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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:

<https://cadem.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2024-Model-Delegate-Selection-Plan-1.pdf>

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%.

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.

CA State Assembly		
Bill Number	Author	Status
AB 1	Asm. Mckinnor	Support
AB 12	Asm. Haney	Support
AB 39	Asm. Grayson	Support
AB 51	Asm. Bonta	Support
AB 83	Asm. Lee	Support
AB 238	Asm. Muratsuchi	Support
AB 249	Asm. Holden	Support
AB 259	Asm. Lee	Support
AB 270	Asm. Lee	Support
AB 280	Asm. Holden	Support
AB 309	Asm. Lee	Support
AB 316	Asm. Aguiar-Curry	Support
AB 318	Asm. Addis	Support
AB 338	Asm. Aguiar-Curry	Support
AB 372	Asm. Nguyen	Support
AB 373	Asm. Gibson	Support
AB 374	Asm. Haney	Support
AB 418	Asm. Gabriel	Support
AB 421	Asm. Bryan	Support
AB 447	Asm. Arambula	Support
AB 504	Asm. Reyes	Support
AB 521	Asm. Bauer-Kahan	Support
AB 545	Asm. Pellerin	Support
AB 555	Asm. Juan Carrillo	Support
AB 593	Asm. Haney	Support
AB 631	Asm. Hart	Support
AB 659	Asm. Aguiar-Curry	Support
AB 752	Asm. Rubio	Support
AB 779	Asm. Wilson	Support
AB 800	Asm. Ortega	Support
AB 969	Asm. Pellerin	Support
AB 1060	Asm. Ortega	Support

CA State Assembly (continued)		
Bill Number	Author	Status
AB 1167	Asm. Wendy Carrillo	Support
AB 1185	Asm. Gabriel	Support

AB 1218	Asm. Lowenthal	Support
AB 1248	Asm. Bryan	Support
AB 1335	Asm. Zbur	Support
AB 1418	Asm. McKinnor	Support
AB 1470	Asm. Quirk-Silva	Support
AB 1567	Asm. Garcia	Support
AB 1620	Asm. Zbur	Support
AB 1672	Asm. Haney	Support

CA State Senate		
Bill Number	Author	Status
SB 2	Sen. Portantino	Support
SB 4	Sen. Wiener	Support
SB 24	Sen. Umberg	Support
SB 50	Sen. Bradford	Support
SB 54	Sen. Wiener	Support
SB 225	Sen. Caballero	Support
SB 227	Sen. Durazo	Support
SB 233	Sen. Skinner	Support
SB 244	Sen. Eggman	Support
SB 252	Sen. Gonzalez	Support
SB 260	Sen. Menjivar	Support
SB 261	Sen. Stern	Support if amended to address Labor Caucus concerns
SB 267	Sen. Eggman	Support
SB 355	Sen. Eggman	Support
SB 385	Sen. Atkins	Support
SB 399	Sen. Wahab	Support
SB 403	Sen. Wahab	Support
SB 407	Sen. Wiener	Support
SB 423	Sen. Wiener	Support
SB 440	Sen. Skinner	Support
SB 499	Sen. Menjivar	Support
SB 525	Sen. Durazo	Support
SB 567	Sen. Durazo	Support
SB 638	Sen. Eggman	Support
SB 665	Sen. Allen	Support
SB 867	Sen. Allen	Support
Federal Bills		
Bill Number	Author	Status
S 14	Sen. Feinstein	Support
S 25	Sen. Feinstein	Support
HJ RES 25/SJ RES 4	Rep. Pressley	Support
HR 1111	Rep. Lee	Support
HR 12 / S 701	Rep. Chu	Support
HR 40 / S 40	Rep. Lee	Support
HR 698 / S 25	Rep. Cicilline	Support

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!

Thank you!

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		2 = debate/passed as amended		

1 **Resolution 23-05.023**

2 **Monitoring Schools Boards to Guarantee Quality Education**

3 WHEREAS the Republican Party is waging an ongoing, extensive, deliberate, well-
4 funded, national effort to undermine and defund public schools for the purpose of
5 privatizing education and thereby weakening our democracy; and

6 WHEREAS, as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt stated, "Democracy cannot succeed
7 unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely; and the real
8 safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education"; and

9 WHEREAS elected trustees of school districts must ensure all students are educated
10 equitably because our children are future citizens who need to be "prepared to choose
11 wisely," yet some trustees are undermining public schools and educators by banning
12 books, omitting required curriculum, discriminating against LGBTQ+ students and staff,
13 avoiding public oversight by ignoring the Brown Act, usurping authority beyond their
14 purview, filing frivolous lawsuits, and violating their official responsibilities by wasting
15 tax dollars taken from students to spend on their extremist agendas;

16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports that
17 education laws must be followed by all school boards and districts, enforced by
18 oversight agencies, and that the community should monitor the actions and decisions of
19 their local and county school boards and participate in its meetings, take an active part
20 in surveys, Parent Teacher Associations, and exercise other efforts to guide school
21 board decisions in order to guarantee that school boards facilitate the delivery of quality
22 education to the students they serve, and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports electing and
24 supporting school board members and trustees who commit to following state and
25 federal education laws, as the first step to guarantee quality education to all students.

26 **Resolution 23-05.027**

27 **SUPPORT HUMANE ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPERATURES AT CALIFORNIA**
28 **PRISON FACILITIES**

29 **WHEREAS** we believe that all humans deserve to be treated with dignity and
30 humanity, supported by the eighth amendment of the United States Constitution that
31 protects from cruel and unusual punishments for both those accused of crimes and
32 those convicted of crimes; these fundamental rights are the basis for guaranteeing
33 humane living conditions in California prisons; and inmates exposed to extreme
34 temperatures are at increased risk of illness, exacerbation of existing health issues and
35 detrimental impacts to their mental health and well-being; and

36 **WHEREAS** the Federal Bureau of Prisons recommends that temperatures inside prisons
37 should be no lower than 68° in colder months and no higher than 76° in warmer
38 weather, but reports from California prisons demonstrate that many do not provide safe
39 environmental temperatures in prison dormitories, cells, work areas, indoor recreation
40 areas and cafeterias for inmates; and reports specifically state that many prison
41 environments range above 100° in warmer months and well below 68° in colder months
42 (including such prisons as San Quentin, High Desert, Mule Creek State Prison, and
43 California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility/State Prison at Corcoran as reported by
44 numerous inmates);

1 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party believes
2 that providing relief from extreme temperatures and maintaining sanitary and safe
3 housing for prisoners must be seen as the responsibility of a just and humane society;
4 and believes that all persons housed or working in our California prison facilities deserve
5 humane living and working conditions, including effective and efficient air conditioning
6 in warm weather and heating in cold weather.

7 **Resolution 23-05.029**

8 **SUPPORT OF A HEALTH-BASED, RATHER THAN PUNITIVE-BASED, APPROACH**
9 **TO DRUG ADDICTION**

10 **WHEREAS** drug addiction and overdoses are serious problems; and

11 **WHEREAS** current criminal drug laws ruin lives; make access to treatment and
12 recovery difficult, dangerous, and expensive; distort the priorities of law enforcement;
13 and are deeply inequitable, disproportionately targeting and impacting people of color
14 and/or in poverty; and

15 **WHEREAS** California needs a health-based approach to addiction and overdose by
16 expanding access to drug treatment, which is more effective, humane, and cost-
17 effective than criminal punishment,

18 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports the
19 decriminalization of the personal possession of small amounts of controlled substances,
20 since criminal records prevent people from getting housing, jobs, student loans,
21 professional licenses, and more; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports screening,
23 health assessment, treatment, and recovery services for drug addiction be available to
24 all, regardless of income, who need and want access to those services.

25 **Resolution 23-05.041**

26 **Opposition to Coerced Child Marriage in California**

27 **WHEREAS**, coerced child marriage, is a form of human rights abuse recognized by the
28 Department of State, UNICEF, Human Rights Watch, and the American Medical
29 Association due to adverse effects on a child's health, education, and employment
30 opportunities, resulting in higher rates of sexually transmitted infections, high school
31 dropouts, poverty, early pregnancies, divorce, intimate partner violence, and social
32 isolation from their support networks like school, friends and family; and

33 **WHEREAS**, children face high obstacles to escape coerced marriage, due to lower
34 understanding of their legal rights and access to practical resources to avoid or leave,
35 causing many to be stuck in abusive marriages well into adulthood, leading to lifelong
36 mental or emotional health consequences, including feelings of severe guilt, post-
37 traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and eating disorders,
38 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party opposes coerced
39 child marriage;

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party takes this position in
41 an effort to prevent, reduce, and end child trafficking, exploitation, and coerced
42 marriage so that every child can grow up in a safe and nurturing environment and
43 reach their highest aspirations.

1 **Resolution 23-05.053**

2 **Support of Electronic Ballot Tabulation**

3 WHEREAS, in a democracy every eligible individual has the right to have their voice
4 heard by participating in an electoral process that is transparent, impartial, and
5 accurate, and that their vote is counted without prejudice or discrimination; and
6 WHEREAS, electronic ballot tabulation of paper ballots is a more efficient, reliable, and
7 accurate method of counting votes compared to entirely manual hand counts, thus
8 ensuring the outcome of an election reflects the true will of the people and upholds the
9 integrity of our democratic institutions; and
10 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party continues to strongly
11 support electronic ballot tabulation, which assists county election officials with
12 accurately tabulating complex ballots and ensure electoral credibility.

13 **Resolution 23-05.060**

14 **Supporting the California Association of Professional Scientists**

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

40 **Resolution 23-05.063**

41 **Prioritizing the Work of University of California Graduate Student Workers**

42 **WHEREAS**, after five weeks of the largest higher education strike in United States
43 history, on December 23, 2022, the United Auto Workers Local 2865
44 representing Academic Student Employees and Graduate Student Researchers across

1 the University of California system ratified a new contract that increased base wages by
2 25 to 80% by 2024; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in response to the new wages set in the UAW 2865 contract, academic
4 departments across the University of California have begun announcing cost-cutting
5 measures which include eliminating entire TA discussion sections and replacing
6 graduate student instructors with unpaid undergraduate “assistants”, shrinking research
7 groups, and reducing the overall number of graduate students enrolled by as much as
8 33%; and

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

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

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

21 **Resolution 23-05.065**

22 **Resolution Recognizing Captain Victor J. Glover, Jr.’s Achievements in**
23 **Aeronautics and Congratulating Him on Piloting NASA’s Artemis II Mission**

24 WHEREAS, NASA’s Artemis II mission will fly around the moon and back in the first
25 manned space mission beyond low Earth orbit in over 50 years and will be farther into
26 space than any humans have ever traveled, and this mission will validate the systems,
27 capabilities, and techniques necessary for humans to live and work in deep space, a
28 truly historic journey; and

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

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

42 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party recognizes the
43 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

1 design their platforms to be addictive and disseminate harmful content to the youth and
2 optimized their platforms' underlying algorithms and features to exploit youth
3 vulnerabilities, resulting in increased ad revenues through the targeting of children and
4 adolescents;

5 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party supports protecting
6 children and adolescents from the negative social and mental health consequences of
7 social media created by corporations that deliberately target young people.

8 **Resolution 23-07.011**

9 **In Solidarity with SAG-AFTRA and WGA Strike For Fair Wages, Safe Working
10 Conditions, and Protection of Their Creative Rights**

11 WHEREAS, the vital contributions of the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of
12 Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) and the Writers Guild of America (WGA) serve
13 as the backbone of the entertainment industry; and SAG-AFTRA and WGA members
14 face significant challenges in their pursuit of fair wages, safe working conditions; and
15 WHEREAS, this strike goes much deeper than any action before, due to the rise and
16 increased use of generative Artificial Intelligence (genAI) in the industry to derive new
17 content from the work of actors, artists, and writers; bringing into question issues of
18 intellectual property rights and copyright issues; and future loss of work in several
19 creative professions due to AI generated scripts, actors, live action and animated
20 artwork, cinematography, sets, costume designs, synthetic make-up and hair, sound
21 generation, visual effects and post-production; and lost revenues in extended
22 economies and

23 WHEREAS, the ongoing negotiations between the industry employers and SAG-AFTRA
24 and the WGA have reached an impasse, and the unions have been left with no choice
25 but to exercise their right to strike;

26 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party stands in
27 unwavering solidarity with SAG-AFTRA and WGA members in their strike for fair wages;
28 and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports safe working
30 conditions, and protection of their livelihoods, likeness, and creative works from the
31 misuse of genAI.

32 **Resolution 23-05.021**

33 **Tribal Co-Management of The Jackson Demonstration State Forest**

34 **WHEREAS** The Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF), located in Mendocino
35 County, California, has been managed by CAL FIRE as a commercial timberland since
36 1949 under the direction of the Board of Forestry and by mandate, the Jackson
37 Demonstration State Forest is to demonstrate commercial logging for the benefit of the
38 People of California; and

39 **WHEREAS** JDSF is the ancestral territory of the Northern Pomo and Coast Yuki Peoples
40 who have lived on and managed the land since time immemorial, and their
41 management protected healthy old-growth forest that existed prior to European
42 colonization, such forests play an important role in reducing carbon emissions by
43 sequestering or storing significant amounts of carbon, the forest also contains cultural
44 sites that are sacred to the Northern Pomo and Coast Yuki Peoples; and

1 **WHEREAS** Governor Newsom has set new policy giving California tribes' co-
2 management of and access to natural lands under the control of the State of California,
3 this policy sets a new perspective on State Forest management, and since JDSF is the
4 largest of the Demonstration Forests in California, successful implementation of this
5 policy at JDSF is crucial to restoring the relationship between California tribes and the
6 conservation of their ancestral lands;

7 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports a new
8 perspective on State Forest management, one that respects the relationship between
9 California Tribes and their ancestral lands, one that gives native peoples co-
10 management rights and access to sacred lands under the control of the State of
11 California, and a perspective that includes California Tribes as partners in
12 stewardship and conservation of the land; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports
14 successfully restoring the relationship between California Tribes and their ancestral
15 lands at the Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

16 **Resolution 23-05.049**

17 **Improving Access to Healthcare Choices in Rural Agricultural California**

18 WHEREAS, rural agricultural communities in California face unique healthcare
19 challenges and have some of the highest rates of poverty and lack access to adequate
20 healthcare, and many rural communities in California lack necessary options in
21 affordable healthcare for its diverse community, which not only limits access to care,
22 but also, contributes to poorer health outcomes and quality of health; and

23 WHEREAS, many California rural agricultural communities face limited access and
24 quality affordable healthcare related to facility and community-based clinic closures and
25 lack of provider and specialty coverage due to unsustainable reimbursement rates, poor
26 management, or even exclusionary contracts that cause anticompetitive practices in
27 community health; and

28 WHEREAS, conservative majorities in rural areas pose further challenges to access to
29 reproductive health services by opposing approval of abortion facilities;

30 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports improving
31 access to quality healthcare choices in rural and agricultural areas of California as part
32 of our commitment to achieving healthcare as a fundamental right for all Californians.

33 **Resolution 23-05.050**

34 **Holding Fox News and Right-Wing Media Accountable**

35 WHEREAS, the settlement between Dominion Voting Systems and the Fox News
36 Channel revealed shocking revelations about the internal operations at Fox News that
37 demonstrate an established pattern and practice of disregard for the truth in their
38 reporting; and

39 WHEREAS, along with Fox News, numerous other right-wing media outlets have
40 contributed to undermining the public's trust in our democratic institutions and in news
41 media in general, by irresponsibly and repeatedly broadcasting baseless allegations of
42 election fraud,

43 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports efforts to
44 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

1 WHEREAS industrial contamination and pollution are associated with greater risks of
2 health conditions such as asthma, cancers, birth defects, neurological damage,
3 cardiovascular damage, respiratory problems, skin issues, blood disorders, reproductive
4 issues, and other perception of poor health in members of the communities that live
5 and work in close proximity to industrial sites; and
6 WHEREAS communities living and working in proximity to industrial sites are
7 predominantly more financially vulnerable, making the financial and time impacts of
8 seeking treatment for health conditions resulting from industrial contamination and
9 pollution an additional source of hardship;
10 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports protecting
11 the health of communities exposed to hazardous contaminants and pollutants through
12 the promotion of the highest standards of safety; increased frequency and transparency
13 of reporting to at-risk residents; the use of safer chemicals and practices where
14 alternatives exist; and support of those who have been affected by their hazardous
15 contaminants and pollutants; and
16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports transparency
17 and public access to information regarding industrial contaminants exposure and
18 associated potential health impacts for residents and workers in close proximity to
19 contaminated and polluted industrial sites.

California Democratic Party Rules Committee Report
Saturday, August 19, 2023

- 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 become 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-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.

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

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.

C. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article III, Section 4(b)(c)(d), Article IV, Section 7, Article VIII, Section 3(g)4 - 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 ~~e-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, A~~ An application for Caucus Certification, or Recertification must be submitted to the Secretary of This Committee, and to the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee of This Committee, at the email addresses designated for this purpose. ~~by the applicable deadline set forth in the Guidelines. As of September 1, 2023, t~~The deadline for submission of an application shall be no later than fourteen (14) within forty-five (45) days after the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year after the year in which a regular Gubernatorial election is conducted; provided, however, that an applicant seeking initial certification as a Caucus may also apply in the fourteen-day period immediately following the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in any other odd year. in which the Caucus is intended to be recertified or initially certified. No application submitted outside that time-frame shall be considered.

c. Acknowledgment of Receipt of Application – The Secretary of This Committee or the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee shall, where applicable, acknowledge receipt of the application by no later than the thirtieth day after the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year in which the application is submitted~~within five (5) business days of determination of receipt~~, and send confirmation thereof, to the Chair of the Caucus, or proposed Caucus, to the email address designated for this purpose. This acknowledgment shall also ~~list the documents received and~~ identify any required submissions which, from a facial review of the application, appear to be missing and identify a deadline for the submission of any such missing documents, ~~or obviously deficient, documents or information necessary for the Rules Committee to determine certification or re-certification, other than bylaws provisions. Such deficiencies in documentation or information may be corrected via amended application within sixty (60) days after the first meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year in which the Caucus is intended to be re-certified or initially certified.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Rules for Applications In and After 2025

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

~~No later than forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the term of Official Certification, or in the case of a proposed new caucus the second meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee held after submission of the application, a Chair of the Rules Committee of This Committee designated for this purpose, shall notify the Chair of the Caucus, or proposed Caucus, in detail, of any deficiencies in documentation or information, including the substance of any amendments to Caucus Bylaws necessary to bring the Application into compliance along with the proposed recommendation regarding certification or re-certification.~~

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

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

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. ~~may decertify a Caucus by majority vote. In the event the Rules Committee should make a finding of non-compliance with the Guidelines, it shall report a recommendation to de-certify the Caucus specifically noting the grounds and basis for its decision.~~ Such recommendation may only be overturned by the Executive Board of This Committee, by majority vote, but and only if the Executive Board makes specific findings that the Rules Committee was incorrect in each of its findings that formed the basis of the Rules Committee's recommendation to decertify, or that all such defects have been remedied.

Section 7. RECOGNITION OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE

This Committee recognizes that the ~~Black African American~~, Asian Pacific Islander, Chicano Latino, Labor, LGBTQ, and Women's Caucuses were the original six caucuses certified pursuant to the definition contained in the 1985-7, or prior, Bylaws, defining a caucus as "ethnic minority members or other broad elements of the membership" and as such recognizes the historical significance in maintaining their existence.

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.
14. The By-Laws and Rules of the California Democratic Party shall govern over these Rules for the 2023 California Democratic Party Convention in the event of a conflict.
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~~8~~, 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~~8~~, 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 18~~9~~, 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.
 Full Report: https://cadem.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/REPORT_OF_THE_RULES_SubCOMMITTEEON_CAUCUSES.pdf
- 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

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

- 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;. ~~a~~And which extends full voting rights to all such persons who meet the voting requirements of that Caucus.
- d. Which has been found by the Rules Committee to be in compliance with the requirements noted herein and has also been found to meet the Guidelines for Certification or Re-Certification of Caucuses referred to below both at the time of the application for certification/recertification and at all times during the certification/recertification period thereafter;
(1) the finding of compliance at the time of the application shall be, based on a review of the application and investigation by the Rules Committee, whose findings shall be conclusive unless reversed by a majority of the Executive Board;;
(2) the finding of continuing/ongoing compliance shall be made by the Rules Committee under rules of procedure it shall promulgate and publish, which shall include such hearing as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.
- e. Which has been considered for certification by the Rules Committee and has been certified by the Executive Board of This Committee in order to carry out the Purposes noted herein,
- f. Whose Chair is a member of This Committee, and by virtue of the Caucus being certified, shall be a member of the Executive Board of This Committee; provided that in exceptional circumstances, as defined and authorized by the Rules Committee, an interim Chair serving only until such time as the Caucus may conduct an election may be excused from being a member of This Committee; provided, further, that the Caucus' representative on the Executive Board must be a member of This Committee, and,
- g. If not initially certified prior to 1/1/10, the Caucus' Sponsors are DSCC members, who represent a common identity, demographic or interest which is historically or

currently under-represented in Democratic Party affairs and cannot adequately be represented in Democratic Party affairs by a current caucus or chartered organization, and which has provided a reasonable explanation, determined to have been supported by clear and convincing evidence, as to why Chartering as a Statewide Organization under Article X of these Bylaws, would not be a more appropriate course of action

Section 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of a caucus is to:

- a. Participate in the policy decisions of the Party, by, among other things, proposing Resolutions to the Resolutions Committee, Legislation to the Legislation Committee, bylaw amendments to the Rules Committee, or other such proposals to other Standing Committees, or to the Chair of This Committee, as may be necessary to carry out its goals and objectives. Caucuses are to conduct all of their affairs with an eye toward full and proactive compliance with: (i) the expectations and intent set forth in Article VIII, Section 1.c; (ii) the “one voice” rule in Article VIII, Section 1.d; and (iii) the prohibitions on endorsements in Article VII, Sections 1.h, 1.j and 2.a. No Caucus may take independent positions on such matters which are contrary to the positions of This Committee, provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent This Committee’s Regions, or its Caucuses from calling on the California Democratic Party to take any action consistent with its status as a constituent part of This Committee;
- b. Encourage participation, within the Caucus’ community of interest, in the outreach programs of the Party, including such things as This Committee’s Voter Registration and Get Out the Vote activities; but any such participation shall be limited to activities conducted by or in partnership with the Party. Any other such voter outreach or campaign activities are inconsistent with the Caucus’ purpose and, as a result, are prohibited.
- c. Promulgate and implement a Statement of Purpose and Intended Activity, aimed at expanding and strengthening the Party, subject to approval by the Rules Committee; and,
- d. Make the Party more welcoming and more relevant to members of the public, the electorate, and This Committee, who identify with the goals of the Caucus.

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

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

Section 4. CERTIFICATION / RE-CERTIFICATION

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

- a. Form of Application – All organizations desiring to be certified, or re-certified, by This Committee as a caucus shall make application for such certification in writing on a form obtained from the Secretary of This Committee.
- b. Submission of Application – ~~Prior to September 1, 2023, A~~ An application for Caucus Certification, or Recertification must be submitted to the Secretary of This Committee, and to the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee of This Committee, at the email addresses designated for this purpose. ~~by the applicable deadline set forth in the Guidelines. As of September 1, 2023, t~~The deadline for submission of an application shall be no later than fourteen (14) within forty five (45) days after the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year after the year in which a regular Gubernatorial election is conducted; provided, however, that an applicant seeking initial certification as a Caucus may also apply

in the fourteen-day period immediately following the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in any other odd year. ~~in which the Caucus is intended to be recertified or initially certified.~~ No application submitted outside that time-frame shall be considered.

c. Acknowledgment of Receipt of Application – The Secretary of This Committee or the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee shall, where applicable, acknowledge receipt of the application by no later than the thirtieth day after the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year in which the application is submitted within five (5) business days of determination of receipt, and send confirmation thereof, to the Chair of the Caucus, or proposed Caucus, to the email address designated for this purpose. This acknowledgment shall also ~~list the documents received and~~ identify any required submissions which, from a facial review of the application, appear to be missing and identify a deadline for the submission of any such missing documents, ~~or obviously deficient, documents or information necessary for the Rules Committee to determine certification or re-certification, other than bylaws provisions. Such deficiencies in documentation or information may be corrected via amended application within sixty (60) days after the first meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year in which the Caucus is intended to be re-certified or initially certified.~~

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

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

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

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

(1) Special Rules for Applications Submitted before the 2025 Regular Convention. Should at any time during its period of provisional certification, a Caucus recommended for provisional certification as of July 17, 2023, meet the requirements for recertification and become eligible for full certification at the next meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee, the Rules Committee shall recommend that Caucus for full recertification. For proposed Caucuses that have submitted an initial application during 2023, the Guidelines shall set forth the timeline for consideration.

(2) Rules for Applications In and After 2025

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

No later than forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the term of Official Certification, or

in the case of a proposed new caucus the second meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee held after submission of the application, a Chair of the Rules Committee of This Committee designated for this purpose, shall notify the Chair of the Caucus, or proposed Caucus, in detail, of any deficiencies in documentation or

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

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

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

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. ~~may decertify a Caucus by majority vote. In the event the Rules Committee should make a finding of non-compliance with the Guidelines, it shall report a recommendation to de-certify the Caucus specifically noting the grounds and basis for its decision.~~ Such recommendation may only be overturned by the Executive Board of This Committee, by majority vote, but and only if the Executive Board makes specific findings that the Rules Committee was incorrect in each of its findings that formed the basis of the Rules Committee's recommendation to decertify, or that all such defects have been remedied.

Section 7. RECOGNITION OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE

This Committee recognizes that the ~~Black African American~~, Asian Pacific Islander, Chicano Latino, Labor, LGBTQ, and Women's Caucuses were the original six caucuses certified pursuant to the definition contained in the 1985-7, or prior, Bylaws, defining a caucus as "ethnic minority members or other broad elements of the membership" and as such recognizes the historical significance in maintaining their existence.

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

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
1. Full Report: https://cadem.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/REPORT_OF_THE_RULES_SubCOMMITTEEON_Caucuses.pdf
- 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 ~~e, 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.
- 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

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

GENERAL SESSION 1

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022

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 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.

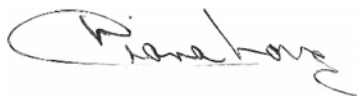
Cartonise Lawson-Wilson Organizing Director: for the Warnock campaign. She talked about the dialer phone banking training and what to expect. She introduced slides and a video for The Hubdialer what it is, how to use it and addressed questions.

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.

Unite, Unity, CommUNITY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana Love", written in a cursive style.

Diana Love
Interim Secretary
California Democratic Party

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

GENERAL SESSION 2

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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 (Re-districting 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-Memorial 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.

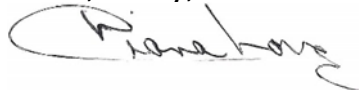
Christine Pelosi, DNC: Thanked everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers about her father who is recovering from the in-home violence attack that happened at her parent's home.

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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana Love", written over a horizontal line.

Diana Love
Interim Secretary
California Democratic Party