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Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Floor Report

The 2024 Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee (DSAAC) was formally appointed by Chair Rusty Hicks on March 1, 2023 to ensure California continues to have a diverse delegation that is representative of our state. In June, the Draft Delegate Selection plan was made public on the CADEM website. Additionally, CADEM staff and members of the Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee held three in-person regional testimony hearings followed by a statewide virtual hearing.

Link to Draft Plan:

The Full National Delegate Selection Draft Plan was approved by the DSAAC at a meeting on Friday, August 18. The Draft Plan was also conditionally approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.

Changes to the 2024 National Delegate Selection Draft Plan (conditionally approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee) below:

**District-Level Delegates Selection Date:**
The date of selection of District-Level Delegates has been changed from Saturday, April 20, 2024 to Sunday, April 21, 2024 as not to coincide with the observance of the Sabbath.

**Post-primary caucuses Online Voting:**
In response to feedback received to the draft Delegate Selection Plan during the testimony period. Language has been included to provide the option of electronic balloting for the selection of District-level delegates on April 21, 2024.

**Selection of Delegation Chair and Honorary Delegation Chair:**
Language has been updated to provide for a quorum of the delegation to select a Delegation Chair and for Honorary Delegation Chairs to be named by the Chair of the California Democratic Party at the Delegate meeting on May 18, 2024.

**Affirmative Action Goals for African Americans and LGBTQ**

- Affirmative Action Goals for African Americans have been increased from 9% to 12%.
- Affirmative Action Goals for LGBTQ have been increased from 6% to 12%.
CADEM Legislation Committee

August 2023 E-board Notes

The committee agendized 25% of meeting time to open public comment. The speaker sign-up list deadline was announced several times prior to the public comment closing. The speakers list was fully exhausted during the public comment period. In total, the Committee recommended support on 77 pieces of legislation and support if amended (1) piece of legislation. Upon endorsement by the CDP, the committee will begin the post-endorsement organizing process.

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GENERAL SESSION ORGANIZING COMMITTEE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Good Morning Democrats!

I am Martha Garcia, I live in Madera County and I am one of the Co-Chairs for the Organizing Committee!

COMMITTEE REPORT

As we march towards the November 2024 election, the Organizing Committee’s goal is to support, promote, organize, and attend events that help turn the Central Valley, North Los Angeles County, Orange County, and Riverside BLUE by defeating Republican Members of Congress.

We are taking action to win. We will expand the party’s volunteer base, build coalitions, and coordinate, communicate, and train with ally groups. We will develop and support volunteer action events. Most importantly, we will measure our success with regional metrics.

We are committed to taking action, tracking our results, and getting the job done in 2024 because our Democracy is on the line. We challenge each and every member of the Executive Board to knock on doors, phone bank, text voters, organize, reach out to neighbors because it will take all of us – big and small – fighting together to take back the House, hold the Senate, and re-elect President Joe Biden!

Let’s meet the moment Democrats!

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Resolution 23-05.023
Monitoring Schools Boards to Guarantee Quality Education
WHEREAS the Republican Party is waging an ongoing, extensive, deliberate, well-funded, national effort to undermine and defund public schools for the purpose of privatizing education and thereby weakening our democracy; and
WHEREAS, as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt stated, "Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely; and the real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education"; and
WHEREAS elected trustees of school districts must ensure all students are educated equitably because our children are future citizens who need to be "prepared to choose wisely," yet some trustees are undermining public schools and educators by banning books, omitting required curriculum, discriminating against LGBTQ+ students and staff, avoiding public oversight by ignoring the Brown Act, usurping authority beyond their purview, filing frivolous lawsuits, and violating their official responsibilities by wasting tax dollars taken from students to spend on their extremist agendas;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports that education laws must be followed by all school boards and districts, enforced by oversight agencies, and that the community should monitor the actions and decisions of their local and county school boards and participate in its meetings, take an active part in surveys, Parent Teacher Associations, and exercise other efforts to guide school board decisions in order to guarantee that school boards facilitate the delivery of quality education to the students they serve, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports electing and supporting school board members and trustees who commit to following state and federal education laws, as the first step to guarantee quality education to all students.

Resolution 23-05.027
SUPPORT HUMANE ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPERATURES AT CALIFORNIA PRISON FACILITIES
WHEREAS we believe that all humans deserve to be treated with dignity and humanity, supported by the eighth amendment of the United States Constitution that protects from cruel and unusual punishments for both those accused of crimes and those convicted of crimes; these fundamental rights are the basis for guaranteeing humane living conditions in California prisons; and inmates exposed to extreme temperatures are at increased risk of illness, exacerbation of existing health issues and detrimental impacts to their mental health and well-being; and
WHEREAS the Federal Bureau of Prisons recommends that temperatures inside prisons should be no lower than 68° in colder months and no higher than 76° in warmer weather, but reports from California prisons demonstrate that many do not provide safe environmental temperatures in prison dormitories, cells, work areas, indoor recreation areas and cafeterias for inmates; and reports specifically state that many prison environments range above 100° in warmer months and well below 68° in colder months (including such prisons as San Quentin, High Desert, Mule Creek State Prison, and California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility/State Prison at Corcoran as reported by numerous inmates);
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes that providing relief from extreme temperatures and maintaining sanitary and safe housing for prisoners must be seen as the responsibility of a just and humane society; and believes that all persons housed or working in our California prison facilities deserve humane living and working conditions, including effective and efficient air conditioning in warm weather and heating in cold weather.

Resolution 23-05.029
SUPPORT OF A HEALTH-BASED, RATHER THAN PUNITIVE-BASED, APPROACH TO DRUG ADDICTION
WHEREAS drug addiction and overdoses are serious problems; and WHEREAS current criminal drug laws ruin lives; make access to treatment and recovery difficult, dangerous, and expensive; distort the priorities of law enforcement; and are deeply inequitable, disproportionately targeting and impacting people of color and/or in poverty; and WHEREAS California needs a health-based approach to addiction and overdose by expanding access to drug treatment, which is more effective, humane, and cost-effective than criminal punishment,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the decriminalization of the personal possession of small amounts of controlled substances, since criminal records prevent people from getting housing, jobs, student loans, professional licenses, and more; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports screening, health assessment, treatment, and recovery services for drug addiction to be available to all, regardless of income, who need and want access to those services.

Resolution 23-05.041
Opposition to Coerced Child Marriage in California
WHEREAS, coerced child marriage, is a form of human rights abuse recognized by the Department of State, UNICEF, Human Rights Watch, and the American Medical Association due to adverse effects on a child’s health, education, and employment opportunities, resulting in higher rates of sexually transmitted infections, high school dropouts, poverty, early pregnancies, divorce, intimate partner violence, and social isolation from their support networks like school, friends and family; and WHEREAS, children face high obstacles to escape coerced marriage, due to lower understanding of their legal rights and access to practical resources to avoid or leave, causing many to be stuck in abusive marriages well into adulthood, leading to lifelong mental or emotional health consequences, including feelings of severe guilt, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and eating disorders,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party opposes coerced child marriage;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party takes this position in an effort to prevent, reduce, and end child trafficking, exploitation, and coerced marriage so that every child can grow up in a safe and nurturing environment and reach their highest aspirations.
Resolution 23-05.053
Support of Electronic Ballot Tabulation
WHEREAS, in a democracy every eligible individual has the right to have their voice heard by participating in an electoral process that is transparent, impartial, and accurate, and that their vote is counted without prejudice or discrimination; and WHEREAS, electronic ballot tabulation of paper ballots is a more efficient, reliable, and accurate method of counting votes compared to entirely manual hand counts, thus ensuring the outcome of an election reflects the true will of the people and upholds the integrity of our democratic institutions; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party continues to strongly support electronic ballot tabulation, which assists county election officials with accurately tabulating complex ballots and ensure electoral credibility.

Resolution 23-05.060
Supporting the California Association of Professional Scientists
WHEREAS, the California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) labor union represents approximately 4,500 State scientists employed by the State of California, a majority of whom identify as female, including biologists, chemists, climatologists, epidemiologists, toxicologists, research scientists, veterinarians and other scientific disciplines; and WHEREAS, several global environmental crises require action and transformative change, and State scientists are critical to addressing these urgent challenges that threaten California, including but not limited to climate disruption, wildfires, drought, extinctions and biodiversity loss, invasive species, ecosystem destruction, housing shortages, pollution, diseases, and threats to our food and water supply, as State scientists lead the nation in scientific research, utilize state-of-the-art laboratories to evaluate public health and environmental issues, develop protective regulations, and work in collaboration with other workers in the public and private sector; and WHEREAS, CAPS has been bargaining to renew their contract with the State of California for more than three years to restore State scientists’ historical salary relationships with State scientific supervisors and State engineers, a super-majority of whom identify as male, and perform equivalent work to each other by closing wage gaps of up to 43%, and provide salaries competitive with scientists in local, county and federal governments and private sector, and in February 2023 State scientists rejected a collective bargaining agreement that did not come close to restoring historical salary relationships let alone keep up with recent inflation, requiring that bargaining continue; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports State scientists in their efforts to secure a fair contract with competitive compensation that recognizes the invaluable contributions of State scientists in keeping Californians safe, healthy, and well-informed.

Resolution 23-05.063
Prioritizing the Work of University of California Graduate Student Workers
WHEREAS, after five weeks of the largest higher education strike in United States history, on December 23, 2022, the United Auto Workers Local 2865 representing Academic Student Employees and Graduate Student Researchers across
the University of California system ratified a new contract that increased base wages by
25 to 80% by 2024; and

WHEREAS, in response to the new wages set in the UAW 2865 contract, academic
departments across the University of California have begun announcing cost-cutting
measures which include eliminating entire TA discussion sections and replacing
graduate student instructors with unpaid undergraduate “assistants”, shrinking research
groups, and reducing the overall number of graduate students enrolled by as much as
33%; and

WHEREAS, reducing graduate enrollment is a violation of UC’s obligations to the State
of California as the University of California and the Office of the Governor signed a
compact whereby UC agreed to increase graduate enrollment by 2,500 seats by 2027 in
exchange for hundreds of millions of dollars in increased funding,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic
Party supports Academic Student Employees and Graduate Student Researchers in their
important work assisting academic students and scientific research in the University of
California system, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports the efforts
of these workers to preserve their jobs and prioritize the retention of these important
employees who advance academic achievement and cutting-edge research which has
made California a leader in education and innovation.

Resolution 23-05.065
Resolution Recognizing Captain Victor J. Glover, Jr.’s Achievements in
Aeronautics and Congratulating Him on Piloting NASA’s Artemis II Mission
WHEREAS, NASA’s Artemis II mission will fly around the moon and back in the first
manned space mission beyond low Earth orbit in over 50 years and will be farther into
space than any humans have ever traveled, and this mission will validate the systems,
capabilities, and techniques necessary for humans to live and work in deep space, a
truly historic journey; and

WHEREAS, Victor J. Glover, Jr., will make history as the first person of color to embark
on such a mission when he pilots the Artemis II leading a crew of three other team
members; and

WHEREAS, Glover, who joins 12 other California astronauts, grew up in Pomona and
attended high school in Ontario, has a rich history of accomplishments; he was selected
in 2013 as one of eight members of the 21st NASA astronaut class, lived in space on
the ISS for 167 days as part of a long-duration mission, but before all those
accomplishments was a high school athlete, an engineering student with a Bachelor of
Science in General Engineering, a Master of Science in Flight Test Engineering, a Master
of Science in Systems Engineering and a Master of Military Operational Art and Science,
a pilot in the Navy who flew in combat and peacetime and tested aircraft including
3,000 flight hours in more than 40 aircraft, over 400 carrier arrested landings and 24
combat missions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party recognizes the
accomplishments of California native Victor J. Glover, Jr. and recognizes this event’s
historical significance to the Black community, the state of California, the Pomona Valley, and the Inland Empire;

Resolution 23-05.089
Standing with Democracy In Opposition to the Rise of Right-Wing and Religious Nationalism
WHEREAS; some right-wing nationalist or religious nationalist governments have been elected in a number of democracies including Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, the Philippines, Poland, Turkey, Tunisia, and Ethiopia, and far-right parties have emerged in Brazil, Sweden, Costa Rica, Norway, Germany, France, and the United Kingdom, even the United States Republican Party has been transformed into a far-right nationalist party; and
Whereas many of these nationalist governments have used deception and demagoguery to obtain slim, temporary legislative majorities, and once in power, sought to persecute marginalized communities, women, and LGBTQ persons, disempower labor rights and eliminate or reduce the power of an independent judiciary to protect civil rights, eliminate political dissent, and impose narrow religious restrictions on society at large much as some authoritarian or theocratic governments have; and Whereas vibrant democracies depend on equal protection of the law for all citizens, an independent judiciary, and the right of dissent, the answer to the rise of far-right nationalism, like the rise of Trump in the United States, is to support leadership change through the restoration of democracy and voter empowerment through citizen activism, not violent overthrow or imposition.
Therefore be it resolved that the California Democratic Party firmly supports that democratic governments include an independent judiciary that interprets law without political interference and
Be it further resolved, that the California Democratic Party stands in solidarity with the citizens of every country speaking out to protect their democracies and marginalized communities, and their right to protest against all oppression in every form.

Resolution 23-07.007
Protecting Children from the Negative Social and Mental Health Consequences of Social Media
WHEREAS, research indicates that social media contributes to a mental health crisis among school-aged children, whose brains are particularly susceptible to social media addiction, rendering them a profitable demographic for social media platforms; and
WHEREAS, social media addiction negatively impacts children’s mental health leading to reduced curiosity, diminished self-control, increased distractibility, challenges in forming friendships, emotional instability, and difficulty with task completion; moreover, it fosters pressure to adhere to unrealistic standards of beauty, wealth, and popularity, enables cyberbullying, and promotes eating disorders, resulting in lower self-esteem and other severe mental health issues; and
WHEREAS, on March 13, 2023, the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools filed a lawsuit against social media companies, including YouTube Inc., Snap Inc., and TikTok Inc. alleging these companies used sophisticated artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies to intentionally
design their platforms to be addictive and disseminate harmful content to the youth and
optimized their platforms' underlying algorithms and features to exploit youth
vulnerabilities, resulting in increased ad revenues through the targeting of children and
adolescents;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party supports protecting
children and adolescents from the negative social and mental health consequences of
social media created by corporations that deliberately target young people.

Resolution 23-07.011
In Solidarity with SAG-AFTRA and WGA Strike For Fair Wages, Safe Working
Conditions, and Protection of Their Creative Rights
WHEREAS, the vital contributions of the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of
Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) and the Writers Guild of America (WGA) serve
as the backbone of the entertainment industry; and SAG-AFTRA and WGA members
face significant challenges in their pursuit of fair wages, safe working conditions; and
WHEREAS, this strike goes much deeper than any action before, due to the rise and
increased use of generative Artificial Intelligence (genAI) in the industry to derive new
content from the work of actors, artists, and writers; bringing into question issues of
intellectual property rights and copyright issues; and future loss of work in several
creative professions due to AI generated scripts, actors, live action and animated
artwork, cinematography, sets, costume designs, synthetic make-up and hair, sound
generation, visual effects and post-production; and lost revenues in extended
economies and
WHEREAS, the ongoing negotiations between the industry employers and SAG-AFTRA
and the WGA have reached an impasse, and the unions have been left with no choice
but to exercise their right to strike;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party stands in
unwavering solidarity with SAG-AFTRA and WGA members in their strike for fair wages;
and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports safe working
conditions, and protection of their livelihoods, likeness, and creative works from the
misuse of genAI.

Resolution 23-05.021
Tribal Co-Management of The Jackson Demonstration State Forest
WHEREAS The Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF), located in Mendocino
County, California, has been managed by CAL FIRE as a commercial timberland since
1949 under the direction of the Board of Forestry and by mandate, the Jackson
Demonstration State Forest is to demonstrate commercial logging for the benefit of the
People of California; and
WHEREAS JDSF is the ancestral territory of the Northern Pomo and Coast Yuki Peoples
who have lived on and managed the land since time immemorial, and their
management protected healthy old-growth forest that existed prior to European
colonization, such forests play an important role in reducing carbon emissions by
sequestering or storing significant amounts of carbon, the forest also contains cultural
sites that are sacred to the Northern Pomo and Coast Yuki Peoples; and
WHEREAS Governor Newsom has set new policy giving California tribes’ co-
management of and access to natural lands under the control of the State of California,
this policy sets a new perspective on State Forest management, and since JDSF is the
largest of the Demonstration Forests in California, successful implementation of this
policy at JDSF is crucial to restoring the relationship between California tribes and the
conservation of their ancestral lands;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports a new
perspective on State Forest management, one that respects the relationship between
California Tribes and their ancestral lands, one that gives native peoples co-
management rights and access to sacred lands under the control of the State of
California, and a perspective that includes California Tribes as partners in
stewardship and conservation of the land; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports
successfully restoring the relationship between California Tribes and their ancestral
lands at the Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

Resolution 23-05.049
Improving Access to Healthcare Choices in Rural Agricultural California
WHEREAS, rural agricultural communities in California face unique healthcare
challenges and have some of the highest rates of poverty and lack access to adequate
healthcare, and many rural communities in California lack necessary options in
affordable healthcare for its diverse community, which not only limits access to care,
but also, contributes to poorer health outcomes and quality of health; and
WHEREAS, many California rural agricultural communities face limited access and
quality affordable healthcare related to facility and community-based clinic closures and
lack of provider and specialty coverage due to unsustainable reimbursement rates, poor
management, or even exclusionary contracts that cause anticompetitive practices in
community health; and
WHEREAS, conservative majorities in rural areas pose further challenges to access to
reproductive health services by opposing approval of abortion facilities;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports improving
access to quality healthcare choices in rural and agricultural areas of California as part
of our commitment to achieving healthcare as a fundamental right for all Californians.

Resolution 23-05.050
Holding Fox News and Right-Wing Media Accountable
WHEREAS, the settlement between Dominion Voting Systems and the Fox News
Channel revealed shocking revelations about the internal operations at Fox News that
demonstrate an established pattern and practice of disregard for the truth in their
reporting; and
WHEREAS, along with Fox News, numerous other right-wing media outlets have
contributed to undermining the public’s trust in our democratic institutions and in news
media in general, by irresponsibly and repeatedly broadcasting baseless allegations of
election fraud,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports efforts to
hold Fox News and right wing media outlets accountable for engaging in the spread of
baseless election misinformation and other fake news that undermines faith in our
democratic institutions; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports and
maintains its commitment to honest journalism, the cornerstone of a well-informed
democracy, a fundamental tool to stopping attacks on our democracy.

Resolution 23-07.012
Restoration of Funding for Older Adult School Classes in California
WHEREAS, educational programs for older adults are an affordable and effective method
to prevent isolation, promote healthy aging, and reduce the risk of dementia by 18%,
while saving state funds by improving healthy life expectancy; and
WHEREAS, California provided free, state-funded educational programs for seniors via
adult schools and community colleges from 1950 until 2013 until the funding for these
programs was entirely eliminated for adult schools and began being reduced for
community colleges in 2013; and
WHEREAS, the California Masterplan for Aging aims to establish an inclusive and equitable
California for all age groups by 2030, with a focus on preventing senior isolation, and that
adult schools and community colleges still have the capacity to offer education specifically
designed for older adults to fulfill the goals of the Masterplan on Aging;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports the
restoration of funding and the resumption of programs that support older adult education
and lifelong learning, given their evident health and social benefits.

Resolution 23-07.016
Calling for Smart Prison Closures
WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party believes in providing individuals with access
to vocational programs, rehabilitative programs, educational opportunities, and family
support while incarcerated, and advocates for the proximity of incarcerated individuals
to their homes to enable family assistance and participation in vocational, educational,
rehabilitation, and re-entry services while incarcerated; and
WHEREAS, the Governor has proposed two prison closures in 2023 and 2024, and
additional Yard Closures, impacting access to vital career training services, including
medical and mental health services; and
WHEREAS, not all prisons offer a full array of rehabilitative services, so the loss of
additional services further worsens the overall prison system in the state;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports ensuring
all individuals housed within California prison facilities have access to positive
vocational, educational, rehabilitation, and re-entry services, with minimal disruption
caused by prison yard closures.

Resolution 23-07.019
Protecting People in Proximity to Former and Current Industrial Sites
WHEREAS proximity to former and current industrial sites which store, use, and create
hazardous contaminants and pollutants (i.e. hazardous waste collection sites, urban oil
operations, oil refineries, residential projects approved for construction on
unremediated industrial sites) can affect the air, soil, and/or water surrounding their
site in ways that are hazardous to human health; and
WHEREAS industrial contamination and pollution are associated with greater risks of health conditions such as asthma, cancers, birth defects, neurological damage, cardiovascular damage, respiratory problems, skin issues, blood disorders, reproductive issues, and other perception of poor health in members of the communities that live and work in close proximity to industrial sites; and
WHEREAS communities living and working in proximity to industrial sites are predominantly more financially vulnerable, making the financial and time impacts of seeking treatment for health conditions resulting from industrial contamination and pollution an additional source of hardship;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports protecting the health of communities exposed to hazardous contaminants and pollutants through the promotion of the highest standards of safety; increased frequency and transparency of reporting to at-risk residents; the use of safer chemicals and practices where alternatives exist; and support of those who have been affected by their hazardous contaminants and pollutants; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports transparency and public access to information regarding industrial contaminants exposure and associated potential health impacts for residents and workers in close proximity to contaminated and polluted industrial sites.
I. The Committee was called to order at 1:41pm. A roll call established a quorum with 20 members present.

II. M/S/P to adopt meeting agenda as amended - Add two items under New Business:
1. Referrals from the legislation committee regarding jurisdiction over ACAs and SCAs
2. Policy on virtual meetings

III. Review of Bylaws amendments to be considered on Sunday
A. Amendment to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3g(2) (Pre-Endorsing Conferences)
B. Amendment to CDP Bylaws Articles V and VIII to codify the power of the Rules Committee to recommend that endorsements of a particular County Committee shall be come the endorsement of the DSCC
C. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article III, Section 4(b)(c)(d), Article IV, Section 7, Article VIII, Section 3(g)4 re responsibilities of Regional Directors
D. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article XI (Special Group Caucuses)

A. Amendment to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3g(2) to allow electronic voting in pre-endorsement conferences
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-endorsement 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.

B. Amendment to CDP Bylaws Articles V and VIII to codify the power and current practice of the Rules Committee to recommend that endorsements of a particular County Committee be the endorsement of the DSCC

ARTICLE V: STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES
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Section 5. STANDING COMMITTEE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
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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.

STRIKE ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 4 B(1) & C AND REPLACE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Section 4. NONPARTISAN OFFICES

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 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:

(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.

C. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article III, Section 4(b)(c)(d), Article IV, Section 7, Article VIII, Section 3(g)(d) - proposal by CDP Staff to clarify and update Regional Director responsibilities in various provisions of the Bylaws as amended

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 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 c-g b-f.
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 working with developing, assisting, and coordinating the County Central Committees, Clubs, and other Democratic organizations within their region, upon their request, 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. M/S/P to recommend that the phrase “upon their request” be deleted from the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

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

e. When a voice or standing vote is taken at a meeting of This Committee, it shall be the duty of Regional Directors to monitor their delegation to insure that only those eligible are voting.

ARTICLE VIII:

Section 3 (g)4. PARTISAN PUBLIC OFFICES OTHER THAN PRESIDENT

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 (as determined by a majority of the Statewide Officers of This Committee), by a person designated by the State Chair. The State Chair shall designate a Chair and a Secretary for each Regional pre-endorsing conference.

D. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article XI (Special Group Caucuses)

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, 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, 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
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.

g. 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. The Executive Board may only overturn the recommendation by majority vote. In the event the Rules Committee makes 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 de-certify, 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.

IV. M/S/P to adopt Convention Rules and Tentative Agenda for 2023 November Convention with amendments indicated:

**RULES FOR THE 2023 NOVEMBER CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION**

1. The Officers of the Convention shall be the Officers of the Democratic State Central Committee.
2. The Chair of This Committee shall be the Chair of the Convention and the Secretary of This Committee shall be Secretary of the Convention. In the absence of the Chair of This Committee, the Vice-Chair of This Committee of the self-identified gender other than that of the Chair, shall serve as the Presiding Officer and Chair of the Convention.
3. Delegates to the Convention shall be those delegates (Democratic State Central Committee Members) who were duly credentialed to the 2023 May California Democratic Party Convention subject to the provisions for replacement and filling of vacancies set forth in the By-Laws, and received by the State Party Sacramento office by 12:00 PM, September 15, 2023.
4. Seating of the delegates shall be by Assembly District within Region.
5. No one will be admitted to the Convention floor who is not a delegate, or proxy holder, except by special authorization of the State Chair.
6. Credentialing will close at posted times, unless special circumstances exist. At that time, consideration will be given by the Credentials Committee, which can stay open or reopen credentialing. In order to vote, and have one’s vote counted, at this Convention, a member must be qualified to vote for that specific office per This Committee’s Bylaws and have timely:
   a) paid their annual DSCC dues and registration fee (or had them waived, by request from the DSCC Member) to This Committee,
   b) registered for the meeting, if registration was required,
   c) obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing,
   d) completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued, and
   e) agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, prior to the close of credentialing.
7. Proxies will be subject to the provision set forth in the By-Laws.
8. The Credentials Committee shall issue its final report and provide the official voting list of delegates to the CDP Staff subsequent to the close of credentialing.
9. Candidates seeking statewide endorsement must submit a complete application by October 13, 2023 at Noon. The Chair, in consultation with the Statewide Officers of this Committee, will determine which Democratic candidates for Statewide Offices are viable and eligible to seek the endorsement.
10. Requests to hang signs, banners, and placards must be submitted before the Convention to the Convention Coordinator. A fee may be charged per sign, banner, and/or placard at the determination of the Chair of This Committee.

11. The purpose of this Convention is primarily the adoption of a Party Platform, endorsement of district-level and statewide partisan offices, and possible statewide ballot propositions on the 2024 ballot as deemed appropriate. All other Party or State matters, reports, etc. will or will not be considered at Convention as determined by the State Chair. Matters not heard at the Convention will be received by staff for the Secretary and held over to the next meeting of the Executive Board. All resolutions submitted will be held over to the next Executive Board meeting.

12. The Chair, in consultation with the Rules Committee Co-Chairs, may promulgate administrative procedures relating to voter assistance for the legislative endorsement balloting as appropriate.

13. In all cases at this Convention, proxies shall vote in districts where the delegate is registered to vote.


15. In general, motions subject to floor debate, whether via committee reports or from the floor, shall be subject to the following limits on debate. There shall be three (3) speakers on each side of a motion, including the maker of the motion, and each speaker shall be limited to one (1) minute each, plus one (1) additional minute for those speakers with speech impairments, using translation services or ASL. These rules may be suspended by a motion to amend these limits on debate, but such a motion shall not be debatable and may only apply to the specific motion before the body.

16. Any matter not provided for in these rules or the California Democratic Party By-Laws and Rules shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order.

PROCEDURES FOR THE AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE 2024 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM
Rule 17. The Platform Committee’s Draft Report shall be sent to all Convention delegates no later than September 20, 2023.
A. AMENDMENT PROCESSES: The Platform is a statement of principles and any amendments must be germane to the Platform. If any delegate wishes to amend the Draft Platform, then the delegate shall follow the process outlined below:

1. Each delegate must submit, in writing, to be received by the CDP Sacramento Office no later than October 11, 2023, at 5 PM, the delegate’s written amendments to the Platform Committee’s Draft Report. Said written amendments must be signed by five (5) different Members of the Democratic State Central Committee, one (1) each from five (5) different Assembly Districts or five (5) registered Democrats (one of whom must be a Member of the Democratic State Central Committee), one (1) each from five (5) different Assembly Districts and must include their addresses, phone numbers, and the Assembly District in which they reside; one, and only one, of which shall be identified as the sponsor of the amendment. Any amendment must additionally contain the following: 1a) whether the delegate submitted the proposed amendment or an amendment with substantially similar language
during the open written testimony period ending on August 19, 2023, at 5 PM; 1b) if not, why not; and, 2) why the current Platform draft language does not address the proposed amendment.
(a) The Platform Committee shall meet in person or virtually by Saturday, November 4, 2023, to consider all written amendments submitted with five (5) valid signatures. The Platform Committee, at its pleasure, may take any additional testimony it desires and may, by majority vote, adopt an amendment or any part thereof. Should any amendment or any part thereof be adopted, then said amendment shall become part of the Platform Committee’s Draft Report.
(b) If said amendment, or part thereof, is not adopted, then said amendment may be brought to the floor of the Convention only if all the submission and certification provisions of Rule 16, Section A.2. of these Rules are met.
(c) All amendments, or any parts thereof, which are adopted by the Platform Committee shall be made available to all delegates at the Convention, promptly after the Saturday Platform meeting.
2. An amendment which had been timely submitted by October 11, 2023, at 5 PM, but failing to be adopted in its original form, may be submitted by its sponsor in writing, in whole or part thereof, to the Secretary of the Convention no later than Saturday, November 17, 2023, at 5 PM on a form provided by California Democratic Party Platform staff. Said amendment must be signed by no fewer than three hundred (300) credentialed delegates to the Convention (or their qualified credentialed proxies) whose signatures shall be collected after the Saturday Platform meeting of the Convention and must contain the name, phone numbers, Assembly District, and signature of the original sponsor of the amendment. Any amendment must additionally contain the following: 1a) whether the delegate submitted the proposed amendment or an amendment with substantially similar language during the open written testimony period ending on August 19, 2023, at 5 PM; 1b) if not, why not; and, 2) why the current Platform draft language does not address the proposed amendment.
(a) The Secretary of the Convention shall certify each amendment by determining that no fewer than three hundred (300) delegate signatures are valid.
(b) No later than 6:30 PM on Saturday, November 17, 2023, the Platform Committee shall meet to review each amendment certified by the Secretary of the Convention. All sponsors of each amendment must attend this meeting; failure to do so shall void the submission of the amendment unless excused by majority vote of the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee may, at its pleasure, take any additional testimony it desires and may, by majority vote, adopt said amendment, or any part thereof. Should any amendment, or any part thereof, be adopted, then said amendment shall become part of the Platform Committee’s Draft Report.
(c) If said amendment is not adopted in its entirety, then the amendment or any part not adopted, shall be introduced to the full Convention for debate and vote. However, the sponsor of the amendment may, at any time, withdraw the amendment from consideration by the Platform Committee or the Convention delegates.
(d) All amendments, or any part thereof, which are adopted by the Platform Committee shall be made available to each delegate at the time that they enter the Convention Hall for Sunday morning session.
B. ADOPTION PROCESS
1. On Sunday, November 19, 2023 the Platform Committee shall present its Draft Report to the Convention for its approval. The Convention shall follow the below-listed procedures when considering the Draft Report and amendments thereto:
(a) The Draft Platform Report shall be presented by the Lead Co-Chairs of the Platform Committee or their designees.
(b) As each report is completed, the Lead Co-Chairs of the Platform Committee or their designees shall call on each sponsor of an amendment to present their amendment and said presentation shall be no longer than three (3) minutes.
(c) After each amendment has been presented by its sponsor, then the opponents of the amendments shall have three (3) minutes to present their position. Debate will be automatically closed unless a motion is made to extend debate and adopted by a majority vote. Said extension shall not exceed three (3) minutes equally divided between opponents and proponents to the amendments.
(d) Following the debate on the amendment, delegates shall vote on the amendment.

2. Following the presentation of each report and after the amendments have been voted on, then the delegates shall, by majority vote, adopt or reject each report. The final report of the Convention shall be known as the California Democratic Party Platform.

3. The co-chairs of the Platform Committee are authorized to make any punctuation, grammatical, or spelling changes as needed in the Final Report.

2023 California Democratic Party State Endorsing Convention
Tentative Agenda November 2023
Note - Caucus meetings, workshops, training, and other activities will be added to this agenda as presenters and speakers are developed and confirmed. The time frames are subject to change at the discretion of the Chair. Standing Committee meetings will be added to the schedule in consultation with the Chair and Committee leads. All agenda items and times are subject to change.

Friday, November 17, 2023
7:30-9:15am Caucus Meeting (set 1)
8:00am Training Session - Tentative
10:00am Platform Committee
11:00am-1:00pm Finance Committee
1:00-3:00pm Credentials Committee
1:00-3:00pm Legislation Committee
1:00-3:00pm Organizing Committee
3:00-8:30pm Credentialing / Registration
3:00pm Training Session - Tentative
4:00pm Rules Committee Meeting
4:30-6:15pm Caucus meeting (set 2)
5:30pm Resolutions Committee (Statewide Propositions Only)
7:00-8:45pm Caucus Meeting (set 3)
10:15pm-12am Hospitality Suites

Saturday, November 18, 2023
7:30am-9:15am Caucus Meeting (set 4)
9:00am-1:00pm Credentialing / Registration
10:00am-12:00pm General Session I
12:00pm-1:30pm CADEM Organizing Actions
1:30pm-3:30pm General Session II
3:30pm                     Standing Committee Meetings
4:00pm-5:00pm              Legislative Endorsing Caucuses
5:00pm-8:00pm              Endorsement Voting/Balloting
6:00-8:00pm                CADEM Dinner
7:00-8:45pm                Caucus Meeting (set 5)
10:15pm-12am               Hospitality Suites

Sunday, November 19, 2023
9:00am-10:00am             Credentialing / Registration
10:00am                     General Session III
  ● Ratification of 2024 Endorsements
  ● Adoption of Platform
  ● Standing Committee Reports

V. Receive and file Review of recommendations for Recertification of the 19 CDP Caucuses to be considered on Sunday - Recommending full recertification of the Arab-American Caucus after the completion of minor changes, and the provisional recertification of the other 18 caucuses.

VI. Subcommittee Reports
A. Received oral report of Caucuses Subcommittee
B. Miscellaneous Items Subcommittee reported on processing of Margot Tenenbaum proposal relating to member removal provisions and Christopher Duvali proposal relating to the Compliance Review Commission (CRC):
C. Officers, Elections, Duties, Etc. Subcommittee reported on Joshua De Leon Proposal regarding a ranked choice voting process to Statewide Officer Elections and Regional Director elections and Christopher Duvali Proposal to amend Article III, Section 1
D. Standing Committees Subcommittee report on Maria Alegria Proposal regarding conflict of interest provisions

VII. M/S/P to receive and file Subcommittee and Caucus Recertification Assignments

VIII. M/S/P to receive and file the following CRC Decisions:
A. Kendra Lewis against CDP Black Caucus
B. David Ross against CDP Progressive Caucus
C. Juan Vazquez against CDP Chicano Latino Caucus
D. Eugene Fields against CDP Black Caucus

IX. New Business
A. M/S/P to refer to Miscellaneous Subcommittee - Staff Proposal on Policy regarding In-Person v. Virtual Meetings
B. M/S/P to refer to Standing Committees Subcommittee - Legislations Committee referral re jurisdiction over ACAs and SCAs

X. M/S/P to adjourn 3:46pm
I. The Committee was called to order at 6:35pm. A roll call established a quorum with 22 members present. 3 members joined the meeting in progress

II. M/S/P to adopt the agenda

III. Review of Bylaws amendments to be considered at August EBoard
   1. Amendments to CDP Bylaws article XI (Special Group Caucuses)

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; 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 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) 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, 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, LGBTQQ, 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.

2. Amendment to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3g(2) (Pre-Endorsing Conferences)

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-endorsement 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.
3. Amendment to CDP Bylaws Articles V and VIII to codify the power of the Rules Committee to recommend that endorsements of particular County Committees shall be the endorsement of the DSCC

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ARTICLE V: STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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Section 5. STANDING COMMITTEE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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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.

STRIKE ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 4 B(1) & C AND REPLACE AS FOLLOWS:

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 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:**

(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.

IV. Subcommittee Reports
A. Caucuses Subcommittee

V. Proposed Bylaws Amendments
A. M/S/P to approve proposal by CDP Staff to clarify and update Regional Director responsibilities in various provisions of the Bylaws as amended

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 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 c–g, b–f.

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 working with the County Central Committees, Clubs, and other Democratic organizations within their region, upon their request, 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.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS
Section 7. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES, VOTING, AND PUBLICATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT
e. When a voice or standing vote is taken at a meeting of This Committee, it shall be the duty of Regional Directors to monitor their delegation to insure that only those eligible are voting.

ARTICLE VIII:
Section 3 (g)4. PARTISAN PUBLIC OFFICES OTHER THAN PRESIDENT
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 (as determined by a majority of the Statewide Officers of This Committee), by a person designated by the State Chair. The State Chair shall designate a Chair and a Secretary for each Regional pre-endorsing conference.

B. M/S/P to refer Proposal by Maria Alegria relating to conflicts of interest in; Article III, Section 1, Article II, Section 12 and Article V, Section 4 to the Subcommittee on Standing Committees

VI. Received review of 2021-2023 Subcommittee Assignments

VII. M/S/P Adjourn at 8:00pm

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General Session began with music welcoming Democrats and having an on screen display list thanking the 2022DEM donors.

Assemblymember Elect Cory Jackson: Lead with the Pledge of Allegiance

Lara Larramendi: Co-Chair, Credentials Committee: 
Lara gave a credentials preliminary report: 274 registered delegates, 69%, (quorum is 100 delegates). Final report for a vote will be at the November 20, 2022 general session.

Chair, Rusty Hicks: Welcomed the delegates and thanked each category of individuals on saving democracy, assisting in California remaining one of the bluest states in the nation by the races that were won up and down the state. Rusty suggested that we take a moment to celebrate some important victories and get ready to do more on the ground organizing in the coming days.

State Senator Maria Elena Durazo: Thanked the delegates and colleagues on the passing of Prop 1 which will protect abortion and contraception that passed overwhelmingly. Senator Durazo said that Californians voted 2 to 1. The Senator also acknowledged the election of Karen Bass, the first women Mayor to be elected to Los Angeles.

Los Angeles Mayor Elect Karen Bass: Thanked State Senator Maria Elena Durazo for her leadership. Mayor Elect Bass said the she was elected Mayor because of the California Democratic Party and she was clear about that. We beat back a 108 million dollars because LA was not going to turn our city over to a fake democrat and now we have to govern and she asked for continuing support. Swearing-in will be December 22, 2022.
Lorena Gonzales, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, California Labor Federation: Acknowledged Karen Bass as the 1st Black woman Mayor of Los Angeles as well as other labor members winning their elections. Lorena spoke about making trips to Nevada to assist in the elections there. She also mentioned working with Plan Parenthood, Prop 1 and stands with the workers.

Jae Masino, CADEM Youth Vote Manager: Gave a snapshot of her background. She stated she has 2 lesbian parents and she feels lucky to be in a space where she can now say that. She is honored to be in this role and invest in young people. Jae stated that she loves organizing working with fellows and interns.

CADEM Southern CA Organizing Manager, Andrea Guzman: Andrea stated that she has a great team that has grown. We must build on the process we make on each cycle.

CADEM Northern CA Organizing Manager, Sue Hilderbrand: Sue reported that we knocked on doors, make phone calls into our targeted and non-targeted districts. We will continue to prepare for the 2024 cycle with regional organizing councils and central committees and will start working across county lines. Some acknowledgments were shared: 2022 cycle-162 dialers to campaigns to GOTV phone calls and Prop 1, over 7,000 volunteer shifts completed, and 3 million calls made, sent out 4 million two hundred thousand text messages and there were 64,000 1 on one conversations with voters.

CADEM Central CA Organizing Manager Cassandra Chavez: Cassandra said that she is working on the Rudy Sales race (CD 22) which is a Red to Blue race. They are also during ballot curing and looking for volunteers in addition to helping in several ways to get involved working in Georgia to help Senator Warnock.

Betty Yee, CDP Vice: Thanked everyone about all that we have accomplished together and to continue our work together. She gave a list of our accomplishments and all the goals and roles we have going forward. We have a lot at stake and a lot to celebrate. Betty introduced Cartonise Lawson-Wilson, Organizing Director for the Warnock campaign to lead us into our phone banking dialer training for Senator Warnock in Georgia.
**Cartonise Lawson-Wilson Organizing Director:** for the Warnock campaign. She talked about the dialer phone banking training and what to expect. She introduced slides and a video for The Hubdialer what it is, how to use it and addressed questions.

**Yvette Martinez, CDP Executive Director:** Thanked the Organizing Team and talked about a form sharing plans for people who would like to go to Georgia. Yvette introduced the Chair of the Democratic Party of Georgia and also a Congresswoman Nikema Williams. While waiting for Ms. Williams to come on screen, our Chair Rusty Hicks spoke about moving forward and how important the seat in Georgia is and due to the delay that may be another 15 minutes let’s log off and start making phone calls.

**Congresswoman Nikema Williams:** joined the meeting and thanked the California delegates and said how grateful she was for our role in being with Georgia making the calls to get Senator Warnock over the line for the 51st senate vote.

Saturday’s meeting general session ended with remarks from the Chair of the Democratic Party of Georgia and Congresswoman Nikema Williams.

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General Session began with music and displaying on screen procedures via zoom, e.g., dial-in access, voting, tally vote results, update zoom app, delegate recognition, floor discussion, speaker order.

Chair, Rusty Hicks: Welcomed the delegates and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the LGBTQ shooting in Colorado Springs on the eve of Transgender Day of Remembrance. Chair Hicks also thanked everyone for their work and reported that the JEDI committee will not have a formal report today under agenda item E. Chair Hicks invited CDP officers David Campos, Vice Chair and Interim Secretary Diana Love for some remarks.

David Campos, Vice Chair: Complimented the Interim Secretary Diana Love for her work by hitting the ground running since she was elected and welcomed her to the team. David stated that he is a member of the LGBTQ community and reflected on the importance of the work that the CDP is doing. David spoke about the push back of The Red Wave, targeted areas to come in the next cycle, the work of Latinos, people of color and the needs of those communities.

Diana Love, Interim Secretary: Spoke about having a heavy heart as we reflect on the LGBTQ shooting in Colorado. Diana continued by thanking everyone for their volunteerism. Diana then spoke directly to the delegates and members in her region where she lives, the Antelope Valley and High Desert and surrounding communities to thank all that worked on campaigns. She stated her appreciation to them including CDP staff and officers for their contributions. Diana stated that for the first time the AV had several democrats that were elected, approx. 5 seats (as we wait on more results) and maybe more to come. There is a new Assembly seat AD 39 that will be held by Assemblymember Elect Juan Carrillo in the AV, we are making history.

Chair, Rusty Hicks: Introduced the Operations Director, Emma Harper to walk us through the voting procedures and rules for debate, along with other committees to give their committee reports.
**Lara Larramendi, Lead Co-Chair, Credentials Committee:**
Lara reported, 274 out of 398 registered delegates, 69%, (quorum is 100 delegates).
Adoption, Credentials Report, MSP

**Coby King, Rules Committee Lead Co-Chair:** Review of the rules for debate.
Adopt rules for debate, MSP.
Coby further spoke on various components of the rules report and highlights from the 2 meetings, one in October and one this past Friday. Coby referred to the 7 bylaw amendments that are before the Eboard that was noticed and posted online, including bylaws amendments pending at the July meeting, along with the ADEM procedures clarifying rights and responsibilities of Caucuses for 2023. Coby went over the language that the Rules Cte. has specific authorities. See Article 5, Section 5, Sub-section H, 9-10–Powers of the Rules Committee. Questions, discussion and debate took place.

Amendments--Page 2 of the floor packet, location of the amendments:
Each amendment was presented
Adoption to Amendments No 1-7,--MSP

Adoption to Article 11, re-write on Caucuses certification to recertification process for 2023. After pro and con debate on the caucus amendment and suggestive language revision brought forth by Ruth Carter, Senior Caucus Chair, a vote was taken. (Majority vote-89-87) Motion to refer back to the Rules Committee for further consideration and clarification.

Adoption on the main motion-- (2/3 vote needed) 108-69, motion failed, item was sent back to the Rules committee.

Adopt Rules Committee Report--MSP

**Chair, Rusty Hicks:** Thanked the Rules Committee and Introduced April Verrett, CDP Controller. Rusty also thanked April and congratulated her on her new role as Secretary-Treasurer to SEIU International and presented a congratulations video.
April Verrett, CDP Controller: April thanked the entire party and the young democrats across the state. She stated that the finance committee met and approved the 2023 operating budget and will continue to promote grassroots fundraising. The Donate Every Month and the Trail-Raiser program together raised over $225,000 in small donor donations this cycle. April encouraged members to sign up and donate for any and all of the 2024 programs. The committee also approved the candidate filing fees for 2023-2024 increases for, State Assembly-$400, Congress-$500, Senate-$650, Board of Equalization, $1,000 and the U.S. Senate to $3,000.
Adoption, Finance Report—MSP

Agi Kessler and Brandn Zavala, Lead Co-Chairs: Thanked the committee and addressed questions regarding reaffirmation.

Brandon Zavala, Lead Co-Chair: Presented the consent calendar and explained the process for the matrix.
Adoption, Resolutions Consent Calendar—MSP

Kareem Gongora, JEDI Committee and Izeah Garcia, Rules Committee (Redistricting and Hoc Committee) gave a report on re-districting. Established in April 2022, (5 members from each standing committee) for the re-districting of the regions.

Kareem --Gave an overview of the committee and how it is comprised. The committees outreach plan included virtual public forums July 21-August 2, 2022 and an online submission form gathering comments, testimonies and written responses. A first draft map was created then hosted another virtual public forum on Sept 13th along with a general consensus to move forward. A final draft map was proposed on Sept 16th to move forward.

Izeah--Gave a report of the boundaries of the regions per the bylaws as to the make-up of the regions to increase the State of California reapportionment for representation. Questions, remarks and comments were recognized. Both Co-Chairs thanked the committee members.

Adoption, AD Hoc Report, MSP
**AJ Thomas and Margie Grando, Legislation Lead Co-Chairs:** AJ thanked the committee. Margie presented the consent calendar and 3 bills were presented with unanimous committee position support.

Adoption, Legislation Report—MSP

**Julie Walters, Lead Co-Chair, Organizing Committee:** Julie said that we started a new pathway in organizing actual actions. Contacted in total 3 million votes, 64,000 direct conversations, over 4.2 million text messages to voters, 12 different rallies to reach college age students and supported 90 candidates for the federal, state and local levels. We must continue work to build California and to work in other parts of the nation to build democratic power.

**Chair, Rusty Hicks: Acknowledgment:** Presentation with an on screen In-Memoriam listing names of CDP members that have passed, whose memory we uphold by walking in their footsteps to continue to do the work.

**Organization Reports:**

**Diane Lee, President, California Young Democrats:** cayoungdems.com. Diane stated that there was an uptick in young voters and they endorsed almost 140 candidates that included young democrats at the local level. CYD also for the first time through their small grant program were able to provide financial support for GOTV effort for their chapters and caucuses. Diane said that the CYD is scheduled to have an in-person winter retreat in early January 2023.

**Bridget Hungley, Computer and Internet Caucus Chair:** The theme was WE CARE, e.g. clean energy, protect our forest, seniors, Prop 1, veterans, house of labor, small business, Medicare, hate and more.
Christine Pelosi, DNC: Thanked everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers about her father who is recovering from the in-home violence attack that happened at her parent’s home.

Christine stated that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will not be seeking a new term as House Democratic Leader and she will continue to be a voice representing San Francisco. Christine mentioned Pete Aguilar, Hakeem Jefferies and Kathleen Clark as 3 new top leadership members in the House of Representatives. The DNC is also curing ballots for other candidates. She report that in Maryland they have elected the 1st African American Governor in Maryland. Christine stated that the DNC will be seeking input for what we do with the Presidential nominating process and to contact your DNC members.

Chair, Rusty Hicks: Closed the meeting with thanks and included the ASL interpreters and reminders for upcoming dates.

Motion to adjourn. MSP

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