



CADEM Resolutions Committee - Ballot Measure Details

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina
1380 HARBOR ISLAND DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

At the 2024 May Executive Board Meeting, the California Democratic Party will be taking positions on statewide ballot measures that have qualified to appear on the next election ballot. To find a list of ballot measures and their current status, please use the link below. Ballot measures that have not qualified yet, may be considered for a conditional endorsement for the November 2024 Ballot, at the discretion of the Chairs of the Resolution Committee. The list of ballot measures being considered will be closed 10 days before the committee meets. Please make sure to check the Secretary of State's Website for updates.

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/initiative-and-referendum-status>

The California Democratic Party Resolutions Committee considers all ballot measures and provides a recommendation to the membership to be voted on.

As soon as a ballot measure qualifies, a member of the CADEM staff will reach out to all committees in support of and opposition of that ballot measure, as long as the Committee does not directly conflict with the California Democratic Party. Staff will invite the committee to present their position to the Resolutions Committee for 6 minutes. Each side can have as many speakers as they wish during this 6 minute period. If there is more than one committee/organization taking the same position, the committees will need to coordinate on how to use the 6 minutes.

Resolutions Committee Meeting

The Resolutions Committee will consider each Ballot Measure, one at a time.

- When considering a ballot measure, the committee will first hear from speakers in support of the ballot measure for 6 minutes, followed by speakers opposed to the ballot measure for 6 minutes.
- After each side has presented, the members of the Committee will begin a Q&A phase where they are able to ask questions of the speakers.
- After all questions have been asked, the Committee will end Q&A and begin discussion amongst themselves. During this time, someone can make a motion for the committee to make a recommendation.
- The recommendation from the Resolutions committee only requires a majority (50%+1) vote of the committee members voting to pass. The committee recommendation may be Support, Opposed, Neutral, or No Position.

Convention Meeting

The Recommendations of the Resolution Committee shall be presented on Sunday, May 19th, 2024, as a consent calendar. Please note that the position of Support, Opposed, or Neutral requires a 60% vote of the membership. No Position can be attained with a 50% vote or if no recommendation is made.

- During the Resolutions Committee portion of the Sunday General Session, the Co-Chairs will present the Consent Calendar and ask for any members who wish to pull a ballot measure recommendation off of the consent calendar. Any single member may pull a ballot measure off of the consent calendar.
- After members are done pulling ballot measures off of the consent calendar, the Co-Chairs will take a motion to pass the consent calendar, with all remaining ballot measures. This vote requires at least 60%. This vote will most likely be a voice vote.
- After the Consent Calendar has been approved, the co-chair will request speakers for discussion, to vote on the committee recommendation for the first ballot measure pulled. After discussion, there will be a vote of the committee, requiring 60% to uphold the position of the committee. If the committee vote is upheld, then the Co-Chair will move on to the next ballot measure if there are any.
- If the committee recommendation fails to receive 60%, then the Co-Chair will call on the person who pulled the ballot measure, to make a motion to change the position for the ballot to Support, Opposed, Neutral, or No Position. After discussion, a vote will be taken. If the requisite threshold is reached, then the Co-Chair will move on to the next ballot measure if there are any.
- If the threshold is not reached, then the Co-Chair will recognize another speaker to make a motion, this process will continue until a motion reaches the threshold.

Immediately following the end of the Convention, the position of the Party on a ballot measure will become official.

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