

**California Democratic Party  
2024 December Executive Board Meeting  
Saturday, December 14, 2024  
Reports Packet**

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**California Democratic Party Rules Committee Report**  
**Friday, December 13, 2024, 3:00 PM**

- I. The Committee was called to order at 3:01pm. A roll call established a quorum with 16 members present. 2 members joined the meeting in progress.
- II. M/S/P Adoption of Meeting Agenda  
Review of Bylaws amendments before the executive board (Adopted by the Rules Committee during the special meeting on November 13, 2024)

**A. Amend Art. II, Sec 1 (a)(9) to read as follows:**

Four (4) officers of the California Young Democrats and the California College Democrats. These shall consist of the State President and three (3) other officers, as determined by each organization. Appointments must be eligible per Section 1(d) of this Article~~the California Young Democrats~~.

**B. Amend Art VII, Section 2(f) to read as follows:**

The President of the California Democratic Council, ~~and~~ of the California Young Democrats, of the California College Democrats, unless the Chair/President is already an Executive Board member. If this is the case, the ~~CDC and/or the CYD~~ organization may choose another officer as its Executive Board member.

**C. Amend Art X, Section 3(a)(5) to read as follows:**

The endorsement of any candidate for public office running against an endorsed candidate of This Committee, by any organization granted a Charter by This Committee after the adoption of this Article X on July 31, 2005, (NOTE: This Committee previously granted a Charter to the California Young Democrats in 1932 and to the California Democratic Council in 1952, prior to This Committee's authority to endorse candidates and prior to the adoption of the Chartering rules contained herein, and the California Young Democrats and the California Democratic Council are specifically exempted from this possible grounds for revocation of Charter.) Further, for the period through the earlier of December 31, 2026, or the further amendment of this Section 3(a)(5) of Article X, the California College Democrats shall be considered provisionally chartered and are specifically exempted from this subsection for the duration of this provisional chartering.

- IV. M/S/P to approve with two minor corrections the Convention Rules and Tentative Agenda for 2025 May Convention as follows:

**Rules for the 2025 May California Democratic Party Convention**

1. The primary purpose of this biennial Convention is to organize the newly-elected constituted Democratic State Central Committee (This Committee) and elect Statewide Officers and Regional Directors. Matters not heard at the Convention will be received by the Secretary and held over to the next meeting of the Executive Board.

2. The Chair of This Committee shall be the Chair of the Convention and the Secretary of This Committee shall be the 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 the members of the Democratic State Central Committee, or their qualified proxies as specified in the Bylaws, whose appointment/election has been transmitted to the State Party no later than Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 60 days prior to the biennial state convention in May 30 - June 1, 2025.
4. Seating of the delegates shall be by the Assembly District within the CDP 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 have timely paid their annual DSCC dues and registration fee (or had them waived by request from the DSCC Member) to This Committee, registered for the meeting, received /obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued, and agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, prior the close of credentialing
7. The Credentials Committee shall issue its final report of the official voting list of delegates after the close of credentialing.
8. Election of Statewide Officers and Regional Directors.
  - a. All Statewide Officers shall be elected by the entire membership of This Committee eligible to participate in the election.
  - b. Regional Directors shall be elected by all members of This Committee resident in the respective regions eligible to participate in the election.
  - c. The election of all Statewide Officers and Regional Directors shall take place via an electronic voting platform. Credentialed Delegates will have their voting credentials emailed to them to vote on their own devices, or they may vote in person in a designated room using computers supplied by CDP. Ballots will include all Statewide Officer contests, where at least two candidates have filed, and the Regional Director contest for the region in which they reside, if at least two candidates have filed.
  - d. A Regional Caucus shall be included in the Agenda for the Convention, and the Convener must ensure that the Caucus site is available and open by the time called for in the Convention Agenda. To afford all candidates for Regional Director an opportunity to address the Regional Caucus, the

Convener shall commence candidate presentations as close to ten minutes after the time for the opening of registration set forth in the Convention Agenda as is practical under the circumstances.

- e. Voting for all races will commence 30 minutes after the start of the Regional Director Caucuses, and will be open for 2 hours. All ballots must be submitted prior to the end of voting. Voters in line in the voting room, will have the opportunity to cast their ballot after the close of voting.
  - f. In the event that no candidate receives a majority vote in a Statewide Officer or Regional Director Election, a run off election will be held Sunday Morning at 8:00 AM, following the procedures outlined above. The run off election will close at 9:30 AM, unless no Statewide Officer Contest is on the ballot, in which case the election will close at 9:00 AM.
  - g. Registration for candidates for Statewide Officer or Regional Director positions and the administration of those elections shall be governed by the provisions set forth in Article III, Section 3 and 4 of the Bylaws.
9. The Resolutions adopted by the members of This Committee and the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party are expressions of philosophical beliefs and principles that the Party wishes to declare. Any resolution involving a local issue will be referred to the appropriate local Democratic Party entity.

#### RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

- a. Form
  - (1) All resolutions must be typed.
  - (2) Inducement (e.g., Whereas) clauses shall be limited to three (3) or less, and resolve clauses shall be limited to two (2) or less.
  - (3) Resolutions must be no longer than one (1) 8-1/2" x 11" typewritten Page.
  - (4) Resolutions may not be more than 400 words including the title and Clauses.
  - (5) All resolutions must be adopted by a County Central Committee, or a Chartered Democratic Club or sponsored by twenty-five (25) members of This Committee, or a majority of the members of This Committee who meet at a Regional Meeting as described in Article III, Section 4d of the CDP's Bylaws. .
  - (6) Resolutions that call for a change in the CDP bylaws or platform, or state the endorsement or support of a candidate for public office or opposition to a candidate who is a registered Democrat, or mandates or restricts the spending of money by the CDP, shall be ruled out of order and will neither be heard by the Resolutions Committee nor be able to reach the floor by way of Section 9(d) below.

- b. Timely Resolutions
  - (1) Resolutions must be received by the Resolutions Committee by 12 p.m., thirty (30) calendar days prior to a meeting of This Committee, except as provided in subsection (c) below.
  - (2) Copies of resolutions submitted according to the above procedure shall be emailed by the Resolutions Committee Staff to all members of the Resolutions Committee prior to a meeting of This Committee.
- c. The Resolutions Committee will present no more than 10 prioritized resolutions in the committee report to the convention body, unless more than 10 resolutions received unanimous support during the prioritization process.
- d. Late/Floor Resolutions
  - (1) Thirty-five (35) copies of each resolution must be provided to the Resolutions Committee Chair (s) by the sponsor(s) of the resolution.
  - (2) All resolutions to be considered at a meeting of This Committee must be presented for consideration at the Resolutions Committee meeting preceding the general session. In order to be considered at the general session, a late resolution must have the unanimous consent of the Resolutions Committee to be considered and all resolutions must be approved by the Resolutions Committee. Any resolution heard by the Resolutions Committee, failing to obtain approval (excluding those coded 6-14, may be brought to the floor of a meeting of This Committee with the signatures of three hundred (300) members of This Committee on forms approved by the Resolutions Committee.
  - (3) All resolutions to be presented from the floor shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention for signature verification by 5:00P.M. on the day before the resolution is presented.
  - (4) The sponsor of a resolution presented from the floor shall be responsible for providing the Secretary of the Convention with sufficient copies of their resolution for each member of This Committee.
- e. Resolutions pending at the close of a Convention of This Committee shall be referred to the Executive Board of This Committee. All such resolutions shall first be presented to the Resolutions Committee for recommendation to the Executive Board. The Resolutions Committee shall recommend: adoption, adoption with amendment, or rejection. Such resolutions shall be presented to the Executive Board for consideration in its original form unless the sponsor agrees to the amendment(s) recommended by the Resolutions Committee.

10. Requests to hang signs, banners and placards must be submitted before the Convention to the Convention Coordinator. A small fee may be charged per sign. No large signs or large quantities of materials will be allowed in the General Session Hall. The only large quantities of materials or large signs allowed in the hall are those that are official CDP materials or have been pre-approved by the CDP and have already been placed in the hall.
11. PROXIES: Proxies will be subject to the provision set forth in the By-Laws. Because in order to vote, and have one's vote counted, at any meeting of This Committee, a member must have timely obtained their credential prior to the closing of credentials, a member may authorize, by signed written authorization, any registered member of This Committee to obtain their credential on their behalf. The provisions of Article IV, Section 6, subsections a-e shall apply to such authorizations. In all cases at This Convention, proxies vote in districts where the appointing member resides as required by This Committee's By-Laws.
12. The By-Laws and Rules of the California Democratic Party shall govern over these Rules for the 2025 California Democratic Party Convention in the event of a conflict.
13. 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.
14. 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. 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.
15. All attendees will abide by the CDP Code of Conduct. Any violations of the Code of Conduct or disruptions during the Convention may result in expulsion from this and future CDP Events.

**2025 CDP State Convention**

**Tentative Agenda**

**May 30 - June 1, 2025**

NOTE – Workshops, trainings, caucus meetings, and other activities will be added to this agenda as presenters and speakers are developed and confirmed.

Friday, May 30, 2025

11AM	Credentials Committee
2PM	Rules Committee
3PM – 8:30PM	Credentialing / Registration*
4:30PM	Resolutions Committee
6PM	Welcome Reception

10PM Hospitality Suites

Saturday, May 31, 2025

9AM – 1PM Credentialing / Registration\*

10AM – 12:00 PM General Session

Noon – 2:00 PM Lunch Break

2:00 – 4:00PM General Session

5:00 – 6:00PM Regional Director Caucuses

5:30 – 7:30PM Statewide Officer and Regional Director Elections

5:00PM Resolutions Committee (Prioritization)

6:00PM Convention Dinner/Reception

10PM Hospitality Suites

Sunday, June 1, 2025

8AM – 9:30AM Run Off Elections (If Necessary)

9AM – 10AM Credentialing / Registration\*

10AM General Session

- Ratification of RD Elections
- RD Volunteer Awards
- Standing Committee reports
- Adoption of resolutions

\* In order to vote, and have one’s vote counted, at this meeting, a member must have timely paid their annual Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) dues to This Committee (or had them waived), paid and registered for the meeting, obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, prior the close of credentialing, and completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be Issued.

\*\*The Chair may change the timing of agenda items to accommodate scheduling as required.

V. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Received oral report from Subcommittee on ADEMs of the [2025 ADEMs Procedures Memo](#)
- B. M/S/P to adopt the report of the Subcommittee on County Bylaws
  - 1. The subcommittee reviewed bylaws from several counties and recommend Sonoma County for approval after determining their bylaws were in compliance.
  - 2. The subcommittee also reported that they reviewed the bylaws of other counties which were not consistent with the CDP bylaws. The subcommittee will continue to work with those committees to bring their bylaws into compliance, those committees include: Imperial County, Nevada County, Orange County, San Benito County and San Francisco County

- C. M/S/P to adopt the report of the Subcommittee Chartered Organizations  
The subcommittee reported receiving and reviewing chartering applications from United Avance California Democratic Federation and the California Democrats for Justice in Palestine. At the subcommittee meeting there were many questions and concerns about the implications on existing caucuses if the charters were to be approved. The committee moved to table both charter applications until CADEM Caucuses that may have similar missions had the opportunity to provide input, as is the standard practice.
- VI. New Proposed Bylaw Amendments
  - A. M/S/P to refer CDP Staff proposal to amend BOE District Endorsements And Delegate Representation to Endorsements Subcommittee
  - B. M/S/P to refer CDP Staff proposal to amend Voting at Pre-Endorsing Conference (Electronic) to Endorsements Subcommittee
  - C. M/S/P to refer CDP Staff proposal to amend procedures on Club Representatives for Pre-Endorsing Conferences to Endorsements Subcommittee
- VII. The committee received and filed a decision from the Compliance Review Commission (CRC) Decision on the matter of Mibs McCarthy against the Monterey County Democratic Central Committee.
- VIII. M/S/P to Adjourn 4:11pm



<b>PAGE</b>	<b>RESO #</b>	<b>RESOLUTION TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR / CONTACT</b>	<b>CODE</b>
1	24-05.030L	Addressing Food Insecurity and Malnutrition in California	Nichole Trujillo Rice, AD 5	2
1	24-12.002	A CALL TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY IN CALIFORNIA	Lanny Swerdlow, AD 47 Steve Brooks, AD 36	2

CODE(S) 2 = debate/passed as amended

1 **Resolution 24-05.030L**

2 **Addressing Food Insecurity and Malnutrition in California**

3 **WHEREAS**, California, as the fifth largest food supplier in the nation, produces nearly half of the  
4 country’s fruits and vegetables but despite its agricultural abundance, more than 1 in 5 Californians,  
5 approximately 8.8 million people, face food insecurity; and

6 **WHEREAS**, food insecurity disproportionately affects low-income communities with research  
7 demonstrates dire consequences of food insecurity, including adverse impacts on children’s cognitive  
8 development and long-term health issues such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease; and

9 **WHEREAS**, racial and economic inequalities exacerbate food insecurity and correlate with food  
10 deserts, characterized by limited access to fresh and affordable groceries, where communities lack  
11 the resources to attract large grocery store chains, leaving residents with convenience stores and  
12 fast-food restaurants as their primary food sources; and

13 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party supports addressing food  
14 insecurity, promoting equitable access to nutritious food for all Californians, and encouraging  
15 collaborative efforts at the local, regional, and state levels to remove barriers to accessing adequate  
16 and nutritious food for all communities in California.

17 **Resolution 24-12.002**

18 **A CALL TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY**

19 **WHEREAS** science is essential to the survival of the human race, and is a human endeavor that  
20 benefits from our curiosity, creativity, and perseverance, and can unleash human potential, transform  
21 lives, and provide the tools to grapple with today’s pressing issues such as climate change,  
22 pandemics, resource depletion, life expectancy, and more; and

23 **WHEREAS** acceptance of and reliance on science as the arbiter of truth and reality has been  
24 decreasing due to lies, fabrications, false information, and the rise of religious fundamentalism on  
25 social media and elsewhere; and

26 **WHEREAS** having been created in 2022 by ScienceSaves, a campaign of the Center for Inquiry and  
27 the Stiefel Freethought Foundation, March 26 has been officially designated as National Science  
28 Appreciation Day by 22 states in recognition of the importance of science to human survival and to  
29 promote science education and the understanding of basic scientific principles ranging from evolution  
30 as the basis for all biological science to the laws of physics that explain how the universe works and  
31 came into being;

32 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports recognizing March 26  
33 as National Science Appreciation Day; and

34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party encourages special events on  
35 National Science Appreciation Day that honor scientists which inspire students to pursue academic  
36 programs and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

TO: Executive Board, California Democratic Party  
FR: Organizing Committee  
RE: Report of the Organizing Committee  
DA: December 13, 2024

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As California Democrats, we stand at the crossroads of progress and perseverance. The November elections underscored a simple truth: California still remains that big blue beacon of hope for the rest of the Country, even in the darkest of times as we face an ever uncertain future. From the coastlines of Orange County to the farming communities of the Central Valley, every vote cast in California contributes to the future of our nation.

This year, the California Democratic Party achieved historic organizing milestones. Across the state, our dedicated volunteers knocked on over 800,000 doors, had nearly 170,000 meaningful conversations at those doorsteps, made more than 7.4 million calls, and sent an astounding 18 million text messages. These numbers reflect the heart of our movement—one that values action, connection, and persistence.

Our efforts bore fruit. We flipped districts like CA-13 in the Central Valley, CA-27 in north Los Angeles county, and CA-45 in Orange County – races decided by the margin of effort. These victories are testaments to the tireless work of organizers, volunteers, and voters who believe in the promise of Democratic leadership.

But let me be clear: our work is far from over. In the months ahead, we must double down. The stakes are too high to sit on the sidelines. Relief for working families, the fight against climate change, and the very foundation of our democracy depend on what we do in the weeks, months and years ahead.

Looking forward, our focus remains on mobilizing every voter. In the final stretch of the last election, every registered Democrat in the state received three text messages tailored to voter education and turnout. This personalized outreach proved critical, and we must build on it. Through district-wide rallies, Action Councils, and canvassing, we'll keep engaging voters where they are.

Now is the time for action. The challenges we face demand courage, resolve, and a commitment to progress. Visit [CADEM.org](https://www.cadem.org), click “Take Action,” and join us in this fight. Whether it’s a canvass, a phone bank, or a volunteer recruitment drive, every effort counts and the work of 2026 and 2028 begins now.

The road ahead will not be easy, but together, we can achieve the extraordinary. Let’s channel the energy of this moment and march forward with purpose.

**CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
GENERAL SESSION 1**

**SATURDAY, May 18, 2024**

**CADEM Chair, Rusty Hicks:** Welcome and called the meeting to order in San Diego.

**Christian Figueroa:** Lead with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Chair, Amor Indian Village of CA, Erika Pinto, and CADEM Native American Caucus Chair, Mary Ann Andreas:** Delivered the Land Acknowledgement.

**Jane Wishon Interim Co-Chair, Credentials Committee:**

Jane gave a preliminary credentials report: 256 credentials picked up by delegates/60%.

**Chair, Rusty Hicks:** Chair Hicks gave remarks regarding celebrating all the work that has been done and to prepare for all the work ahead. Chair Hicks reflected on the work that Peggy Moore and Hope Wood brought to CADEM. Peggy, who was one of our own was lost in a tragic accident on the Friday before this meeting and Chair Hicks invited Congresswoman Barbra Lee to the stage to speak about the work that Peggy and Hope brought in many ways throughout the state as an organizer and friend. Congresswoman Lee introduced a tribute video to Peggy and her wife Hope.

**Dr. Shirley Weber, CA Secretary of State:** Delivered remarks on her background and family history. Dr. Weber reminded us on the challenges we face, our responsibility to vote, why we vote, how we vote and what happens if we do not vote.

**Mike Thaller, Chair, Senior Caucus:** Theme, Older Americans Month (May)

Mike gave some history of Older Americans Month and he talked about remembering the past and the present along with things we should celebrate. Mike stated to honor older Americans and encourage them to vote.

**CADEM Vice Chair, Betty Yee:** Talked about celebrating our diversity and AAPI heritage month. Vice Chair Yee spoke about her 101 year old mother, all that she has seen and the teachings she has bestowed upon her about staying involved. Betty discussed the importance of organizing and the purpose of our work as activist.

**CADEM Vice Chair, David Campos:** There are 170 days until the election. David asked what kind of country we are going to have in 170 days. He went on to talk about the fears, our rights, and the critical issues that we are facing and we cannot let ourselves be divided. Vice Chair Campos ended by saying, we have to give people a reason to come out and vote, we have to give them hope.

**CADEM Controller, Carolyn Fowler:** Encouraged members to sign up and register for the Compliance Peer training focusing on federal issues. Our Controller Invited controllers, treasurers, and people who manage accounts to attend the meeting. Carolyn, invited for a fun night to come to the DEM Bingo hosted by State Treasurer Fiona Ma and State Assemblymember Tina McKinnor. Controller Fowler closed by saying don't be distracted, Vote, Let's go, Let's win.

**CADEM Secretary Diana Love: Diana's theme was UNITY.**

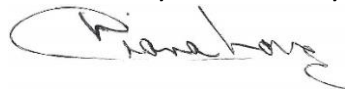
Diana started by thanking the Region 11 RD, E-bd Representatives from AD 34/39 and SEIU 2015 for their participation and support for the 1<sup>st</sup> CADEM fundraiser held in the Antelope Valley entitled Defend Our Democracy. Secretary Love stated that she has continued to uphold the bylaws, speak at meetings, support candidates, sponsored events and continue to travel to the 57 Central Committee's and SAY Thank YOU as an officer to all the membership participants working to get candidates elected. Secretary Love ended her speech with a reminder about our struggles and an email she read about the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the KKK attack on the Industrial Workers and she asked that we remind people of the importance of voting so that the present does not become the past.

**Chair, Rusty Hicks:** Thanked the officers for their leadership and partnership for all that we do. Chair Hicks spoke about choices and how California is leading in many ways to ensure that we protect and preserve our democracy by standing up to protect Social Security, Medicare and that social safety net. He stated that it is our job to deliver the electoral votes to re-elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to the White House and re-take the House of Representatives and how proud he is of our Organizing department and their incredible work.

**Candidate CD 41, Will Rollins:** Spoke about his background being a former federal prosecutor, clerked for federal judges and was hired under the Obama Administration in 2016. Will said that he grateful for the CADEM support in this next election.

This concludes Saturdays General Session I

Unite, Unity, Community,



Diana Love, Secretary,  
California Democratic Party

**CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
GENERAL SESSION 2**

**SUNDAY, May 19, 2024**

**CADEM Chair, Rusty Hicks:** Welcome and re-convened the 2024 meeting to order in San Diego.

**Lara Larramendi Co-Chair, Credentials Committee:**

Lara gave a final credentials report: 322 registered delegates/82% present. M/S/P

**Rules Committee Parliamentarian Coby King:** Presented the rules and debate guidelines for this meeting for adoption. M/S/P

**CADEM Chair, Rusty Hicks:** Congratulated and read the names of the results into the record from the DNC member's election to represent the California 2024-2028 term, 97.8% turnout participation. **OSIF:** Jason Park, Joe Salas, Michael Kapp, David Atkins, Andrew Lachman, Laurence Zakson, Otto Lee, Garry Shay, Derek Devermont, Keith Umemoto.

**SIF:** Harini Krishnan, Deborah Cunningham-Skurnik, Christian Pelosi, Rhodesia Ransom, Sandra Lowe, Analisa Swan, Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Barbara Lee, Carolyn Fowler, Ada Briceño.

**Committee Reports:** Resolutions and Ballot Measures:

**Co-chair Agi Kessler: Resolutions:** Thanked everyone for their participation and asked for adoption of the resolutions listed in the packet on Page 9, coded to be voted on as per the resolutions committee for the Consent Calendar. M/S/P

**Co-chair Kenneth Armstrong: Ballot Measures:** Adoption of ballot measures per the recommendation of the committee found on page 13 of the packet presented as the Consent Calendar. Kenneth pointed out for clarification that the position of the language for the ballot measures for 22-0006 (Referendum challenging 2022 law prohibiting new oil and gas wells near homes, schools, and hospital) is to **Keep the Law.** M/S/P

Ballot Measure 23-0022 - Adds one-semester person finance course to high school graduation requirement. Supported in favor by the committee, (PULLED)  
This ballot measure was Opposed by 60%—**Vote count**—In favor 81, Opposed 54=135

**Rules Committee: Co-chair's Coby King and Valeria Hernandez**

**NOTE: the Rules Committee report can be found on the website at CADEM.org/rules**

**Coby King** – Page 21, adoption of August 19-20, 2024 Executive Board minutes from Visalia, M/S/P

ADEM elections - By-law amendments, Pages 15-18 (ARTICLE VI), reproduced the entire article VI. making changes throughout.

- Moving the date from around the MLK Jr. holiday to at least 60 days prior to the organizing convention next spring
- Replacing the vote by mail on-line system
- Increasing ADA access by having it electronically
- Adjusting the procedures for electing an executive board representative and maintaining the ability for undocumented persons to become ADEM candidates
- Providing at least 2 AD in person locations in each region on each day of the weekends. Motion to adopt the by-law amendments for the ADEM, Article VI— M/S/P

**Valeria Hernandez**- Page 18 item B, Article VII, Section 5 Executive board voting- allows for individually electronic voting. M/S/P

Page 19, Article XIV, Section 3, (Other than in-person meetings) allows the officers flexibility to have a virtual e-board meeting when finding of sufficient cause for doing so. M/S/P

Article IV, Section 6 Proxies -Allowing non-citizens/undocumented persons of eligible age and has expressed an intent to register as a Democrat to become proxies. M/S/P

**Subcommittee Reports-A-G, pages 13-49**

ADEMs, Caucuses, County Bylaws, Chartered Organization, Endorsements, Miscellaneous Items, and Standing Committees. Valeria also commented to send in additional testimony regarding virtual vs hybrid meeting suggestions and that comments can be found on the Rules page: <https://cadem.org/standing-committee/rules-committee/> .

**New Proposed bylaws Amendments, pages 50-57**

- Blue Revolution California, Article, III, Section 2, p.52, Article XII, Section 3, p.52-53 and Appendix A: Code of Conduct p.53  
Proposal submitted by Ansermio Estrada for non-citizens and not 18 yrs old to serve in our DSCC, and on their county central committees as proxies for

conventions, EBoards, and appointees of our elected officials. –asked to send additional language for review.

- CRC-Receive and File, pages 58-62

Motion to accept the Rules report, M/S/P

**Chair Rusty Hicks** introduced all the speakers for the **Committee Reports:**

**Legislation, Co-Chair Margie Granado**-- Page 3, pulled and tabled 23 bills from the consent calendar that had been placed in suspense or pulled by the submitting organization or caucus. Public comment was held and passed on consent 67 pieces of legislation recommended for support by CDP.

Motion to accept report M/S/P

**Finance Chair, Controller Carolyn Fowler**-- The DEM 2024 booth recruited 30 new donors and made \$700 in donations. This committee is committed to supporting our grassroots fundraising initiatives. DEM 2024 and the Trail Raisers with 6 new regional offices opened supporting our targeted congressional seats. Controller Fowler stated that the Finance Committee was disappointed that out of 390 e-board members 223 are not DEM 2024 members. She asked for \$7/mo.-\$84/year and to please sign up today and commented it is a mark of our leadership. Chair Fowler stated the importance of the donations which will be used between now and November elections. The finance team will be working with Rules on potential hybrid meetings to find cost effective dialogue.

The Eric Bradley Blue Grant, (applications generally opens mid Nov-closes Jan 31.) Normally CADEM commits \$5,000 to the projects that are submitted and selected. An additional \$1000 was added and there were 10 projects selected and each organization will have a mentor to make sure that their projects are successful. At the close of their committee meeting a text bank was conducted to thank the donors who had contributed to their effects this year.

**Organizing Co-Chair, Brandon Zavala**—The path to winning back the House runs through our state and the Organizing Committee is to earn the votes of hardworking families to up and down the state to elect candidates. There were updates from the 5 priority regions: Central Valley, North Los Angeles, Northern California, Inland Empire and Orange County. We are working hard in many ways, knocking on doors, registering voters, phone banks, volunteer recruitment, action councils and one-on-on conversations. Today we have reached over 1 million voters in targeted RED to BLUE seats. Go to [CADEM.org/action](http://CADEM.org/action) days and sign up.



**Constituent Reports: CYD, Caucus and DNC**

**CYD President, Giovanni Chavez**—Congratulated the newest young DNC member Jason Park. The stakes for young democrats could not be higher he stated. Young democrats are now more important than ever, energized and will determine the fate of our democracy. Young voters will choose progress and not to move back the clock. President Chavez stated the Democratic Party values our rights. He stated his commitment will be to continue organizing, motivating, working with young voters to support President Biden to keep the Senate, take back the House and work at the local levels. Together we will Win.

**Labor Caucus Chair, Astrid Zuniga.** Many of the Caucus have met over this last week and discussing the many issues that impact us all, seniors, disability communities, children, LGBTQ rights, communities of color, equity, equality, AI and the impact on business and workers, reproductive rights and the list goes on. These are issues that impact all of us, let's strap on our boots get out there on knock on those doors and get this done.

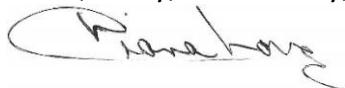
**Orange County Chair, Ada Briceño.** Stated that on behalf of the 2024-2028 CA delegation, thank you for the 98% participation. Thanked the outgoing 2022-2024 members and welcome the new participants and new members. Chair Briceño stated that Chair Hicks will lead the largest delegation in the country with 497 participants at the DNC National Convention, August 19-22, 2024 in Chicago. We will re-nominate our President and Vice President. Chair Briceño ended with Si Se Puede.

\*\*Throughout the meeting presentations a THANK YOU when out to staff, committee members, volunteers and India Thomas, training manager who will be leaving.

**Chair Rusty Hicks:** M/S/P to adjourn, 10:20am

This concludes Sundays General Session 2

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Diana Love, Secretary,  
California Democratic Party

## **In Memoriam**

Willie Mims, Contra Costa

Phyllis Gaines, Kings

Aldo Garcia, Kings

Dave Gomez, IBEW Local 11, Los Angeles

Reverend James Lawson, Los Angeles

Jerry Fortner, Los Angeles

Laurence James Lieberman, Los Angeles

Lorraine Geittman, Los Angeles

Kathy Kensinger, Los Angeles

Ray Waters, Los Angeles

Bobbie Jean Anderson, Los Angeles

John Lelea, Los Angeles

June Gertz, Los Angeles

Ed Schiff, Los Angeles

Anita Maxey, Los Angeles

Isadore Hall Jr., Los Angeles

Yolanda Peru, Los Angeles

Jerry Boyd, Los Angeles

Thomas Patrick O'Shaughnessy

Ray Cordova, Los Angeles

Rafael Barrios, Los Angeles

Gabriel Montoya, Los Angeles

Pearl Berg, Los Angeles

Maddie Williams, Los Angeles

Susan Rowe, Los Angeles

Bill Bramd, Los Angeles

Brian Hitchcock, Los Angeles

Arlene Matthews, Los Angeles

Shirley Vaughn-Hulbert, Merced

Jerry Paterson, Orange

Charles William ("Bill") Camp, Sacramento

Illa Collin, Sacramento

John Garrett Vigna, Sacramento

Bernie Dooley, Sacramento

Noel Wiggins, San Bernardino

James "Eric" Hereford, San Diego

Dennis Kelly, San Francisco

John Kopp, Riverside

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