California Democratic Party Rules Committee Agenda
Friday, August 22, 2025 at 4:00pm
Virtual Executive Board Meeting

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CHAIR'S CHARGE TO THE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rules Committee
From: Rusty hicks, Chair
Date: August 11, 2025
RE: Committee charges

Thank you for accepting your appointment to serve on the California Democratic Party's Rules Committee. The work you and your committee members do is vital to the smooth operation of our Party. In addition to meetings of your committee at Conventions and Executive Board meetings, the Rules Committee frequently meets between Executive Board meetings and it is expected that you attend and participate to the fullest extent possible.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the CDP:

"It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to keep the By-Laws and Rules of This Committee consistent with the aims and policies of This Committee, to propose changes in the rules and By-Laws and special rules when necessary, to promulgate forms for quarterly financial disclosure statements for the Statewide Officers, promulgate rules for the filling of vacancies in Regional Directorships, adopt guidelines for the Legislation Committee, promulgate rules for the conduct of Assembly District Election Meetings, to adopt guidelines upon recommendation of the Organizational Development Committee for the Chartering of Organizations under Article X of these bylaws, to advise the Secretary of This Committee as to what information is needed on the Application for Charter, approve or reject proposed Caucus Statements of Purpose and Intended Activity, promulgate Guidelines for Certification, Re-Certification, and Decertification of Caucuses, to advise the Secretary of This Committee as to what information is needed on the Application for Certification of Caucuses, certify and decertify caucuses, promulgate procedural rules for the operation of the Compliance Review Commission, recommend changes in the Code of Conduct as may be necessary from time to time, promulgate procedural rules for the operation of the Conduct Commission and to effectuate the flow chart entitled "Process for Reporting Misconduct and Harassment."

For this 2025 term, I also specifically charge the Rules Committee with the following responsibilities:

1. Conduct a thorough review of the 2025 ADEM elections, including public testimony hearings, and adopt guidelines for the 2027 ADEM elections that will increase turnout and improve operational efficiency.

2. Review and adopt guidelines for the 2026 endorsement process.

3. Propose rules for the 2026 Convention.

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4. Conduct a thorough review of the By-laws and look for ways to reorganize the language to make it easier for everyone to digest the rules of our Party.

5. Continue to find ways to increase participation and representation within the party for our Youth and Immigrant Democrats.

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DRAFT SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNEMENTS

Rules Committee
Proposed Subcommittee Assignments

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5	Member 6	Member 7
ADEMs	Coby King	Michael Burkhard	Eddie Alvarez	Kathy Bowler	Katie Jaycox	Leah LaCroix	Anita Narayana	Robin Torello	Mcclina Woods
Caucuses	Laurence Zakson	Izeah Chairez	Kathy Bowler	Ronald Gonzales-Lawrence	Harris Mojadedi	Juan Muñoz	G. Anthony Philips	Joseph Piñon	Maha Rizvi
Endorsements	Kathy Bowler	Steven Alari	Lanette Griffin	Valeria Hernandez	Coby King	Olivia Lee	Juan Muñoz	G. Anthony Philips	Garry Shay
Miscellaneous	Valeria Hernandez	Katie Jaycox	Nicole Fernandez	Alicia Mijares	G. Anthony Philips	Joseph Piñon	Maha Rizvi	Garry Shay	Laurence Zakson
County Bylaws	Robin Torello	Glenn Glazer	Steven Alari	Katie Jaycox	Leah LaCroix	Anita Narayana	Jason Park	Rachel Shoemaker	Mcclina Woods
Standing Committees	Garry Shay	Olivia Lee	Steven Alari	Eddie Alvarez	Michael Burckhard	Glenn Glazer	Ronald Gonzales-Lawrence	Lanette Griffin	Harris Mojadedi
Officers, Elections, Duties, etc.	G. Anthony Philips	Jose Alcala	Kathy Bowler	Izeah Chairez	Nicole Fernandez	Guadalupe Gutierrez	Garry Shay	Amy Valdez	Laurence Zakson
Chartered Organizations	Glenn Glazer	Anita Narayana	Nicole Fernandez	Guadalupe Gutierrez	Alicia Mijares	Jason Park	Garry Shay	Rachel Shoemaker	Amy Valdez
Redistricting Ad Hoc (joint with JEDI)	Izeah Chairez		Katie Jaycox	Harris Mojadedi					

REVIEW OF BYLAWS AMENDMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED ON SATURDAY

MEMORANDUM

TO: California Democratic Party (CDP) Executive Board
FROM: CDP Rules Committee
DATE: August 11, 2025
RE: Notice of CDP Bylaws Amendments Recommended by CDP Rules Committee to CDP Executive Board for Consideration at the 2025 Virtual August Executive Board Meeting

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A number of Bylaws amendments were recommended for adoption by the Rules Committee at the 2025 May Convention. These recommendations will be before the Executive Board at its next meeting in this month and are included in this memo for notice under the Bylaws and review.

Bylaw Amendments for Consideration:

1. CDP Staff proposal to amend BOE District Endorsements and Delegate Representation **P. 1-3**
2. CDP Staff proposal to amend Voting at Pre-Endorsing Conference (Electronic) and procedures on Club Representatives for Pre-Endorsing Conferences **P. 3-8**
3. CDP Staff Proposal related to CADEM engagement and front-line Races **P. 8**

1. Proposal to amend BOE District Endorsements and Delegate Representation.
These amendments will treat the endorsement of Board of Equalization offices the same as other district endorsements (instead of as statewide offices) and will treat out-of-district appointments in the same manner as other districts.

Amend Art. VIII, Sec 3(c) to read:
Endorsing caucuses of This Committee shall be comprised of all members of This Committee resident and registered to vote in the relevant district except that those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(11), 2a(12) and 2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this Article) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral district as the one that the appointing authority represents. Endorsement caucuses in any given primary race shall be chaired by persons designated by the Chair of This Committee. The Chair of This Committee may also appoint a Parliamentarian who is a member of either the Rules or Credentials Committee of This Committee, and a Secretary for each Endorsing Caucus.

Amend Art. VIII, Sec 3(c)(1) to read:
Endorsing caucuses shall be held at places and times during the endorsing convention which are designated by the Chair of This Committee consistent with achieving an orderly, convenient and fair process. Endorsing Caucuses for the office of State Board of Equalization shall be conducted during a General Session, of an Endorsing Convention, and voting shall be conducted electronically among eligible voters in each relevant district.

Amend Art. VIII, Sec 3(d)(1) to read:
In the case of a statewide public office, This Committee's ratification of the endorsing caucus' decision shall be assumed, since the endorsing caucus is comprised of all members of This Committee. ~~The office of State Board of Equalization shall be considered as a statewide office and shall be voted upon by all members of This Committee.~~

Amend Art. VIII, Sec 3(d)(3)(b)(1) to read:
Upon written motion by at least ten (10) members of the relevant caucus in the case of an Assembly District or at least twenty (20) members of the relevant caucus in the case of a State Senate or Congressional District, except that those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(11), 2a(12) and 2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate in such motions or petitions unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral district as the one that the appointing authority represents, or

Amend Art. VIII, Sec 3(e)(1)(a) to read:
Those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(11), 2a(12) and 2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral district as the one that the appointing authority represents, and

Amend Art. VIII, Sec 3(g)(5)(a) to read:
All members of This Committee resident in the district, except that those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(11), 2a(12) and 2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral district as the one that the appointing authority represents;

Amend Art. VIII, Sec 3(h)(1)(b)(1) to read:
those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(11), 2a(12) and 2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral District as the one that the appointing authority represents, and

Amend Art. VIII, Sec 3(i) to read:
For those races subject to review by the Election Appeals Committee via the filing of a Letter of Objection, within fifteen (15) days after Secretary of State certification of the Primary Election, twenty percent (20%) of the members of This Committee resident in the district in question except that those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(11), 2a(12) and 2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral District as the one that the appointing authority represents, must sign and file with the Secretary of This Committee a Letter of Objection objecting to the endorsement of a particular candidate.

Amend Art. VIII, Sec 3(j)(1) to read:
For districted races, the Chair of This Committee shall cause to be convened an endorsing caucus of the members of This Committee resident in the each relevant district, except that

those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(11), 2a(12) and 2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral District as the one that the appointing authority represents may group such districts on a regional basis as necessary and shall designate a convenor. No proxy voting shall be allowed - each member shall be sent a vote-by-mail ballot which shall be read off as though it were a roll call vote. Once received by the designated convenor of the caucus, a ballot may not be retracted, rescinded, or otherwise changed and shall be counted in the totals. Lost ballots may be replaced at the caucus prior to the close of balloting. Each caucus may place on a consent calendar of the Executive Board of This Committee:

2. Proposal to amend Voting at Pre-Endorsing Conference (Electronic) and procedures on Club Representatives for Pre-Endorsing Conferences. These amendments will shift voting at Pre-Endorsing Conferences to electronic means and will also automate the process of resolving duplicates of delegates of club list submissions in a manner that is more transparent and fair.

Article VIII, section 3(g), Voting at Pre-Endorsing Conference (Electronic) and procedures on Club Representatives for Pre-Endorsing Conferences, to read:

g. "Pre-endorsing Conferences" Time, Place, Absentee Voting, Notice, Convenor, Participants, Certification of Roster, No Proxy Voting, Address by Candidate, Offering of Name, Single Roll Call Vote, Prohibition on Vote Retraction, Participant's Residency, Transmission of Results, Incumbent Consent Calendar Placement and Removal Process, Process for Endorsement in General Election:

"Pre-endorsing Conferences" are a public meeting of the Democratic Party and shall be held at the regional level prior to the State endorsing convention, and shall be open to all registered Democrats.

1. The time and place of each pre-endorsing conference shall be determined by the State Chair in consultation with the Party's Regional Directors.

2. Voting shall be conducted utilizing an electronic ballot system.~~Absentee ballot voting shall be allowed for each office to be voted upon at the pre-endorsing conference provided that t~~ The participation of at least five of the eligible members of This Committee as delegates to the pre- endorsing conference~~, either in person, or by vote-by-mail ballot,~~ shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of such quorum no recommendation for endorsement shall take place; however, the relevant convention endorsing caucus shall consider the race "de novo". ~~The ballot shall consist of a written, signed statement from the eligible voter and shall be recorded as part of the roll call vote if received by the designated Regional Director or through an alternative electronic process promulgated by the Chair of This Committee or their designee prior to the beginning of the roll call vote in the designated district. In the event that any Senate District or Congressional District falls into more than one Region, the State Chair shall assign those districts to a single regional pre-endorsement conference for the purposes of making the recommendation set forth in this section, due consideration being given to conflicting conference dates so as to allow for full participation.~~

3. The State Chair shall be responsible for providing each voting participant with notification of the time and place of the relevant pre-endorsing conference. Regional Directors shall be responsible, upon the advice and assistance of the State Chair, for generally publicizing pre-endorsement conferences.

4. Each pre-endorsing conference shall be convened by the relevant Regional Director or, in the event that there is no Regional Director available for this purpose or the Regional Director is a candidate for nomination to a partisan public office, or has a demonstrable conflict of interest (as determined by a majority of the Statewide Officers of This Committee), by a person designated by the State Chair. The State Chair shall designate a Chair and a Secretary for each Regional pre-endorsing conference.

5. Voting participants at each pre-endorsing conference shall be:
   . All members of This Committee resident in the district, except that those members appointed by the appointing authorities for the offices described in Article II, sections 2a(11), 2a(12) and 2a(14) and not appointed pursuant to Article II, section 3c shall not be eligible to participate (or be counted in any calculation of percentages needed for endorsement under this section) unless the appointee is registered to vote in the same electoral district as the one that the appointing authority represents;
   b. All regular County Committee members resident in the district;
   c. Designated Assembly District representatives from chartered clubs and organizations.
      1. Representatives from each Democratic Club or other Democratic organization chartered by This Committee or by a County Central Committee in the year prior to the pre- endorsing conferences shall be eligible to participate, as follows:

         . The Chair of the Chartering Organization shall have certified the validity of the Charter, and that the Club was chartered and has submitted a roster of members in good standing duly registered as a member of the Democratic Party of California to the Chair of the Chartering Organization and to the appropriate Regional Director and the Secretary of This Committee no later than a date that is announced by the state chair and is between 300 and 310 days prior to the following statewide primary election of the year immediately prior to the endorsing process, and that:

            i. The rules of by-laws of the Club contain a provision that only members in good standing as of a date that is announced by the State Chair and is between 315 and 325 days prior to the following statewide primary election and is 14 days prior to the date specified in Section 3(g)(5)(c)(1)(a) above shall be included on the roster;
            ii. The rules or by-laws of the Club define the phrase “member in good standing”;

iii. The status of such members be certified by the Club's President, Secretary, or Treasurer;

iv. The Club's representatives to any particular pre-endorsing conference be from the list described above and that the overall list of representatives to all conferences adhere to the Equal Division Rule, to the extent possible. A Club member may only be the club representative for one club. The club representative may not already be a member of the Pre-Endorsing Conference by way of Sec 3. (g)(5)(a) and Sec. 3 (g)(5)(b) above.

v. Either (1) the rules or by-laws of the Club shall outline the process by which representatives to the pre-endorsing conference shall be selected, ensuring that only members in good standing participate in the process or (2) the representatives shall be selected at a duly-noticed meeting of the Club, affirmed by a vote of those members in good standing in attendance and voting.

b. Club representatives shall be ~~allocated~~ calculated as follows: ~~one representative, resident in the Assembly District and duly registered as a member of the Democratic Party of California, for each full (not a fraction thereof) 20 members in good standing registered to vote in the Assembly District who were listed on the roster referred to above.~~

i. After Clubs have submitted their club rosters, verification of the club members' Democratic registration shall be checked in the voter file. Any club members that are not registered Democrats will be omitted from the club's member list. The total number of club members submitted after checking voter registration shall be referred to as Total Submitted Members herein.

ii.. All club member lists shall be compared against each other to identify club members who are a member of multiple clubs. In the event that a club member is a member of multiple clubs, that club member shall be counted as a fraction equal to 1 divided by the number of clubs they are a member of. All other club members shall be counted as 1. The sum of club members including fractional representation shall be referred to as Fractional Value.

iii. For clubs that have 20 or more Total Submitted Members and a Fractional Value of 15 or more in an assembly district, the Fractional Value shall be divided by 20 and rounded to the nearest whole number. That number will be the number of Club Representatives a Club will receive in that assembly district.

~~c. Club members who hold dual club memberships may only be counted for representation once. Such representatives must be registered Democrats. In the event a name is listed on two or more rosters, only one name shall be~~

~~counted and the Regional Director shall first count the name on the roster of the organization which does not deprive another organization of representation, if possible; provided, however, if that is not possible, the name on the roster which was first turned in will be counted unless the individual is listed as a Representative from another organization, in which case the individual shall be counted only on the roster of the organization sought to be represented.~~

2. The certifying authority for the representatives referred to in this paragraph shall be the Chair of the chartered organization.
3. These A.D. representatives may vote only in the districts in which they reside.

(6.) No proxy voting shall be allowed at pre-endorsing conferences. In order to effectuate notice to all potential voters, and to determine and certify eligibility to vote, it shall be the responsibility of each Regional Director, with the assistance of the relevant County Committee Chair(s) and the Executive Board representative from each Assembly District to identify by name all persons who will be eligible voters at their regional pre-endorsing conference and to transmit the names of all such voters to the State Chair, along with the Assembly District, Senate District and Congressional District in which each resides by a date selected by the Chair of This Committee and publicized on the Party's website that is between forty-five (45) and ninety (90) days prior to the State Endorsing Convention. A roster of the certified eligible voters shall be maintained by that Regional Director and shall be provided to the Chair of This Committee and to each candidate who has requested consideration. In order to be a voting member of a pre-endorsing conference, an individual's membership must have been certified as indicated herein and their name must appear, or have had the right to appear, on the certified roster as described above. Nothing in this section relieves a Democratic Club of its obligation to submit its roster to the Regional Director by the date selected pursuant to Section 3(g)(5)(c)(1)(a) above.

(7) Candidates for partisan non-statewide public office and who commit to filing as "Party Preference: Democratic", are required to fill out the Endorsement Registration Form to be eligible for this Committee's Endorsement Process. Candidates must fill out the Endorsement Registration Form at least five (5) days prior to the Pre-Endorsing Conference Meetings. Should the incumbent candidate fail to file the notice of intent to run by that date, then the filing deadline shall be extended to a day, which is three (3) days prior to the Pre-Endorsing Conference Meetings. No withdrawals shall be allowed after that date. All candidates must also have paid the Candidate Filing Fee, set by the Finance Committee, to complete the registration process within 24 hours of the registration deadline.

~~(7)~~(8)Pre-Endorsing Conference Meetings shall have a posted start time of 11 AM. Each Candidate, who completed the registration process, ~~for partisan, non-statewide public office~~ whose jurisdiction extends into, or is included in a given Region, ~~and who commits to filing as "Party Preference: Democratic,"~~ shall be permitted to address the relevant pre-endorsing conference or to designate a representative to address said conference, provided that such candidate is not seeking the endorsement of This Committee for another office

which will be elected on the same date. At 12 PM (Noon) ballots will be sent electronically to all eligible voters. Ballots must be turned in by 12 PM (Noon) seven (7) calendar days after they are sent out. A "no preference" option shall be available at the time of each vote. Once submitted, a ballot may not be retracted, rescinded, or otherwise changed and shall be counted in the totals.

~~(8) Any voting participant may offer for conference consideration the name of a candidate for partisan, non-statewide public office whose jurisdiction extends into, or is included within the given Region, provided the fee referred to in Section 3.c.(3) above has been paid and that such candidate is not seeking the endorsement of This Committee for another office which will be elected on the same date.~~

~~(9) Once the names of candidates for a given office have been thus offered, a single roll call vote, via signed written ballot, in the same form as the vote- by-mail ballot, shall be taken as to the preferences of the eligible voting participants. Once received by the designated Regional Director, a ballot may not be retracted, rescinded, or otherwise changed and shall be counted in the totals. A "no preference" option shall be available at the time of each vote.~~

~~(10)~~(9) Eligibility to vote with respect to a given office shall be limited to those conference participants resident in the election district in question.

~~(11)~~(10)~~The Chair of the pre-endorsing conference is responsible for transmitting to the State Chair, in writing, the results of all votes taken within three days of the pre-endorsing conference.~~ The results of the Pre-Endorsing Conference will be promptly posted publicly \following the conclusion of voting.

~~(12)~~(11)An incumbent seeking election to the same office currently held shall be automatically placed on the consent calendar of This Committee's endorsing convention unless:

a. There is more than one incumbent seeking the same office, or
b. By a date that is between:
    1. the date that the pre-endorsing conference roster of eligible participants has been determined by the Chair of This Committee, and
    2. ten (10) days prior to the pre-endorsing conference, twenty percent (20%) of the eligible participants or two-thirds of a body composed of the Statewide Officers of This Committee plus the Regional Director(s) whose region(s) include(s) all or part of the district represented by the incumbent file a petition to include the incumbent in the endorsement process otherwise indicated in this Section.

~~(13)~~(12) The name of a non-incumbent or of an incumbent subject to Section 3.g.(1~~1~~2)(a) or Section 3.g.(1~~1~~2)(b) may be placed on the consent calendar of This Committee's endorsing convention upon receiving at least seventy percent (70%) vote, of those valid votes cast, at a pre-endorsing conference. The consent calendar shall be approved by a simple majority vote of This Committee. Upon approval of the consent

calendar the candidate shall become the endorsed candidate of the Democratic Party. A name may be removed from the consent calendar by at least twenty percent (20%) of the members of This Committee resident and qualified by a date selected by the Chair of This Committee and publicized on the Party's website that is between forty-five (45) and ninety (90) days prior to the State Endorsing Convention in the District in question or by at least twenty percent (20%) of the members of This Committee by filing a letter of objection with the State Chair no later than ten (10) days prior to the State Endorsing Convention. If a name is removed from the consent calendar, the By-Laws of This Committee regarding endorsements shall apply.

3. Proposal related to CADEM engagement and Frontline Races. These amendments will allow the Party to support incumbent office-holders if the district meets certain criteria. Such support will end 90 days prior to the endorsing convention and will not constitute an endorsement for reelection.

Add Art. VIII, Sec 1(l), related to CADEM engagement in Frontline races:

l. Support in Identified Frontline District Races Notwithstanding anything in Section 1(a) of this Article or anything elsewhere in these Bylaws, the Chair of This Committee, in consultation with the Statewide Officers, may designate certain Federal and State Legislative Districts as "frontline districts." To constitute a "frontline district," the district must be one in which:
   (1) There is an incumbent Democrat; and
   (2) (A) The district has been publicly designated as a target by another party, or (B) the incumbent defeated a candidate of another party in the most recent General Election by a margin of less than ten (10) points

Promptly after the designation of a district as "frontline district," the Chair of This Committee shall notify in writing the Chair(s) of the Organizing Committee and the Regional Director(s) of the region(s) in which the frontline district is located of the designation.

After such notice, the Chair of This Committee, in consultation with the Statewide Officers, may, with respect to any designated "frontline district," take such action as the Chair deems fit to ensure that the district remains represented by a Democratic Party candidate. Such action shall not constitute an endorsement of This Committee and shall not involve any actions seeking to affect the endorsement process of This Committee. Additionally, the authority, under this subsection l, of the Chair of This Committee to act shall terminate as of 90 days before the start of the endorsing convention.

The authorization to act in this subsection l is limited exclusively to actions expressly authorized by the Chair of This Committee and neither This Committee nor any of its constituent parts may take any action unless so authorized. In addition, the authorization to act provided in this subsection l is limited to actions of This Committee and does not authorize any action by any County Central Committee.

August Bylaws Proposals Cheat Sheet

Board of Equalization (BOE)

- Changes BOE endorsement from being voted on by all delegates, to being voted on only by delegates who live in the BOE district.
- BOE Members appointing authority changed from statewide to district based. (BOE Districts 1, 2, 3, 4)

Pre-Endorsing Conference Changes

- Allows for electronic voting.
- The voting window is open for one week.
- Candidates must register for the endorsement process before voting begins.
- Pre-Endorsing Conference is held before the voting begins.
- Results are published online promptly after voting.

Club Representatives

- Members with memberships to two or more clubs are divided among each club.
- The number of club representatives are computed by dividing the club's total fractional value by 20 and rounding the result to the nearest whole number.
- Test run came back with a 21% increase in the number of reps a club got and 75% saw no change.
- Club Representatives may be chosen from all submitted members within a particular district.

Frontline District Engagement

- The Chair, in consultation with the Officers, can designate certain districts as frontline districts based on specified criteria, allowing the Party to directly support the incumbent in that district.
- This support must conclude 90 days before the Endorsing Convention.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

TO: Rules Committee, California Democratic Party

FR: Sub-Committee on Statewide Chartered Organizations: Nicole Fernandez, Subcommittee Lead Chair

RE: Report of the Sub-Committee on Statewide Chartered Organizations

DA: July 31, 2025

The Subcommittee on Statewide Chartered Organizations met on Thursday, July 31, 2025 and the following below is the report for that meeting:

I. With 5 members present there was a quorum. Members present: Nicole Fernandez; Sascha Bittner; Glenn Glazer; Anita Narayana; and Garry Shay

II. New Application Submissions (continued from previous meeting)
A. United Avance California Democratic Federation
B. California Democrats for Justice in Palestine

M/S/P to table the application of the United Avance California Democratic Federation and to approve the application of the California Democrats for Justice in Palestine.

III. CA High School Democrats (CAHSD) Proposed Bylaws Amendment
Consider proposed amendments to the Bylaws and the chartering guidelines to allow CAHSD to be automatically chartered with CADEM without the need for an application.

M/S/P to approve with amendments to restore the reference to when the CYD was chartered in Article X, Section 3(a)(5), as follows:

Amend Art. II, Sec 1 (a)(9) to read as follows:
Four (4) officers of the California Young Democrats, California College Democrats, and California High School 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~~.

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, and of the California High School 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.

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). The California Democratic Council, the California Young Democrats, the California College Democrats, and the California High School Democrats are specifically exempted from this subsection.

IV. Proposal submitted by Emilie Gatfield to amend Article II, Sec 1 (a)(8); Article X, Section 3(a)(5); Appendix C Chartering of Organizations

M/S/P to table to give notice to the California Democratic Council

V. Public Comment

New Business submitted by Subcommittee Member Glenn Glazer:
Proposed amendment to Appendix C, Section C
Strike Appendix C, Section C and re-number accordingly:

~~**C. Statewide Organizations**~~

~~1. This Committee shall not charter more than one organization representing or sharing substantially similar interests;~~
~~2. The Chairs of Caucuses certified under Article III, Section 9, of the Bylaws of the CDP shall be given written or electronic notice of any application for charter by a Statewide Organization representing or sharing substantially similar interests as their caucus, and shall be invited to submit written testimony either in support or opposition to the application. In its discretion, This Committee, or any of its subordinate bodies considering the matter, may invite oral testimony, provided all interested persons are accorded the same right.~~

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COUNTY BYLAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

To: Coby King and Valeria Hernandez, Lead Chairs of the CDP Rules Committee

From: Robin Torello, Chair of the Subcommittee on County Bylaws

Date: August 22, 2025 Executive Board – Rules Committee

Re: Status Report of the Subcommittee on County Bylaws

The California Democratic Party (CDP) Bylaws state that a Democratic candidate for nonpartisan office who has been endorsed by their County Central Committee shall also be considered to be the endorsed candidate of the CDP provided that the endorsing provisions of the relevant County Central Committee Bylaws have been reviewed and approved by the CDP as consistent with its own Bylaws and with the fundamental rules of fairness.

The County Bylaws subcommittee met on Saturday, August 2, 2025 and this is a record of the actions agreed upon in preparation for the August 22-23, 2025 Executive Board:

Prior to this Executive Board, the County Bylaws subcommittee received the following requests from counties wishing attestations, review or re-review from previous rejections along with our subcommittee actions from the evaluation process:

Contra Costa County:	Approval
El Dorado County:	Approval
Lake County:	Awaiting Submission of Materials
Mono County:	Awaiting Submission of Materials
Orange County:	Under current review
Sacramento County:	Not Approved
San Benito County:	Approval
Santa Barbara County:	Not Approved
Sierra County:	Not Approved
Solano County:	Approval
Tuolumne County:	Awaiting Submission of Materials
Ventura County:	Awaiting Submission of Materials

Of those reviewed, Contra Costa County, El Dorado County, San Benito County and Solano County are put forward for approval at the Rules Committee meeting at the August 22-23, 2025 Executive Board. The remainder of the County Committees were either not approved outright requiring amendment of their documents to comply; or materials were not received in time for consideration during this Executive Board.

Lake County initially wanted to send an attestation as they were approved in November 2023. However, Lake County withdrew their attestation request as it was discovered that their bylaws have been amended since their 2023 approval. Thus, Lake County must go through the full process once again.

Mono County assumed that their application sent in May 2024 was approved. However, Mono County was actually not approved and was notified via email on May 21, 2024 as to their status along with the reasons as to why their checklist and materials did not meet our requirements at that time. We called the Chair of Mono County as well as resent the original rejection email again stating the reasons behind our action and noting they could resubmit once bylaws are amended accordingly.

As with many County Committees, past history is not always available to the current officers. Tuolumne County was under the misunderstanding that their county bylaws and other materials were approved during the 2023/2024 period. We have no record that Tuolumne County applied. Thus, Tuolumne County was notified that they must send us the appropriate required checklist and materials to be considered for approval.

Ventura County notified us that they would be sending the checklist/materials to our subcommittee for review. To date, we have not received their material.

As to Orange County, their material was sent, but it was sent to the wrong email address. We have since received the material and the subcommittee has begun their review process in time for consideration during the Fall 2025 Executive Board.

For those County Central Committees submissions that were not approved, here is a summary as to why. We will be notifying Sacramento, Santa Barbara and Sierra Counties in writing as to why to their governing documents require further amending.

Sacramento County

1. Checklist H1 – mentions the process for electing DSCC members, but is missing mention of the “1 per 10,000” formula per the CDP bylaws.

2. Checklist H2 – does not include wording to follow the “equal division rule” per the CDP bylaws.

3. Checklist D Section 3 – doesn’t include time requirements for noticing agendas and meetings.

Santa Barbara County

1. Checklist F – need to add a provision to prohibit the Central Committee from endorsing candidates running for Central Committee.

2. Checklist G – shall include a definition of who is eligible to vote for endorsements and should be from members in good standing. Currently, bylaws are not clearly defined to meet this requirement.
3. Checklist I – Santa Barbara offers a "Conduct and Responsibility" provision to comply with Code of Conduct requirement. Some information related to this Code was not detailed in the bylaws. We assume the County Committee may have a separate document, but it was not submitted to us. Thus, it was not clear how to determine a violation of the Code or how to file or handle a complaint.

Sierra County

1. Checklist D Section 3 – doesn't include time requirements for noticing agendas and meetings.

2. Checklist H2 – does not include wording to follow the "equal division rule" per the CDP bylaws,

Once the Rules Committee meets and the DSCC members accept our submitted report during the August 22-23, 2025 Executive Board, we will reach out in writing to all those counties who applied and inform them of the decisions made.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Torello, Chair
Glenn Glazer, Vice-Chair
Subcommittee on County Bylaws

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

TO: Rules Committee
From: Estevan Rojas, Emma Harper, Ben Seinfeld
Date: August 2025
RE: Proposed Bylaw Changes for the Filling of a Proxy vote for Board Representative

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CADEM Staff would like to update the process for filing a subsequent ADREP vacancy to bring it more in line with the process for filling an ADREP vacancy at the initial ADEM (Assembly District Election Meeting). The updated procedures would more closely honor the will of the voters at the ADEM. Additionally, the updated language would further clarify which delegates are eligible to run for the vacant ADREP position, should an election become necessary.

AMENDMENTS

Amend Art. VI, Sec 1 (j)(3)
In the event of a subsequent vacancy of the office of Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board (either by operation of this subsection j(2) or otherwise), ~~the Regional Director for the applicable Assembly District shall call a public meeting of the members of This Committee resident in the Assembly District, who shall fill the vacancy from among those persons enumerated in paragraph (1) of this subsection j.~~ the vacant position shall be offered to each Executive Board Candidate in the order of votes received at the preceding ADEM. Any ties shall be resolved by lot. Should all Executive Board Candidates decline, then the opportunity shall be offered to each elected Assembly District delegate, starting with the highest vote-getter and proceeding in descending order of vote count. If all delegates decline, the Regional Director for the applicable Assembly District shall convene a public meeting of the members of This Committee residing in the Assembly District, who shall fill the vacancy from among those members of This Committee resident in the Assembly District (excluding those elected by a county central committee pursuant to Article II, section 4). This meeting shall be called with at least 10 days' notice provided to the members of This Committee residing in the Assembly District. For the purpose of this meeting only, a quorum shall be (5) members of This Committee residing in the Assembly District. Once the vacancy is filled, the person who convened the meeting to fill the vacancy shall notify, in writing, the State Chair of the Party of the selection made pursuant to this subdivision.