

California Democratic Party Rules Subcommittee on Chartered Organizations Agenda
Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00pm

I. Roll Call

II. Meeting Called to Order

III. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

IV. Statewide Chartered Organizations Annual Reports

V. New Application Submissions

A. United Avance California Democratic Federation

B. California Democrats for Justice in Palestine

VI. CA High School Democrats (CAHSD) Proposed Bylaws Amendment

Rules Committee Subcommittee on Chartered Organizations must propose amendments to the Bylaws and the chartering guidelines to allow CAHSD to be automatically chartered with CADEM without the need for an application.

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

2025 ANNUAL REPORTS

CALIFORNIA ARMENIAN AMERICAN DEMOCRATS (CAAD) REPORT

The Annual CAAD Report 2025

Juliet Minassian,
Chair California Armenian American Democrats

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California Democratic Party, Operation Manager & and all to whom concern

Dear California Democratic Party Operation Manager & et al

Given unfortunate circumstances with our prior Chair and his illness, The following is are part of our activity and also future planning going forward. As we reflect upon the past year, I am pleased to present the annual report of our organization's activities in promoting Democratic candidates within the Armenian community, with a primary focus on the cities of Pasadena, Glendale, and Burbank.

Summary of Activities: Over the past year, our organization has been actively engaged in utilizing public airways and implementing programs tailored to the needs and interests of the Armenian community in the specified cities. Our efforts have centered around promoting Democratic candidates, with a particular emphasis on supporting President Biden's reelection and working towards securing a Democratic majority in the House and the Senate and local elections. We registered voters by tabling at the farmers market and community colleges in Glendale, and throughout the LA county. Fundraising for Democratic candidates throughout the LA county and the statewide for the School Board to United States Congress and office of the President. CAAD's couple of the outcome of the fundraising and voter registration was, to electing Nick Schultz to State Assembly 44, George Whiteside, US representative CD 27, and Adam Schiff to US Senate, etc...

Media Outreach: We have effectively utilized public airways to disseminate information about Democratic candidates and their policies. Our engagement with local media outlets has allowed us to reach a wider audience and foster informed discussions within the Armenian community.

Community Programs: To deepen our impact, we have organized community programs that address the unique concerns and aspirations of the Armenian population in Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank, and Fresno. These initiatives have facilitated meaningful conversations, provided a platform for candidate interactions, and encouraged civic participation including local Media.

Voter Registration: In addition to our promotional efforts, we have actively engaged in voter registration drives within the Armenian community. Our dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure that eligible voters are registered, contributing to the democratic process and empowering individuals to make their voices heard.

Board Meetings: Despite the challenges posed by the ongoing circumstances, we have successfully conducted several board meetings via conference calls and Zoom meetings ensuring continuity in our organizational efforts.

Upcoming Focus on Elections: As we approach the Midterm election, our organization is intensifying its efforts to support Democratic candidates. The focus remains on the striving to secure a Democratic majority in both the House and the Senate and local elections. We are committed to engaging voters, fostering awareness, and encouraging active participation in the democratic process.

Challenges and Opportunities: While we have made significant strides, we recognize the challenges that lie ahead. The coming year presents us with opportunities to expand our outreach, enhance collaboration with community partners, and further strengthen our presence within the Armenian

In closing, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and guidance. Together, we have made substantial progress, and I am confident that our collective efforts will contribute to the success of Democratic candidates in the upcoming elections.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to our shared goals.

Sincerely,

Juliet Minassian

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About

To promote the full participation of Armenian Americans and friends in the California Democratic Party by establishing a statewide organization.

This organization will stay neutral of all other Armenian organizations and factions.

We welcome all registered Democrats to join this organization under the umbrella of California Democratic Party.

Bylaws:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tcfKPuXwrAL4ILtKxP0FSys5iikl4IH84ALcfmRbwmU/edit?usp=sharing>

Webpage:

www.CAADemocrats.org



Public

Anyone can see who's in the group and what they post.



Visible

Anyone can find this group.



History

Group created on October 11, 2010

Rules from the admins

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1 Agree to the bylaws of this organization.

Bylaws is located at the "About" tab of this organization

People

[See all](#)



Home



Video



Friends



Marketplace



Notifications



Menu

March 5, 2025 at 3:13 PM

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**BROWNIE MARY
DEMOCRATS OF
CALIFORNIA REPORT**

2025 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Brownie Mary Democrats of California is to:

- Promote the Democratic Party and the election of Democrats to office on the federal, state and local level
- Promote the implementation of Prop. 64 so that access to cannabis is safe, reliable, local and affordable
- Repeal cannabis prohibition on the federal level
- Protect the rights of medical marijuana patients,
- End the futile, racist, inhumane and extortionate War on Drugs
- Engage with youth and Independents who are a growing segment of Americans for whom cannabis legalization is a critical issue and encourage them to register as Democrats and become active in the Party.

GOALS 2024 REVIEWED

- Promote the Democratic Party and the election of Democrats to office on the federal, state and local level
BMD members participated on the local levels as members of their Counties Democratic Central Committees, donated time and money to the election of Democrats, wrote letters and OPEDs to local media, participated in podcasts and social media to promote the election of Democrats and volunteered to staff tables to register new Democrats. BMD worked with CaNORML to include Democratic candidates in their voter guides distributed to cannabis consumers throughout California.
- Promote the implementation of Prop. 64 so that access to cannabis is safe, reliable, local and affordable
Contacted state officials on legislation such as AB 1775 which allows cannabis dispensaries to provide and sell non-alcoholic beverages, food and sell tickets and collect cover charges for entertainment like bars and taverns do and other state legislation affecting taxes and distribution of cannabis, AB 2555 which extends the provision of medical cannabis to financially challenged patients for another 5 years, SB 1059 which ended the double taxation of cannabis and other bills. Worked on the local level to get local city and county elected officials such as Oakland, Cathedral City, Eureka, Lompoc, Palm Springs, Sacramento Area (Isleton), San Francisco, South Lake Tahoe, Weed, West Hollywood and others to allow for the operation of cannabis lounges as permitted under AB 1775.
- Repeal cannabis prohibition on the federal level by contacting Congressional officers in support of removing cannabis from the schedule of Controlled Substances. President Biden's bid to remove cannabis from its current listing of Schedule 1 to Schedule 3 was also supported although the complete removal of cannabis, like alcohol and tobacco from the Schedule of Controlled Substances is the eventual goal.
- Protect the rights of medical marijuana patients by reducing taxes on cannabis purchased by legal medical marijuana patients and also the passage of AB 2555 which allows cannabis that is provided free to patients to be exempt from taxation.
- End the futile, racist, inhumane and extortionate War on Drugs by working with local and state officials to change laws to eliminate arrest, prosecution and imprisonment of low-level non-violent drug offenders. President Biden did issue pardons to thousands of non-violent drug offenders in federal prisons. Brownie Mary Democrats succeeded in passing a resolution calling for the decriminalization of personal possession of small amount of drugs.
- Engage with youth and Independents who are a growing segment of Americans for whom cannabis legalization is a critical issue and encourage them to register as Democrats and become active in the Party. BMD members spoke at civic organizations and college campuses about cannabis law reform and encouraged attendees to register as Democrats pointing out that it was the support of the Democratic Party that helped pass Prop. 64 which legalized cannabis for all adult

uses.

2025 GOALS

Increase Democratic voter registration by placing voter registration forms at dispensaries along with Brownie Mary Democrats membership forms leading to an increase in BMD memberships.

Increase access to safe, reliable, local and affordable cannabis by working with community organizations, local government agencies and elected Democratic officeholders leading to cannabis consumers reporting easier access and affordability.

Work with state legislators to increase access to cannabis by passing legislation preventing local governments from passing bans to prevent cannabis cultivation, manufacture and distribution leading to an increase in the percentage of cities and counties allowing cannabis businesses to operate legally and openly which will lead to a decrease in illegal sales and cultivation.

Work with state and local legislators to streamline the application process for cannabis business licenses, revise regulations to they are more rational and reasonable and reduce taxation so that cannabis taxes will be comparable to the taxes on wine leading to cannabis businesses being fiscally sound and a reduction in competition from illegal sources.

Work with California's congressional delegation to end federal cannabis prohibition leading to having cannabis removed completely from the Schedule of Controlled Substances thereby allowing banks to process money from cannabis businesses and the release of prisoners from federal prison for marijuana offenses and having their records expunged.

Support Democratic candidates by raising funds for their campaigns by encouraging cannabis consumers to support them financially and with their votes leading to Democratic candidates receiving contributions from cannabis consumers and businesses and gaining additional votes leading to the election of more Democrats to office.

**CALIFORNIA
DEMOCRATIC RENTERS
COUNCIL REPORT**

California Democratic Renters Council

Attachment A

Statement of Purpose

As renters, our goals are to address California's housing affordability crisis, specifically by carrying out the following work:

- 1) To work with tenant organizations throughout the year and connect tenant organizers with the Democratic Party and their legislators.
- 2) To advance resolutions, legislation, and other policies that address the issues faced by renters.
- 3) To educate and inform legislators and party delegates and leaders on proposed legislation and legislative strategy around affordable housing and tenant protection proposals.
- 4) To increase renter voter turnout, Census count, and elected representation.
- 5) To recruit, organize, and educate candidates and party members at Convention and Executive Board meetings.

2020-2022 Goals, Milestones, and Work Plan

	Activities Planned	Milestones/Goals
Spring/Summer 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with Tenant Organizations to register voters in “Battleground Counties” identified by the CDP. - Work with Tenant Organizations to identify housing legislation to prioritize in 2020. - Identify local pro-tenant candidates. - Provide assistance to cities drafting local ballot measures for rent control or affordable housing funding or COVID eviction moratoriums. - Work on tenant participation in the Census. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect with 20 tenant organizations on voter registration. (There are over 50 tenant unions and housing organizations statewide) - Identify list of bills to endorse - Identify local candidates running in Assembly, Senate, or Congressional districts that are CDP priorities, select about 20% to connect with. - Identify local ballot measures around housing. - Identify what different areas are doing to ensure that tenants in previously undercounted housing get counted (such as room rentals in a house, or unauthorized units). Compile and publish list of best practices for distribution to Complete County Committees statewide.
Summer 2020 Executive Board Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify housing legislation for the CDP to endorse. - Host caucus meeting with panel discussion plus time for candidates to speak / commit to supporting tenant priorities. - Hold board elections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDP endorsement of Costa-Hawkins reform proposition. - 5 housing bills brought to Legislation Committee for endorsement. - 10 candidates in attendance. - Council membership: 150
Fall 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relay information on CDP-endorsed Propositions to tenant and housing organizations. - Assist in get-out-the-vote efforts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 canvasses/phonebanks with CDP-endorsed candidates. Win at least 2 of those elections. - Pass rent control by ordinance or ballot measure in 10 cities
Fall 2020 Executive Board Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss 2021 legislation priorities. - Introduce resolutions outlining caucus priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resolution passed at E-Board. - Council membership: 200

Winter 2020-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with tenant organizations to encourage participation in ADEMs. - Work with supported candidates on drafting and introducing legislation. - Bring back Tenant Right to Organize bill in 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Majority of ADEMs candidates addressing housing in their candidate statements. - 4 new housing bills
Spring 2021 Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host caucus meeting with panel discussion on legislation priorities - Support bills at Legislation committee - Expand board as needed. Hold regular board election. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 candidates in attendance. - Council membership: 300
Spring/Summer 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruit tenants to run in 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruit 100 local candidates and 10 assembly/senate candidates.
Summer 2021 Executive Board Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host caucus meeting with panel discussion plus time for candidates to speak / commit to supporting tenant priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 candidates in attendance. - Council membership: 400
Summer/Fall 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with tenant organizations in drafting Platform updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Send in Platform recommendations.
Fall 2021 Endorsing Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host caucus meeting with panel discussion plus time for candidates to speak / commit to supporting tenant priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30 candidates in attendance. - Get at least 5 of Council-recruited candidates endorsed. - Dedicated section on Housing in the party platform. - Council membership: 500
Winter 2021-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relay information on CDP-endorsed Propositions to tenant and housing organizations. - Assist in get-out-the-vote efforts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 canvasses/phonebanks with CDP-endorsed candidates. Win at least 4 of those elections. - Connect with 40 tenant organizations on voter registration.

Spring 2022 Executive Board	- Support bills at Legislation committee	- 5 bills endorsed by CDP - Council membership: 1200
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California Democratic Renters Council

Attachment H - 2024 Goals

Election 2024:

- At state level, have 30 additional candidates participate in endorsements, win 10 elections
- At local level, have 60 additional candidates participate in endorsements, win 20 elections
- Win the following statewide ballot measures: Rent Control, Affordable Housing Bond, Article 34 Repeal, and Lowering local tax threshold from 2/3 to 55%
- Win local affordable housing bond measures
- Win the Local Rent Control ballot measures in Delano and other cities

Renters Reception and Press Conferences at every CADEM E-Board and Convention

- Following on the success of the past couple of events, we plan to continue our receptions and press conferences during Convention and E-Board

Legislation

- Issues that we're still working on:

- Greater transparency on property ownership.
- Ellis Act reform
- Costa-Hawkins reform
- Funding for social housing
- Right to cooling
- Energy efficiency disclosure
- Rent Registry / Eviction Database
- Fee disclosures
- Mobile home tenant protections

Supporting tenants rights at the local level

- Pass the tenant protection package for unincorporated Alameda County
- Pass rent control in Delano, Larkspur, Redwood City, Pittsburg, San Pablo at the ballot
- Pass rent control in San Leandro and Concord

Membership

- Increase the membership to 500 active members and 1000 people on the mailing list.

California Democratic Renters Council

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2025 Special Elections

- Interview candidates and make endorsements in the April special elections for State Legislature

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Legislation

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- AB1482 Renewal (extend the rent cap law that sunsets in 2030)
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- Ellis Act reform
- Costa-Hawkins reform
- Funding for social housing
- Right to cooling
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- Mobile home tenant protections

Supporting tenants rights at the local level

- Support campaigns for 1-2 statewide ballot measures in 2026
- Support campaigns for 5-10 local ballot measures in 2026
- Pass rent control in San Leandro

Membership

- Increase the membership to 500 active members and 1000 people on the mailing list.

**CALIFORNIA JEWISH
DEMOCRATS
(FORMERLY DEMOCRATS
FOR ISRAEL CALIFORNIA)
REPORT**

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Tamara Meltzer Levenson (Los Angeles).
Finance Chair – Brigitte Hunley (Solano) Membership Chair – Lauren Klatzker (Orange)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

California Jewish Democrats is the bridge between the California Democratic Party and the Jewish and pro-Israel communities. We are committed to: advocating to eradicate and prevent antisemitism and all forms of hate through issue advocacy, civic engagement and community alliances; uplifting the values of the Jewish community; working within the Democratic Party and in support of electing officials aligned with our community's values; and supporting the right of Israel to exist as a peaceful, democratic and pluralistic Jewish state.

CJD also promotes the liberal and progressive Democratic values to our many communities throughout the state through county clubs and at the state party level,

OBJECTIVES

1. EXPAND NUMBER OF CLUBS TO EXTEND JEWISH COMMUNITY ACTIVISM IN THE PARTY

2023	2024	2025	2026
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CALIFORNIA JEWISH DEMOCRATS (FORMERLY DEMOCRATS FOR ISRAEL CALIFORNIA)
FEC # C00429571, FPPC#1342901

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4 Clubs (426 Members) *DFI-LA *DFI -OC *Democrats for Peace in the Middle East (San Diego) *Jewish Democratic Club of Silicon Valley	6 Clubs (478 Members) Added *Jewish Democrats of Marin *Greater Sacramento Jewish Democrats	7 Clubs (653 Members) Added *Contra Costa Jewish Democrats	9 Clubs (750 Members)
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2. EXPAND ADVERTISING TO JEWISH COMMUNITY PAPERS AND MEDIA TO APPEAL TO JEWISH VOTERS TO SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC ENDORSED CANDIDATES

2020	2022	2026 Goal
ADS and OP-EDS IN LA Jewish Journal Quoted by Jewish Insider, J-Weekly	Ads in LA Jewish Journal and OC Jewish Life Quoted by Jewish Insider, OC	Ads in LA Jewish Journal and OC Jewish Life Quoted by Jewish Insider, OC

3. EXPAND GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEER MOBILIZATION

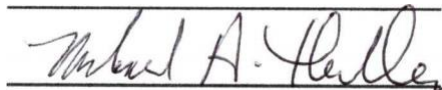
2022	2024	2026
3 phone banks w JDCA, Grassroots HQ Grassroots HQ, Senate candidate Q&A (2023) w Schiff, Lee and Porter (100 attending each event)	Ads in Sacramento, OC Jewish Life, San Diego Jewish Times and J Weekly, 4 phone banks w JDCA,	Ads in Sacramento, OC Jewish Life, San Diego Jewish Times and J Weekly, 4 phone banks w JDCA,

CJD Bylaws Require a minimum of 10 days advance notice of General Membership Meetings.

CJD further certifies that all members of the club are in fact registered Democrats or intend to register as soon as eligible to do so to the extent permitted by CDP Bylaws.



Andrew Lachman



Mike Thaller

**IRANIAN AMERICAN
DEMOCRATS OF
CALIFORNIA
REPORT**



February 6, 2024

IADC STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Iranian-American Democrats of California (IADC) is a 527 organization (public benefit) registered in California. IADC is dedicated to engaging, educating and empowering our community. We endorse legislation and Iranian-American Democrats and allies running for office that reflect our values.

We believe in secular democracy as a form of government and are committed to any movement that defends civil liberties and upholds human rights doctrines. As an immigrant community which has lived the experience of war, we persistently advocate for diplomacy and peace.

We envision when Iranian Americans and other underrepresented communities are included, valued, represented, and celebrated for their unique contributions, everyone wins.

The following is the intended Activities, objective, and how we intend to execute our goals:

1. Engage

- a. Increase membership by 1.5 times the current members
- b. Holding Nowruz event at the State Capitol and draft/support resolutions
- c. Engage with lawmakers and discuss issues that impact the Iranian-American community, and beyond,
- d. Conducting meaningful outreach to Mayors, Supervisors and City Councilmembers in the four “Regions” where IADC has representation,
- e. Conduct surveys and polls from the community to ensure their voices are heard

2. Educate

- a. Our community on proposed measures and propositions that impact them by creating and distributing a voter guide
- b. Create online content with habitual webinars on important topics that have current event or policy value
- c. Developing open communication channels with media who are interested in the Iranian-American perspective as well as interviews in the Iranian media to increase awareness about civic duties and GOTV

- d. Review proposed bills that directly impact the Iranian American community and provided timely feedback, help amplify and mobilize the community

3. Empower

- a. Identify and support Democratic candidates at local, state and congressional levels, maintaining or flipping seats blue across the state by holding candidate interviews, door knocking, text banking and distributing digital news letters to more than 2000 Iranian American Democrats across the state
- b. Endorsing and supporting the election of more people to central committees across the state every 4 years during the primaries, and increase number of delegates and E-Board members in CADEM in odd years,
- c. Raise funds to maintain community funded programs
- d. Offer fellowship to young students

STATEWIDE CHARTERED APPLICATIONS