

credentials were issued for the meeting (4) completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued, and (5) agreed in writing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

The Endorsing Caucus may not endorse more than one candidate. Each member may vote for one of the candidates who has filed to participate in the endorsement process or vote for "No Endorsement" on the ballot. A candidate must receive at least 60% (sixty percent) of the votes of the Endorsing Caucus members present and voting to be endorsed. "No Endorsement" is counted as a vote, but is essentially an abstention or no consensus vote; however, pursuant to *Robert's Rules of Order*, an abstention will not be counted. A vote for a candidate that did not file, will not be counted. In the event that no candidate receives 60%, it is deemed that the Endorsing Caucus has failed to make an endorsement.

Endorsement - The decision of the Endorsing Caucus shall become the official endorsement of the California Democratic Party and is effective at the end of the Endorsing Caucus meeting. The Endorsement would only apply to a Special Election.

Objection/Appeal Process:

Any objection must be made in writing and filed within two (2) days of the Special Election Endorsing Caucus with State Chair Rusty Hicks in the Sacramento office and must be signed (with an original signature) by either: (1) a majority of the five statewide officers or (2) 20% of the DSCC members of the Endorsing. Objection must be submitted before 12:00 pm on Monday, December 23, 2024.

If an objection is filed, a Special Elections Appeals Committee will make the final determination at a meeting no later than five (5) days after an objection has been filed. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2024 at 1:00 pm. The Special Elections Appeals Committee shall be comprised of the statewide officers; the Regional Director(s) for the district, two (2) Executive Board members, appointed by the State Chair, from each of the following committees: Rules and Credentials

*Political Party Endorsements must be submitted to the county election officials by 54 days before Election Day (January 2, 2025). This date has been subject to change in the past when there are holidays. We must hold our Endorsing Caucus no less than 72 hours before this date.

Note: *The CDP By-Laws supersedes any information provided by staff regarding the endorsement process, including the information in this document. All candidates, DSCC members, and interested parties are urged to review the CDP By-Laws. A current copy can be found on our website at www.cadem.org.*