at our August meeting and will post on the CADEM website in a timely fashion as appropriate.

**Amendment to CDP
Bylaws Articles V and
VIII**

ARTICLE V: STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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Section 5. STANDING COMMITTEE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

h. Rules:

It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to:

INSERT A NEW 8) AND RENUMBER ACCORDINGLY:

8) promulgate Procedures for recommending to This Committee that endorsements received from a particular County Central Committee shall become the endorsements of This Committee, and to make such recommendations.

ARTICLE VIII: ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR PARTISAN AND NONPARTISAN OFFICE, AND ENDORSEMENT AND OPPOSITION TO STATE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS, INITIATIVES, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

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Section 4. NONPARTISAN OFFICES

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b. Process for California Democratic Party Endorsement, Objection Process:

A Democratic candidate for nonpartisan office who has been endorsed by their County Central Committee shall also be considered to be the endorsed candidate of the California Democratic Party and shall be entitled to such privileges and benefits as may be attached thereto provided that:

- (1) **it is recommended by the Rules Committee that endorsements received thereunder also be the endorsements of This Committee, and such recommendation is concurred in in** by This Committee as **being** consistent with its own By-Laws and with the fundamental rules of fairness to which the California Democratic Party is committed; and
- (2) A Democratic candidate who has been denied endorsement does not successfully argue before This Committee that there has been a significant violation of the endorsing provisions of the relevant County Central Committee when it rendered its endorsement. Any claim of by-laws violation must be filed with the State Party Chair within seven (7) days of County Committee endorsement. A 2/3 vote shall be necessary to uphold the violation claim.

c. Requirements of County Bylaws for Approval of Endorsement Process:

In order for the endorsement of the County Central Committees to become the official endorsements of the California Democratic Party, the following **must be found to have been met by the Rules Committee as part of its recommendation** ~~met~~:

- (1) A Democratic County Central Committee endorsement shall be extended only to registered Democrats.
- (2) Endorsement shall not be given to more candidates than there are seats open for the office in question.
- (3) All endorsements shall be made in accordance with the County Committee's duly adopted By-Laws provisions.
- (4) No vote on endorsement shall be taken by secret ballot.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY RULES COMMITTEE'S
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CAUCUSES

TO: Rules Committee, California Democratic Party

FROM: Laurence Zakson, Chair, and Jimmie Woods Gray, Vice-Chair, Subcommittee on
Caucuses

RE: Recommendations for Recertification of the 19 CDP Caucuses

DATE: July 10, 2023

The Subcommittee on Caucuses has thoroughly reviewed the applications for recertification of the 19 existing CDP Caucuses.

The Subcommittee applied the traditional criteria that in order to be recommended for full recertification, the Caucus must be in substantial compliance with all CDP Bylaws and the Guidelines for Certification/Recertification/Decertification of the CDP Rules Committee. Additionally, for the first time this cycle, the Subcommittee required that the Caucus Bylaws conform to the template Caucus Bylaws promulgated by the CDP Rules Committee.

In order to be recommended for provisional recertification, the Caucus must have timely submitted substantially all required materials and must have, by the time of this report, have submitted all required materials. The submitted materials must clearly demonstrate a good faith effort to comply with all CDP Bylaws, the Guidelines for Certification/Recertification/Decertification of the CDP Rules Committee, and the Caucus Bylaws must demonstrate a good faith effort to conform to the template Caucus Bylaws promulgated by the CDP Rules Committee. However, despite that good faith effort, the materials do not achieve substantial compliance.

In order not to be recommended for recertification of any kind, the Caucus must either have failed to submit all required materials by the time of this report and/or the submitted materials must not evidence a good faith effort to comply with/conform to the CDP Bylaws, the Guidelines for Certification/Recertification/De-certification of the CDP Rules Committee, and/or the required elements of the template Caucus Bylaws promulgated by the CDP Rules Committee.

1. We are pleased to report that no Caucuses failed to qualify for some type of recertification.
2. The only Caucus found to qualify for full recertification is the Arab American Caucus.

A draft "Notice of Finding by the CDP Rules Committee of Qualification for Full Recertification" is attached for approval. Because the standard applied was "substantial compliance," please note that this Notice allows for the correction of formatting and numbering issues and a non-substantive change in Article VII.C of the Caucus Bylaws. It also notes a typographical error. The Notice states that if these issues are not promptly

corrected, the Subcommittee may recommend that the Rules Committee reconsider the matter and take appropriate corrective measures.

3. Those Caucuses found not to qualify for full recertification, but, nonetheless, to qualify for provisional recertification are:

- AAPI
- Black
- Chicano Latino
- Children's
- Computer & Internet
- Disabilities
- Environmental
- Filipino American
- Irish American
- Labor
- LGBTQ
- Native American
- Progressive
- Rural
- Senior
- Small Business & Professionals
- Veterans
- Women's

A draft "Notice of Finding by the CDP Rules Committee of Qualification for Provisional Recertification and of Recertification Requirements for Not Yet Satisfied, the Satisfaction of Which is Required for Full Certification" is attached to this report for approval.

The issues with the Chicano Latino Caucus Bylaws were significant. Because of the time constraints applicable to getting out a Notice of the Rules Committee's recommendation, this draft Notice to this Caucus identifies the requirements not yet satisfied, but states that given the pervasive nature of the failures to conform to the template, the listing may not be complete and may need to be augmented when the Bylaws are conformed to the numbering, structure and content of the template.

Subcommittee Members:

- Jose Alcala
- Kathy Bowler
- Izeah Garcia
- Olivia Lee
- G. Anthony Phillips
- Garry Shay
- Nick Schultz
- Jimmie Woods Gray, Vice-Chair
- Laurence Zakson, Chair

[draft] NOTICE OF FINDING BY THE CDP RULES COMMITTEE
OF QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISIONAL RECERTIFICATION AND
OF RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NOT YET SATISFIED,
THE SATISFACTION OF WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR FULL CERTIFICATION

TO: Officers of the AAPI Caucus
FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee
RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification
DATE: July 14, 2023

This memorandum is official notice that the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party has reviewed your Caucus' application for recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

The Rules Committee has found that the Caucus has submitted all required materials. The submitted materials clearly demonstrate a good faith effort to comply with all CDP Bylaws, the Guidelines for Certification/Recertification/De-certification of the CDP Rules Committee, and the Caucus Bylaws demonstrate a good faith effort to conform to the template Caucus Bylaws promulgated by the CDP Rules Committee. However, despite that good faith effort, the materials do not achieve substantial compliance. Accordingly, while the Rules Committee cannot recommend your Caucus for full recertification at this time, the Rules Committee has found your Caucus to be qualified for provisional recertification.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the CDP Executive Board for adoption at the general session on August 20, 2023.

The following items need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

1. The Caucus Bylaws provide in Article IV.C for an option to pay biennial dues, which is inconsistent with the requirement that all dues be for the calendar year or lifetime.
2. The Bylaws also have provisions at VI.F.4 and VI.I (both of which define vacancy) which are not in the template. These must be deleted.

[draft] NOTICE OF FINDING BY THE CDP RULES COMMITTEE
OF QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISIONAL RECERTIFICATION AND
OF RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NOT YET SATISFIED,
THE SATISFACTION OF WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR FULL CERTIFICATION

TO: Officers of the Black Caucus

FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee

RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification

DATE: July 14, 2023

This memorandum is official notice that the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party has reviewed your Caucus' application for recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

The Rules Committee has found that the Caucus has submitted all required materials. The submitted materials clearly demonstrate a good faith effort to comply with all CDP Bylaws, the Guidelines for Certification/Recertification/De-certification of the CDP Rules Committee, and the Caucus Bylaws demonstrate a good faith effort to conform to the template Caucus Bylaws promulgated by the CDP Rules Committee. However, despite that good faith effort, the materials do not achieve substantial compliance. Accordingly, while the Rules Committee cannot recommend your Caucus for full recertification at this time, the Rules Committee has found your Caucus to be qualified for provisional recertification.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the CDP Executive Board for adoption at the general session on August 20, 2023.

The following items need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

1. The Statement of Purpose and Intended Activity, and Means of Accomplishing Same has objective, but not measurable goals. Measurable goals need to be added.
2. The Officer Roster is missing the street addresses of the newly elected officers.
3. The Application is missing the signature of, and certifications by, the Caucus Chair.
4. The Bylaws need to better conform to the template and have serious issues of non-compliance.
 - In general, Article II needs to be retitled to conform to the template and the content needs to be conformed to the wording and structure of the template.
 - Article II.A.6 was substantively changed and must be conformed to limit calls on the Party to take action to be consistent with the template requirements.

- In Article III, Sections A and B need to be conformed to the wording and structure of the template. The voting eligibility in Section B is inconsistent with the not later than 35 days before the election meeting requirement.
- In Article IV, Section A is substantively different from the template and does not require the clearance of Caucus communications required under the template.
- Article IV.B of the template is missing and the balance of the Article needs to be renumbered and conformed to the template. In particular, the dues year should be the calendar year.
- The wording in Article IV.C varies from the template and needs to be conformed.
- In Article VI, Sections A-C need to be conformed to the template.
- In Article VI.E, the range for a quorum is from the template, but the Caucus needs to select and specify the quorum requirement.
- In Article VII, the Outreach and Engagement Committee is improperly structured. Ex officio vice-chair membership does not belong in Section A.1, but in Section C. The Chair must be appointed.
- The Committees other than Election Committee need to be specified in Section C, not Section A.
- The Election Committee language needs to be conformed to the template.
- Section C needs to be added back in and the balance of the Sections renumbered accordingly.
- In Article VIII, the language in Section A regarding the Chair must be conformed to the template.
- In Section B, the Principal Vice-Chair is also described as the “Primary” Vice-Chair, although the office is described as “Principal Vice-Chair” elsewhere. There needs to be a single title used consistently throughout the bylaws.
- Also in Section B, the Principal Vice Chair should be described here and the Regional Vice-Chairs should be described as a separate office.
- The lettering and numbering throughout Article VIII need to be conformed to the template.
- The duties of the Corresponding Secretary need to include compliance with the notice requirements for email and USPS delivery.

- In Article IX, the numbering and content need to be conformed to the template.
- In Article X, Section A needs to provide that the election is the first item of business after approval of the credentials report.
- Article X.B needs to be conformed to the template.
- The balance of Article X needs to be numbered and lettered to correspond to the template.
- In Article XI.A, the wording needs to be conformed to the template.
- Article XI.D needs to be added back in.
- In Article XII, the entire article has wording and numbering inconsistent with the template. It needs to be conformed to the template. In particular, the number of days specified in Section B for the nomination period should be 21, not 20 and the close of nominations needs to be specified as being “as of 28 days before” the date of the meeting at which the election is to be conducted.
- The Section on casting of electronic ballots needs to be added back in.
- In what is now Section E, the options for how to deal with elections (majority or plurality and runoff) are accurate, but the Caucus needs to select the option and describe it here.
- In Article XIII, the numbering needs to conform to the template and the language regarding the posting of meeting notices needs to be inserted.
- In Article XIV, the numbering needs to be conformed to the template.
- In Article XV, the wording needs to be conformed to the template.
- In Article XVI.A, the wording needs to be conformed to the template.
- In Article XVIII, the wording and numbering needs to be conformed to the template.

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TO: Officers of the Children’s Caucus

FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee

RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification

DATE: July 14, 2023

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The following items in your Caucus Bylaws need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- In Article II.A, Sections 3.d and 5.c need the language conformed to the template.
- Article II.C needs to be deleted or made a part of II.B.
- In Article IV.C, the language must be changed to delete the language suggesting that dues amounts may be set or increased without a Bylaws amendment.
- In Article IV.D, the language must be conformed to the template. The 7-day rule for waiver requests is fine.
- In Article VI, the numbering must be conformed to the template.
- In Article VII.C, since there are no other standing committees, it should state, “There shall be no other standing committees.”

- In Article VIII.B.2, there are no “alternates” to the state Executive Board, the individual can be designated to serve as the “proxy” provided that any appropriate proxy paperwork is completed. The language needs to be modified to reflect this.
- In Article VIII.C, the duties regarding communications must include assuring compliance with notice requirements.
- The formatting and numbering of Article X after Section D needs to be adjusted.
- In Article XII, the numbering needs to be conformed.
- Subsection I of Article XII.F.5 needs to be deleted the word “and” inserted between Subsections g and h and removed at the end of Subsection h.

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TO: Officers of the Computer & Internet Caucus
FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee
RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification
DATE: July 14, 2023

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The following items need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

1. The officer and member rosters only contain street addresses and no phone numbers or email addresses. This is not consistent with the rules. These must be updated.
2. The Code of Conduct is not appended to the Bylaws.
3. The following Bylaws provisions need to be conformed to the template.
 - The attribution of dues from one calendar year to another in Article IV, Section C.3 is not allowed. C.3 may only allow proration.
 - The acceptance of affiliated club or organizational dues is not allowed. Article IV.C.6 must be deleted and the balance renumbered accordingly.
 - In Article IV.D.2 "no later than 10 or less days prior to the meeting" doesn't make sense. It should say "no later than 10 days" or some other number of days less

than 10.

- In Article VI.E, the words “of which” in the first sentence do not make sense. They should be deleted.
- In Article VII, the Sections from C onward need to be conformed to the numbering in the template.
- In Article X, since there are no geographical or gender balance requirements, reinsert C and state, “Except for the gender balance rules for the Election Committee, this Caucus has no geographical or gender balance prerequisites to run for Caucus office.” The balance of the Article needs to be renumbered to conform to the template.
- In Article XII.H, the Caucus must decide whether in offices to which only one candidate is elected, the election is by plurality or majority and, if by majority, which of the listed runoff options to select.
- In Article XIII.F, notice by posting only is not a permissible form of notice and the words “or posting” must be deleted.
- Article XVI does not conform to the template in formatting or numbering. It must be conformed.
- The Caucus uses the phrase CDPCIC to describe this Caucus throughout the Bylaws. This is not permitted. The Bylaws should be amended accordingly.

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TO: Officers of the Disabilities Caucus

FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee

RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification

DATE: July 14, 2023

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This recommendation will be forwarded to the CDP Executive Board for adoption at the general session on August 20, 2023.

The following items in the Caucus Bylaws need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- The numbering of articles, sections, subsections and sub-subsections has been altered. These need to be conformed to the template. Because of the numbering issues, there may be cross-reference discrepancies, but it is difficult to tell until the sections are renumbered.
- In Article II, Sections A.3-A-5 need to be renumbered.
- Article III is missing headings, for example for Section B, and needs to be conformed to the template. Also, the text is not in the order set forth in the template making it difficult to assure that all required content is included unchanged.
- It is not clear what the word “(check)” in Article IV.C.3 is referencing, but it is unnecessary and should be deleted. All of Article IV and its subparts need to be renumbered to follow the template.

- In Article VI.G, the Principal Vice-Chair is also described as the First Vice-Chair. The same title must be used throughout the bylaws. The preferred title is Principal Vice-Chair, but consistency is what is required.
- Article VII needs to be renumbered to be consistent with the template.
- In Article VII, Section C must be reinserted and the balance of the Sections re-lettered to conform to the template. Section C is where the names and duties of the Legislation, Membership and Accessibility Committees should be listed.

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TO: Officers of the Environmental Caucus

FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee

RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification

DATE: July 14, 2023

This memorandum is official notice that the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party has reviewed your Caucus' application for recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

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This recommendation will be forwarded to the CDP Executive Board for adoption at the general session on August 20, 2023.

The following items in the Caucus Bylaws need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- The items in Article II.A.1 must be moved to Article II.B and the language conformed to the template language. The balance of Article II needs to be renumbered to conform to the template.
- In Article IV.C, the reduced dues need to be item 6 and all lifetime dues need to be in C.7 (since there are 2 levels, there can be 2 subparts if preferred).
- Article VI.A does not conform to the template and does not have the required elements of the template. It needs to be reworked.
- The contents of the first Article VI.B need to be in Article VIII (the template version of which is missing) in the order set forth in the template and with the required content. Among the major issues here is that it is not possible to identify the First Vice-Chair.

- In Article VI.F, Subsection 4 needs to be deleted.
- In Article VI.F, it is not possible to determine who the First Vice-Chair is and the last sentence needs to take account of the First Vice-Chair.
- In Article VI.H, Subsection 3 needs to be deleted.
- Article VIII of the template is missing and needs to be reinserted. The balance of the Articles needs to be renumbered accordingly.
- In Article IX (which should be X), B, the references to mail should stay references to mail, not electronic mail.
- In article X (which should be XI), reference should be to voting by mail, not electronic voting.
- In Article XI (which should be XII, Section G should be reinserted and state, “There are no at large elections in this Caucus.” The balance of the Article should be renumbered accordingly.
- In XI.K (which should be XII.K), the reference to electronic voting should be deleted. It may be an appropriate accommodation, but the language needs to conform to the template.

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TO: Officers of the Filipino American Caucus

FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee

RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification

DATE: July 14, 2023

This memorandum is official notice that the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party has reviewed your Caucus' application for recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

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The following items need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

1. The Roster of Officers lacks the officers' street addresses.
2. The "Statement of Purpose and Intended Activities, and Means of Accomplishing Same" does not include objective, measurable goals.
3. The Bylaws do not conform to the template in several ways.
 - The wording of Bylaws Section II.A does not conform to the template. It should be modified.
 - Article IV. Section C.5 provides for biennial dues. Dues must either be lifetime or for the calendar year. This should be deleted and the balance renumbered accordingly.

- Article VI.E requires a choice of quorum requirements. The options listed are correct, but the Caucus must select one and put it in the Bylaws.

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TO: Officers of the Irish American Caucus

FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee

RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification

DATE: July 14, 2023

This memorandum is official notice that the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party has reviewed your Caucus' application for recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

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The following items in your Caucus Bylaws need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- Article II, Section B needs to be cleaned up. This can be best done by deleting the brackets and the words, "as applicable" and "as follows."
- In Article VII, Section C needs to be reinserted and the balance of the Article renumbered to conform to the template. Section C can read, "There shall be no other standing committees."
- In Article X, Section C needs to be reinserted and the balance of the Article renumbered to conform to the template. Section C can read, "Except for the gender balance rules for the Election Committee, this Caucus has no geographical or gender balance prerequisites to run for caucus office."

- In Article XII, Section H the Caucus must decide whether for offices to which only one candidate is elected, the election is by plurality or majority and, if by majority, which of the listed runoff options to select.

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TO: Officers of the Labor Caucus
FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee
RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification
DATE: July 14, 2023

This memorandum is official notice that the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party has reviewed your Caucus' application for recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

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The following items need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

1. The Roster of Officers needs the street address of the officers.
2. In the Bylaws, there are two items to be corrected.
 - at Article XII.H require a decision whether the officers in offices for which only one candidate is to be elected to that office are to be elected by plurality or majority and, if a majority, the applicable runoff language.
 - In Article XVIII, there is no Bylaws Committee and so the Bylaws Committee language should be deleted from Section A.

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TO: Officers of the LGBTQ Caucus
FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee
RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification
DATE: July 14, 2023

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The following items in your Bylaws need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- In Article IV.D.2, the Caucus needs to decide the dues waiver deadline and amend the bylaw to specify what is chosen.
- In Article VI.G.1, there is a provision relating to the order of succession to the Chair for at-large board members. The sentence as written is not clear. It should be clarified.
- In Article VIII, Section C should be reinserted. Because there are no other standing committees, it should read, "There shall be no other standing committees." The balance of that Article needs to be re-lettered in accordance with the template.
- In Article XI.A, there is an extra sentence about a coin toss in the event of a tie after both Co-Chairs vote. It should be deleted. Under the rule announced in the first sentence, if there is a tie after both Co-Chairs vote, the matter does not pass.

- In Article XII, the numbering needs to be conformed to the template.
- In Article XIII.H, the Caucus needs to decide whether offices to which only one candidate is elected are decided by majority or plurality and, if by majority, which of the listed options for a runoff to follow.

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TO: Officers of the Native American Caucus
FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee
RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification
DATE: July 14, 2023

This memorandum is official notice that the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party has reviewed your Caucus' application for recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

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The following item in your Bylaws needs to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- In Article VIII, Section C.2, the Secretary needs to be charged with insuring compliance with notice requirements for email and US Postal Service delivery of official communications.

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TO: Officers of the Progressive Caucus
FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee
RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification
DATE: July 14, 2023

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The following items in your Bylaws need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- In Article IV.D.2, the waiver request deadline should be described as “close of credentialing at the meeting at which they seek to vote.”
- In Article VII, C from the template needs to be reinserted and the balance renumbered accordingly. Because there are no other standing committees, C should read, “There shall be no other standing committees.”
- In Article VIII.D, item 3 (responsibility for the list of voting members) must be reinserted. In the second D, which must be renumbered as E, the membership officer can assist with maintaining the list or maintain the list under the supervision of the Treasurer, but this is a Treasurer duty.
- In Article XII,E.4, the Treasurer either has coordinate responsibility for ensuring the supplemental notices go out or that phrase should be deleted, but it should not be included in brackets.

- In Article XII, there are two Sections F and they are not identical. They need to be consolidated into a single Section F that conforms to the template.
- Article XII.I needs to be lettered as “I.”

Also, please note that Article XII.K.2 needs a period at the end of the last sentence.

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TO: Officers of the Rural Caucus

FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee

RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification

DATE: July 14, 2023

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This recommendation will be forwarded to the CDP Executive Board for adoption at the general session on August 20, 2023.

The following items need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

1. The Roster of Officers does not contain the contact information for the officers.
2. The following Bylaws changes are required.
 - The language in Article II.A.1 needs to be conformed to the template.
 - In Article IV,C.4, the effective date needs to be eliminated.
 - The language in Article IV.D.2 needs to be conformed to the template.
 - In Article VI.A.1, the extra language needs to be deleted and the language conformed to the template.
 - In Article VI.A.2, the method of determining who is the Vice-Chair must be spelled out. It is insufficient to say that one of the regional chairs will be the vice-chair.

- In Article VI, Section E, the executive board quorum is required to be between 40% and 60% of the executive board membership. The number must be revised to be in the permissible range.
- In Article VII.B, the selection and composition of the Election Committee must be as set forth in the template. The language needs to be conformed to the template.
- The formatting of Article VIII needs to be adjusted.
- In Article VIII, Section B.1, Executive Board members are represented, when they cannot attend a meeting by a proxy after completion of appropriate proxy paperwork. The Bylaws cannot provide for what is effectively an alternate or waive any proxying requirements. The Bylaws may state that the Chair shall name the vice-chair as the executive board proxy when the chair is unable to attend and the vice-chair is.
- In Article VIII, the Secretary at Section C (or the Communications Officer – who is effectively a corresponding secretary – at Section E.1) must be charged with assuring compliance with the notice requirements for email and US Postal Service delivery of official communications.
- In Article IX.B.1, there cannot be additional or new grounds for suspension. Items B.1.d & e must be deleted.
- In Article X, Section B, the language must be conformed to the template.
- In Article X.C, regional residency cannot be “defined” as the address at which the individual is registered or pre-registered to vote as individuals who intend to register as Democrats but cannot are eligible for office and also need to be afforded the opportunity to run.
- The language regarding the nomination form in Article X.D needs to be conformed to the template.
- The words “or online” in Article XI.B need to be deleted.
- The language in Article XII.E.1 needs to be conformed to the template.
- The language in Article XII.F.2.d needs to be conformed to the template.
- In Article XII.G, at large races must be decided by plurality. The language must be conformed to the template.
- In Article XII.H, only the Chair may be selected by IRV. For other races in which only one candidate is to be elected to the office, the election must be by plurality or majority and, if by majority, one of the listed runoff options must be selected.

- In Article XIII, Section A, the language must be conformed to the template.
- Article XIII.F is not in the template and must be deleted.
- Article XIV.F must be deleted as Caucuses cannot make independent endorsements of their own.
- Article XVIII.F is not in the template and must be deleted.

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TO: Officers of the Senior Caucus

FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee

RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification

DATE: July 14, 2023

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This recommendation will be forwarded to the CDP Executive Board for adoption at the general session on August 20, 2023.

The following items in your Caucus Bylaws need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- In Article II of the Bylaws, the substantive content of Section A.1 can be moved to B and A.8 needs to be deleted. The numbering needs to conform to the template.
- In Article III, Subsections A.1(b) & (c) need to be stricken and the rest of the numbering conformed.
- Section III.B needs to be conformed to the template and Section III.C does as well. Section III.C.2 needs to be deleted.
- In Article VI.A, the formatting needs to be fixed.
- The new content in Sections F, H and the second D needs to be deleted and the entirety of Sections C to the end of Article IV needs to be conformed to the template. In addition,

there are two lifetime dues amounts. This is either an error or they need to somehow distinguish them. This can be done by making them subparts of the lifetime dues section.

- Article VI needs template section B added back in and the rest must be renumbered and reformatted to conform to the template.
- The new Article VI.H needs to be deleted and this information can be moved to Article VI.A.5, where it belongs.
- In Article VII, Article VII.F needs to be reformatted and renumbered to conform to the template.
- In Article VIII, Article VIII.B.1 says that one of the regional vice-chairs will be designated as principal vice-chair but doesn't say by whom, when or how. This needs to be fixed.
- The Chair emeritus/emera needs to be added to VIII.D.
- In Article X, the regions need to be listed again in Article X.C.
- In Article XI, Section B needs to be conformed to the template and Section D must be added back in.
- In Article XII, the contents of A-D have been renumbered; they need to be conformed to the template. Article XII.E needs to be conformed to the template.
- Article XII.H & I list options, but don't decide whether the officer elections are by majority or plurality and how to handle runoffs. This needs to be fixed.
- Article XII.J is misnumbered and needs to be conformed.
- Article XII.K needs to be renumbered and K.2 deleted.
- Article XII.L needs to be renumbered.
- Articles XIII & XIV need the numbering and lettering conformed to the template.

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TO: Officers of the Small Business & Professionals Caucus

FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee

RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification

DATE: July 14, 2023

This memorandum is official notice that the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party has reviewed your Caucus' application for recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

The Rules Committee has found that the Caucus has submitted all required materials. The submitted materials clearly demonstrate a good faith effort to comply with all CDP Bylaws, the Guidelines for Certification/Recertification/De-certification of the CDP Rules Committee, and the Caucus Bylaws demonstrate a good faith effort to conform to the template Caucus Bylaws promulgated by the CDP Rules Committee. However, despite that good faith effort, the materials do not achieve substantial compliance. Accordingly, while the Rules Committee cannot recommend your Caucus for full recertification at this time, the Rules Committee has found your Caucus to be qualified for provisional recertification.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the CDP Executive Board for adoption at the general session on August 20, 2023.

The following items need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

1. The Application has typed initials and names, not wet signatures. It needs to be resubmitted with wet signatures.
2. The membership roster should be resubmitted as an Excel spreadsheet as it is unreadable in the current format.
3. The following Caucus Bylaws issues need to be rectified.
 - The CDP Code of Conduct is not appended, as required.
 - In Article VI. Section A., the Principal Vice-Chair needs to be designated. It can say in A.2 & 3 "If this Vice-Chair is from the opposite region from the Chair, this Vice-Chair shall be Principal Vice-Chair." The wording can vary if clear and the Principal Vice-Chair is designated.

- In Article VI.E, the wording is not quite right, we think it means “at least one-third of which must be sitting officers.”
- In Article VI.G.1, it is not clear if the succession is Vice-Chair of the Region opposite the outgoing chair, Vice-Chair of the Region of the outgoing chair and then Secretary and then Parliamentarian or if the Vice-Chair of the Region of the outgoing chair is excluded from the succession.
- In Article VII, the numbering as of paragraph C (and what follows) must conform to the template.
- The two regions are not clearly defined in Article X.C. Please clarify.
- The formatting of paragraphs E & F of Article XII needs to be fixed.
- In Article XII, the Caucus needs to decide whether the elections for offices to which only a single candidate is elected are decided by majority or plurality and, if majority, which of the listed runoff options is applicable. We received informal communication that the Caucus prefers majority, but the language must conform to one of the options.
- The Bylaws refer to the Caucus as the SB&P Caucus. This is an impermissible difference from the template.

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TO: Officers of the Veterans Caucus

FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee

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The following items in your Caucus Bylaws need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- Article III, Sections A.1.3 and B, the wording is different from the template. The wording needs to conform to the template.
- In Article IV, section D.5.a, the wording needs to be conformed to the template.
- In Article VII.A, the wording needs to be conformed to the template.
- In Article VII, Section D needs to be deleted and the balance of the Article needs to be numbered to conform to the template.
- In Article VIII.A.2, the language needs to be conformed to the template.

- In Article X, all of the additional officers need to be specified in Section E and the numbering needs to be conformed to the template. This needs to be cleaned up. It can be best done by deleting the brackets and the words, "as applicable" and "as follows."
- In Article VII, Section C needs to be reinserted and the balance of the Article renumbered to conform to the template. Section C can read, "There shall be no other standing committees."
- In Article X, Section C needs to be reinserted and the balance of the Article renumbered to conform to the template. Section C can read, "Except for the gender balance rules for the Election Committee, this Caucus has no geographical or gender balance prerequisites to run for caucus office."
- In Article XII, Section H the Caucus may only have instant runoff voting for the Chair. The Caucus must decide which of the other listed runoff options to select for offices to which only one candidate is elected.

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TO: Officers of the Women’s Caucus
FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee
RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification
DATE: July 14, 2023

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This recommendation will be forwarded to the CDP Executive Board for adoption at the general session on August 20, 2023.

The following items in your Caucus Bylaws need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- In Article III. Section A, the text of A.1 needs to be conformed to the template, and subsection A.1.e needs to be deleted.
- In Article IV. Section A needs to be reformatted to conform to the template. In Section III.C, the reference to lifetime memberships in the first clause of the first sentence needs to be deleted because there are no lifetime memberships.
- In Article IV.D, the waiver deadline options are correctly stated, but the Caucus needs to pick one and put that in its bylaws.
- In Article VI.A.2, it is not clear what the second sentence means. It either needs to be rewritten or deleted.

- In Article VII, Section C needs to be reinserted. Since there are no standing committees other than election, it should read, “There shall be no other standing committees.” Although it says that elsewhere, this is where that statement belongs. Everything after the reinserted Section C needs to be renumbered to follow the template.
- In Article VIII.B, it says that one of the Vice-Chairs is designated as Principal. It is not clear if that means it is a separately elected office or one of the regional vice-chairs gets that title and, if it means the latter, it is not clear how that person is designated, by whom or when.
- In Article VIII, the numbering/lettering for additional officers needs to follow the template. In addition, the duties of the Corresponding Secretary should include assuring compliance with the notice requirements as specified in VIII.C of the template.
- The first two sentences of the paragraph under what is now VIII.M in Article VIII must be deleted.
- In Article X, everything after Section B must be reformatted and renumbered to match the template.
- In Article X.H, there is no gender balance rule and, so, reference to gender balance in the second sentence should be deleted.
- In Article XII.H, the Caucus must decide whether offices to which only a single candidate is elected are to be decided by plurality or majority and, if by majority, how (among the listed options) to run the runoff process.
- Article XXI.I has a little language discrepancy from the template. That needs to be conformed.

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TO: Officers of the Chicano Latino Caucus
FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee
RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification
DATE: July 14, 2023

This memorandum is official notice that the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party has reviewed your Caucus' application for recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

The Rules Committee has found that the Caucus has submitted all required materials. The submitted materials clearly demonstrate a good faith effort to comply with all CDP Bylaws, the Guidelines for Certification/Recertification/De-certification of the CDP Rules Committee, and the Caucus Bylaws demonstrate a good faith effort to conform to the template Caucus Bylaws promulgated by the CDP Rules Committee. However, despite that good faith effort, the materials do not achieve substantial compliance. Accordingly, while the Rules Committee cannot recommend your Caucus for full recertification at this time, the Rules Committee has found your Caucus to be qualified for provisional recertification.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the CDP Executive Board for adoption at the general session on August 20, 2023.

The following items in your Caucus Bylaws need to be corrected in order for your Caucus to be fully recertified.

- The mission statement and Article I of the CLC Bylaws – Policy and Goals need to be deleted. These items should be part of the Statement of Purpose and Intended Activities, and Means for Accomplishing Same, not the bylaws.
- All numbering must conform to the template. None of it does.
- Article II should be Article I.
- Article III should be Article II and needs to be rewritten to conform to the template.
- Article IV should be Article III and needs a title that conforms to the template.

- Both Sections 1 of Article IV (which should be III) and Sections 2 through 5 need to be deleted.
- What is marked as Art. IV, Section B should be renumbered as Article III, Section A. What is marked as Art. IV, Section C should be renumbered as Article III, Section B.
- What is marked as the second Section B of Art. IV should be renumbered as Article III, Section C.
- Template Articles IV (Revenues, Disbursements and Dues), V (Organization) and VI (Identification of Officers and Executive Board; Duties and Quorum Requirements of the Executive Board) are missing or somewhere else. They need to be reinserted in the proper place and the language must conform to the template.
- What is marked as Article V should be deleted as meetings belong in Article XIII and virtually nothing here is in the template.
- What is marked as Article VI should be Article VII and entitled Committees. All of the language before Section A (which is marked as Sections 1 and 2) should be deleted.
- What is marked as Article VII should be Article VIII and the title should be conformed to the template.
- The paragraph before what is marked as Article VII, Section 1 should be deleted. The section marked as Article VII, Section 1 should be Art. VIII, Section A and the balance of the Article should be renumbered in conformity with the template.
- In what is marked as Section 2, the designation of one of the fourteen vice-chairs as First Vice-Chair is inadequate as it does not explain how, when and how that is disseminated.
- The election of officers by other than the membership at large is not permitted. The vice-chair voting needs to be modified accordingly.
- The officer language for Recording Secretary needs to delete the reference to a two-year term and conformed to the template.
- The Corresponding Secretary needs to be charged with assuring compliance with notice requirements as set forth in article VII.C of the template.
- The language in Sections 10 – 13 of this Article needs to be deleted.
- What is marked as Section 14 of this Article should be Article IX.
- What is marked as Article VIII should be Article X and the first paragraph before Section A should be deleted.

- The reference to the Principal Vice-Chair in what is marked as Article VIII, Section B should be to the First Vice-Chair.
- Article VIII, Section C is impermissible and should be deleted. Once correctly renumbered, this is where the geographical information for the regions should go.
- It is not clear what, if anything, is left of what is marked as “Section 1,” but it should be deleted.
- There are several pages of crossed out materials. These should be deleted.
- The Article marked as Article IX – General Policies should be deleted.
- Template Article XIII needs to be reinserted.
- What is marked as Article X needs to be renumbered as Article XIV, and Section E reinserted.
- Articles XV, XVI & XVII need to be reinserted in conformity with the template.
- What is marked as Article XI should be Article XVIII. What is there, is difficult to read with the cross-outs and must be conformed to the template.

Given the fact that the Bylaws do not in any way track the template, it is possible that other edits are required, but it is not possible to determine without the Bylaws being conformed to the order and numbering of the template.

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TO: Officers of the Arab American Caucus
FROM: Coby King & Valeria Hernandez, Co-Chairs, CDP Rules Committee
RE: Notice re 2023-2027 Caucus Recertification
DATE: July 14, 2023

This memorandum is official notice that the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party has reviewed your Caucus' application for recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

Based on its finding that your application materials and Bylaws substantially comply with the applicable CDP Bylaws and the Guidelines for Certification/Recertification/Decertification of the CDP Rules Committee, and that your current Caucus Bylaws conform to the template Caucus Bylaws promulgated by the CDP Rules Committee, the Rules Committee has found your Caucus to be qualified for full recertification for the 2023-2027 recertification cycle.

Despite this finding, there are several minor items that need to be corrected. If these issues are not promptly corrected, the Rules Committee may reconsider the matter and take appropriate corrective measures.

- In Article VII.C of your Caucus Bylaws, the second sentence is largely redundant of what is in Article VII.A.4, but it uses slightly different wording. The second sentence of Article VII.C must be deleted.
- The numbering/lettering/formatting of article VI, Article XI, Article XII.E, Article XII.F, Article XIII and Article XVIII must be changed to exactly match the template.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the CDP Executive Board for adoption at the general session on August 20, 2023.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

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ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 4. REGIONAL DIRECTORS

b. Regional Directors shall be elected for two-year terms on Saturday of the first Convention of This Committee held in odd-numbered years. Regional Directors shall be elected by ~~at Regional Caucuses, each composed of all~~ of the members of This Committee resident in the respective regions.

c. Elections of Regional Directors shall be governed by the provisions set forth in Article III, Section 3, subsections b-fg.

d. The Regional Directors shall assist the statewide officers in the maintenance and development of the Party organization within their respective regions. They are responsible for developing, assisting, and coordinating the ~~County Central Committees~~, Clubs & other Democratic organizations within their region as requested, ~~and~~ They shall convene a regional meeting of the members of This Committee in the region with sufficient time for input, or timely resolutions, prior to each meeting of This Committee or its Executive Board.

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ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 7. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES, VOTING, AND PUBLICATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

~~e. when a voice or standing voice is taken out of a meeting of This Committee, it shall be the duty of Regional Directors and their delegation to ensure that only those eligible are voting.~~

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ARTICLE VI:

Section 1. ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ELECTION MEETINGS

c. The Chair of This Committee, in consultation with the appropriate Regional Directors and Convener shall, ~~no later than November 15 of the year preceding the holding of the Election Meeting, or the next business day if the date falls on a state holiday or weekend,~~ publicize on the Party's website the date, time, and place of the Election Meetings.

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ARTICLE VIII: ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR PARTISAN AND NONPARTISAN OFFICE, AND ENDORSEMENT AND OPPOSITION TO STATE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS, INITIATIVES, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

Section 3. PARTISAN PUBLIC OFFICES OTHER THAN PRESIDENT

(4) Each pre-endorsing conference shall be convened by the relevant Regional Director or, in the event that there is no Regional Director available for this purpose or the Regional Director is a candidate, for nomination to a partisan public office or has a demonstrable conflict of interest by a person designated by the State Chair. The State Chair shall designate a Chair and a Secretary for each Regional pre-endorsing conference.

MARIA ALEGRIA PROPOSAL

Good afternoon, my name is Maria Alegria, AD 15 and Past Chair of the DPCCC. I would like to speak to the following issues:

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS Section 1. STATEWIDE OFFICERS.

Standing Committee Chairs and Committee Members should be held to the same standard as Officers as it relates to any form of monetary compensation from any elected official, lobbyist, Union, political campaign or Political Action Committee, the Rules Committee should include this language under this Section.

Item VII - New Business

Similarly, the Bylaws should be amended in the following sections to include Standing Committee Chairs and Committee members:

1. **Conflict of Issue Disclosure: Article II (2), Section 12.** This section is too narrow and should be expanded to include any matters that impact resolutions or legislation before Standing Committees.
2. Currently, the Resolutions Procedural Rules of the Resolution Committee states, "Committee members are discouraged from directly authoring or sponsoring resolutions as it could constitute a conflict of interest and may be asked to recuse themselves from participating or voting in committee proceeding where such a conflict exists." (August 21, 2021).
 - a. **Case in Point:** Lead Co-Chair Agi Kessler of the Resolutions Committee, gutted a Resolution to *Protect Traditional Medicare and the Choices of Traditional Medicare Beneficiaries* without disclosing her professional qualifications as a "Medical Practice Consultant and Contractor" and "Vice President of Information Machines, Inc." in Woodland Hills, CA. Lead Co-Chair Agi Kessler discloses in her bio on LinkedIn, an affiliation with NextGen EHR, an American software and services company that develops and sells electronic health records (EHR) and practice management systems to the healthcare industry. I am concerned that her affiliation with companies that incentivize profits while taking away the choice of Traditional Medicare beneficiaries is contrary to the California Democratic Party's principles and platform to Stop the Privatization of Medicare.

We must hold all leadership members of the California Democratic Party to the highest ethical standard. We need more transparency and accountability, not less.

3. Article V. Section 4. Responsibilities of Co-Chairs.

- a. A section should be added to address the responsibility of Chairs, Co-Chairs and Committee members to disclose a **Conflict of Interest** "if such member is a paid employee or independent contractor of a political committee or owner, paid employee or independent contractor of a consulting firm...."

Thank you for considering my comments and I look forward to working with you on these very important amendments to our Bylaws which will make our State Party stronger.

Maria Alegria
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REVIEW OF 2021-23 SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

2021 SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Point	SubCommittees	Chair	Vice Chair	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5	Member 6
Coby	ADEMS	Coby King	Nicole Fernandez	Kathy Bowler	Mcclina Woods	Robin Torello	Sarah Souza	Katie Jaycox	
Coby	Caucuses	Laurence Zakson	Jimmie Woods-Gray	Jose Alcala	Olivia Lee		Nick Schultz	Izeah Garcia	Garry Shay
Coby	Endorsements	Kathy Bowler	Coby King	Glenn Glazer			Valeria Hernandez		Garry Shay
Valeria	Miscellaneous	Valeria Hernandez	Mcclina Woods	G. Anthony Phillips	Laurence Zakson		Garry Shay	Peter Gallotta	
Valeria	County Bylaws	Robin Torello	Glenn Glazer	Mcclina Woods	Izeah Garcia	Steven Alari			Garry Shay
Valeria	Standing Committees	Garry Shay	Olivia Lee	Jimmie Woods-Gray		Anita Narayana		Nicole Fernandez	
Valeria	Officers, Elections, Duties, etc.	G. Anthony Phillips	Izeah Garcia	Kathy Bowler	Nicole Fernandez	Laurence Zakson	Harris Mojadedi	Steven Alari	Garry Shay
Coby	Chartered Organizations	Nicole Fernandez	Anita Narayana	Glenn Glazer	Sarah Souza	Garry Shay	Harris Mojadedi		
N/A	Redistricting Ad Hoc (Joint with JED)	Izeah Garcia		Katie Jaycox	Anita Naranya	Harris Moojadedi			

2021 Caucus ReCertification Grouping

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	Izeath Garcia		Jimmie Woods Gray	
Caucus Group B	Disabilities, Environmental, Senior, and Rural	Gary Shay	Katie Jaycox		Harris Mojadedi	
Caucus Group C	African American, Chicano/Latino, Veterans, and Progressive	Laurence Zakson	Olivia Lee	Robin Torello		
Caucus Group D	Business & Professions, Arab American, Computer & Internet, Labor	Nicole Fernandez		Glenn Glazer		Medina Woods
Caucus Group E	Asian Pacific, Children's, Native American	Kathy Bowler		Sarah Souza	Nick Schultz	Peter Gallotta