## PROCEDURES FOR THE AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE 2024 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM

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 178, 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 178, 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 189, 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.