

**California Democratic Party
2025 Executive Board Meeting
Sunday, October 26, 2025
Floor Packet**

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**CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
GENERAL SESSION – Virtual**

SATURDAY, August 23, 2025

CADEM Chair, Rusty Hicks, welcomed attendees, with a special acknowledgment to new Executive Board members, and officially called the meeting to order. Chair Hicks highlighted the key business for the day, including the "Election Rigging Response Act," also known as Prop 50. He conveyed a message, emphasizing the challenging battle ahead and the critical need to fight back against what Republicans are doing.

CADEM Jane Wishon, Co-Chair, Credentials Committee,

Jane gave a credentials report 312 of 395 EBoard members-- 79% including 6 proxies

M/S/P

Coby King, CADEM Parliamentarian, reviewed the rules for debate, floor discussion, and voting, which remain consistent with previous virtual meetings. **Debate Guidelines**--To be recognized, use the "raise hand" function in Zoom or dial *9 if on the phone. Once recognized, speakers have 1 minute. For motions requiring debate, there will be 3 speakers in support and 3 in opposition, alternating turns. The motion's maker will typically be one of these speakers. Voting procedures will be "Green" for Yea, "Red" for Nay, using the Zoom reaction feature.

M/S/P

CADEM Chair, Rusty Hicks, moved to approve the minutes from May and December 2024, as presented in the packet (Pages 35-45). **M/S/P**

Officer Reports--Chair Hicks acknowledged and thanked the officers for their understanding in deferring their reports to prioritize party business due to time constraints.

CADEM Finance Committee Update, Carolyn Fowler, CADEM Controller and Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the August 22nd meeting, expressing gratitude to staff and new committee members for their active participation and fresh ideas. Chair Fowler acknowledged the vital role of monthly donors and emphasized the committee's dedication to expanding its initiatives through the DEM 2026 program and the newly established California Fight Fund. She encouraged current monthly donors to raise their hands for recognition and invited non-donors on the call to join, highlighting that a contribution of just \$7 per month from every member would raise nearly \$17,000 by Election Day. For more information and to get involved with the finance team, visit CADEM.org/Dem2026 and CADEM.org/Fightfund.

The successful Eric Bradley Deep Blue grant, which provided funding last year, will reopen applications this fall. Central Committees, CA Young Democrats Chapters, Chartered Democratic Clubs, and affiliated statewide organizations will all be eligible to apply for grants to support youth-focused voter programs in their respective regions. A new subcommittee has been formed to focus on compliance training. This initiative aims to strengthen local committees' and chapters' fundraising capabilities by building grassroots skills and capacity, ensuring that every dollar raised is used effectively. The finance committee is proud to spearhead these efforts,

confident that together, they will fund, organize, and deliver the victory that California and the country deserve.

CADEM Co-Chairs Agi Kessler and Kenneth Armstrong, Resolutions Committee, Co-chair Kessler began her report by stating that the committee met and took up **Proposition 50 and outstanding resolutions**. The committee consolidated Proposition 50 and all remaining resolutions from the convention into a single item on the consent calendar. Congressman Peter Aguilar and CADEM Chair Rusty Hicks provided testimony. The committee **unanimously voted to recommend a "Support" position** on Proposition 50, urging California voters to vote "Yes." Agi Kessler presented the consent calendar.

Resolution -25-08.016 ("Opposing Automated License Plate Readers Data Misuse and Prioritizing Community Investments over Surveillance Expansion") was **pulled for discussion** by a member. The remaining resolutions on the consent calendar were adopted **M/S/P**.

Resolution -25-08.016 Discussion; A motion was made and seconded to **delete the phrase "and other federal agencies"** from the resolution. One speaker was in favor of the deletion, and three speakers were against it. (Speaking time was limited to 1 minute per speaker). There was a **vote on the motion to delete the language**. 9 in favor, 171 opposed. The motion failed. **Vote on the original Resolution -25-08.016**, 177 in favor, 2 opposed. **The resolution was adopted M/S/P**.

Co-chair Kessler concluded the meeting by thanking the committee members and resolution authors for their efforts.

Committee Reports:

Coby King, Co-Chair of CADEM's Rules Committee, presented the committee's report. The Rules Committee packet begins on page 9 and includes three bylaw amendments requiring separate discussion and votes. King thanked the staff, specifically Unique Wilson, and acknowledged both new and returning members. He reported the following actions, the agenda was adopted, the chair's charge was received and filed. Proposed subcommittee assignments, which will handle most of the committee's work over the next two years, were received and filed. The table of these assignments, including chairs and members, will be posted on the Rules Committee page. Additionally, a summary of the bylaw amendments concerning the Board of Equalization, Pre-endorsements, and Frontlines districts is available. **Link to bylaw amendments:** <https://files.constantcontact.com/5e86dbee901/11bdc4ae-5fdf-4c16-a635-88b91f709b18.pdf>

Quick Summary:

A. Board of Equalization (BOE) Endorsements/Voting

Before Amendment:

All delegates voted in all BOE districts.

Appointments were statewide.

Voting was conducted in person.

Delegates could register until the roll call vote.

Ballots were printed and signed, requiring an organizational signature.

A meeting occurred at the end of the process, with voting starting afterward.
Results were sent to the State Chair within 3 days.

After Amendment:

Delegates vote only in their specific BOE district.
Appointments are district-specific.
Voting is conducted electronically.
A registration deadline is set for all races.
Ballots are submitted electronically.
A meeting happens before the vote begins.
Results are posted publicly promptly after voting ends.

Motion to adopt amendments, M/S/P

B. Pre-endorsement Conference changes—The process for pre-endorsement conferences was explained, including the electronic method and fractional allocation/division splits for members belonging to multiple clubs—**Discussion**—2 speakers were in favor of the motion, with no speakers in opposition.

Motion for adoption to support changes: M/S/P

C. Frontline District Races: When can a District be considered frontline?

1. The district is held by a Democrat
2. One of the following conditions is met
 - a. The district has been publicly targeted by an opposing 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.

Discussion—3 speakers in favor, 1 speaker opposed —**Vote on the motion to approve the committee recommendation to support—M/S/P**

Coby discussed hearing from various subcommittees:

ADEM: As a reminder, we received testimony at the convention to review the 2025 cycle and will continue to gather testimony to improve the ADEM process.

Caucuses: (Laurence Zakson) - A training session is scheduled for September 11, 2025, for all caucuses. It will cover how to submit an annual caucus report, which is due on February 7, 2026, as well as review the substantive content requirements of the report and other related topics.

Chartered Organizations: (Glenn Glazer) - Approved the application of the California Democrats for Justice in Palestine as a chartered organization and adopted the recommendation of the subcommittee for a variety of bylaws amendments for the California High School Democrats. We will vote on these at the next EBoard meeting.

County Bylaws: (Robin Torello) - Reviewing bylaws from various County Central Committees that want their local endorsements to be considered as the State Party endorsements. They must undergo a review process for their bylaws. The subcommittee recommended approving Contra Costa, El Dorado, San Benito, and Solano, which the full committee also approved. The subcommittee will continue working with those committees to bring their bylaws into compliance, including Sacramento, Santa Barbara, and Sierra. The subcommittee notes that they are currently reviewing Orange County bylaws and are awaiting materials from Lake, Mono, Tuolumne, and Ventura counties.

Coby stated that they heard an oral report from **Kathy Bowler** on endorsements and the ongoing process that will be accommodated at our convention next year.

Next, there was a referred proposal by CDP staff, submitted to amend Article 6, Section 1, relating to EBoard representatives elected at the ADEM's, which was referred to the ADEM's subcommittee for review.

Motion to ratify and accept the full report—**M/S/P**

Legislation Committee Co-Chairs, Amar Thomas (AJ) and Margaret Granado (Margie)

Margie, committee met and welcomed new and returning members and new staff support, Melanie. She spoke about that the committee gave their report and went through a variety of steps that were undertaken to make sure that all delegates were fully notified of the rules well before the submission deadlines. The committee then proceeded to merge state bills that had been put on a suspend file into the consent package and then voted to adopt the agenda as amended. The committee devoted 30 minutes to public comments, and all speakers were heard. The committee is recommending 78 pieces of legislation for support by the CDP and 5 pieces of legislation for opposition. The recommended list of high priority legislation has been attached to their report for reference and ratification by the Party. Once the process is completed letters of support will be delivered to the authors of the proposed legislation and organization committee for advocacy planning upon approval.

Motion to approve the legislation for the August 2024 recommendations for the positions of the bills that are on the report on pages 20-24. Margie asked were there any pulls.

Pulled--SB 79 and AB 1448

Proceeded to vote on the balance of consent calendar after 2 bills were pulled —**M/S/P**

AJ, presented the speakers for **SB 79 –Discussion--**3 opposed and 3 in favor-- Vote to approve committee recommendation to support- **M/S/P**

AB 1448 –Discussion--3 opposed and 3 in favor – Vote to approve committee recommendation to support- **M/S/P**

AJ concluded by thanking the new group of Vice Chairs and the veteran members who had returned along with Melanie, CADEM new staff member.

Justice Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Chair, Steven Auclair - met and received reports from leadership, Controller Carolyn Fowler, Secretary Diana Love and Vice Chair David Campos on their commitment and the Party's committee to our work. They also engaged in a

roundtable discussion on the treatment of our undocumented community and how we can better serve them, our LGBTQ+ and Trans-community that is under threat every day in addition to conversation about the protection of education funding all done through interaction with Party leadership. JEDI also supported and promoted the “Know your Rights” townhall and thanked the Party for their help along with having a monthly training series on many of the issues that the committee raised. JEDI also stated that at the May convention they had a roundtable discussion with the Rural County Chairs on how they could better serve their county and voters, and a rural organizing training is scheduled for August 26th along with other trainings. The committee also received and filed the charges of the committee and the work ahead. Chair Auclair said that DEI is under attack along with many institutions and they will continue to be committed to the road ahead. Motion to approve the committee report. **M/S/P**

Organization Committee Co-Chair, Brandon Zavala -spoke about Prop 50 and how the GOP has shown us their playbook. The Co-chair said that the proposition was temporary, targeted and puts power back where it belongs with the people and that is where the organizing committee comes in to help empower organizers, connect collaborators and work together to be part of the muscle behind our Party. There will be phone banking 6 days a week in multiple languages. We can learn more at CADEM.org/organize -- The organizing team is here to mobilize voters and together we will win.

Paused for the In Memoriam video

Chair Hicks introduced our CADEM Partners and Caucus:

Gio Chevez, Chair of the Young Democrats (CYD):

Was not present to report.

College Democrats President, Jack Howard, said as a college student we know about deadlines, and we are ready to fight back because we know that students are under attack. Jack said that the Trump administration is driving a culture of fear and uncertainty on the universities. The administration is having grants pulled, DEI and LGBTQ friendly protections are being rolled back, and undocumented students are scared, and enrollment is at the lowest number that they have been in recent memory. President Howard said that College Dems are laser focused and will be systematically fighting back. Since the end spring of last year, they have over double the number of chapters across the state to over 35 chapters and the number continue to grow every day. The president mentioned that they plan on starting the process to formally endorse Prop 50 and to ensure that they are organizing every day until Nov 4th to make sure that it passes and they look forward to working with us to re-save democracy and that California leads the way.

Chicano Latino Caucus Chair, Nilza Serrano, Nilza stated that she was recently elected caucus chair and that the caucuses met and laid the foundation for the work ahead. Chair Serrano reported that they discussed programs and initiatives focused on empowering voices across California, but the fight is bigger than us and to save democracy we cannot stand alone. We need labor at the table, woman leading the charge and young people pushing forward with their energy and vision. Together we will build the movement strong enough to meet this

moment and protect our democracy for generations to come. It will not be easy, but they are committed to the work.

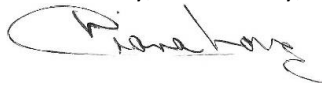
The Arab American Caucus would like to report that today is the 3rd anniversary of the Little Arabia celebration in Anaheim and that we should all go visit. The caucus is concerned about the attacks on ethnic studies, immigrant communities and want the starvation and the bombings of Gaza to end.

The caucuses are committed to rolling up their sleeves and assisting and ensuring that Prop 50 passes and together we can save democracy.

Democratic National Committee (DNC), Keith Umemoto, thanked all for what we do with the Party and asked that we donate money to the CDP and the DNC because that money is essential to passing Prop 50. Keith continued his reporting with the following: We are not standing still on the attacks that we are facing. He stated that DNC just elected the only AAPI officer of the DNC, Vice Chair Shanna Conrad from the State of Washington. Ken Martin in his effort to getting elected as chair is doing what he promised folks. He wants the state parties and the caucuses to be able to have a say in the committee structure and he has added about 15 members to each of the committees and noted that each of the 7 caucuses are similar but not like CDP. In addition there is a youth council to be able to appoint members to standing committees. Of the 29 DNC members from California, 65% are on a committee and of the elected 20 members that were elected last spring 13 members are on committees. On the DNC itself they have broken fund raising records in the first six months of the year and they have raised 50 million dollars and put a million and a half to New Jersey and Virginia who have gubernatorial races and sending weekly notices on messaging. Keith ended his report by saying, work the streets and make the phone calls. When we all do it together, we win.

CADEM Chair Rusty Hicks: Chair Hicks thanked everyone, staff and the ASL interpreters Chair Hicks reminded us that we have supported Prop 50 and all the important work that we must do to pass that measure. Also mark our calendars--Save the Date for the Fall In-Person Executive board meeting that will be in Monterey, CA, October 23-26, 2025. Chair Hicks thanked us for the hard work, and we are adjourned.

Unite, Unity, Community,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diana Love", written in dark ink.

Diana Love, Secretary
California Democratic Party

In Memoriam

CADEM EBoard, August 18 - 23, 2025

Dr. Marvin Boomer, Alameda County, CA
Murray “Mac” Fernandez, Alameda County, CA
Greg Galati, Alameda County, CA
Charlie Reynolds, Alameda County, CA
Hon. Chris Peeples, Alameda County, CA
Hon Dan Siegel, Alameda County, CA
Dr. Nadesan Permaul, Alameda County, CA
Hon. Federal Glover, Contra Costa County, CA
William Moore, Calaveras County, CA
Afton Tuveson, El Dorado County, CA
Gary Fowzer, Kern County, CA
Carmen Perez, Los Angeles County, CA
Richard Alatorre, Los Angeles County, CA
Marc Salzburg, Los Angeles County, CA
Chad Kampbell, Los Angeles County, CA
Ira Freeman, Los Angeles County, CA
Barbara Matas, Marin County, CA
Marvin Rothschild, San Joaquin County, CA
Jill Wakeman Goodman, San Mateo County, CA
Mike Rotkin, Santa Cruz County, CA
Jane Day, Solano County, CA
Robert Padilla, Solano County, CA

Burky Worel, Solano County, CA

Joseph Elia, Stanislaus County, CA

Martha Gamez, Stanislaus County, Green Valley, AZ

Lee Turner, Tehama County, CA

Thank you to all Service Members of all Armed Forces

California Democratic Party Rules Committee Report

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 2:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting | Monterey, CA

- I. The Committee was called to order at 2:18pm. Staff announced the confirmed resignations of 4 Standing Committee members: Ronald Gonzales-Lawrence, Anita Narayana, G Anthony Phillips, and McClina Woods. A roll call established a quorum with 14 members present.
- II. M/S/P Adoption of Meeting Agenda
- III. Review of Bylaws amendments before the Executive Board (adopted by Rules Committee during the 2025 August EBoard and 2025 Special Rules Committee meeting) with the following recommended amendments:

- A. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Art. II, Section 1 (a)(9)
- B. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Art VII, Section 2(f)
- C. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Art X, Section 3(a)(5)
- D. Amend Article VIII, Section 1(k)

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.

M/S/P to recommend to the E-Board the following technical amendment: Delete duplicative language from the added language in **Art X, Section 3(a)(5)** as follows:

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

Prop 50 Proposed Amendment:

Amend Article VIII, section (1)(k) as follows:

This Committee shall not endorse in partisan primary races in districts subject to redistricting unless, no less than forty-five (45) days prior to a duly noticed endorsing

convention of This Committee, final maps have been published by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission or districts are established as the result of the passage of a statewide ballot measure, no less than forty-five (45) days prior to a duly noticed "endorsing convention" of This Committee

IV.M/S/P to adopt Convention Rules and Tentative Agenda for 2026 February Convention as amended:

RULES FOR THE 2026 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY ENDORSING CONVENTION AND PROCEDURES FOR THE AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE 2026 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM

1. The Officers of the Convention shall be the Officers of the Democratic State Central Committee.
2. The Chair of This Committee shall be the Chair of the Convention and the Secretary of This Committee shall be 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 those delegates (Democratic State Central Committee Members) who were duly credentialed to the 2025 May California Democratic Party Convention subject to the provisions for replacement and filling of vacancies set forth in the Bylaws, and received by the State Party Sacramento office by 12:00 PM, December 12, 2025.
4. Seating of the delegates shall be by Assembly District within 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 be qualified to vote for that specific office per This Committee's Bylaws and have timely:
 - a) Paid their annual DSCC dues and registration fee (or had them waived, by request from the DSCC Member) to This Committee,
 - b) Registered for the meeting, if registration was required,
 - c) Obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing,
 - d) Completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued, and
 - e) Agreed in writing to abide by the CADEM Code of Conduct, prior to the close of credentialing.
7. Proxies will be subject to the relevant provisions set forth in the Bylaws.
8. The Credentials Committee shall issue its final report and provide the official voting list of delegates to the CADEM Staff subsequent to the close of credentialing.
9. Candidates seeking statewide endorsement must submit a complete application by January 20, 2026 at Noon. The Chair, in consultation with the Statewide Officers of this Committee, will determine which Democratic candidates for Statewide Offices are viable and eligible to seek the endorsement.
10. Requests to hang signs, banners, and placards must be submitted before the Convention to the Convention Coordinator. A fee may be charged per sign, banner, and/or placard at the determination of the Chair of This Committee.

11. The purpose of this Convention is primarily the adoption of a Party Platform, endorsement of district-level and statewide partisan offices, and possible statewide ballot propositions on the 2026 ballot as deemed appropriate by the Chair. All other Party or State matters, reports, etc. will or will not be considered at Convention as determined by the State Chair. Matters not heard at the Convention will be received by staff for the Secretary and held over to the next meeting of the Executive Board. All resolutions submitted will be held over to the next Executive Board meeting.
12. The Chair, in consultation with the Rules Committee Co-Chairs, may promulgate administrative procedures relating to voter assistance for the legislative endorsement balloting as appropriate.
13. In all cases at this Convention, proxies shall vote in districts where the delegate is registered to vote.
14. The Bylaws and Rules of the California Democratic Party shall govern over these Rules for the 2026 California Democratic Party Convention in the event of a conflict.
15. 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, plus one (1) additional minute for those speakers with speech impairments, using translation services or ASL. These rules may be suspended by a motion to amend these limits on debate, but such a motion shall not be debatable and only apply to the specific motion before the body.
16. Any matter not provided for in these rules or the California Democratic Party Bylaws and Rules shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
17. The Procedures for the amendment and adoption of the 2026 California Democratic Party Platform are as outlined below:

PROCEDURES FOR THE AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE 2026 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM

The Platform Committee's Draft Report shall be sent to all Convention delegates no later than December 17, 2025.

A. AMENDMENT PROCESSES: The Platform is a statement of principles and any amendments must be germane to the Platform. If any delegate wishes to amend the Draft Platform, then the delegate shall follow the process outlined below:

1. Each delegate must submit, in writing, to be received by the CADEM Sacramento Office no later than Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 5 PM, the delegate's written amendments to the Platform Committee's Draft Report. Said written amendments must be signed by five (5) registered Democrats (one of whom must be a Member of the Democratic State Central Committee), one (1) each from five (5) different Assembly Districts and must include their addresses, phone numbers, and the Assembly District in which they reside; one, and only one, of which shall be identified as the sponsor of the amendment. Any amendment must additionally contain the following: 1a) whether the delegate submitted the proposed amendment or an amendment with substantially similar language during the open written testimony period ending on November 14, 2025, at 5

PM; 1b) if not, why not; and, 2) why the current Platform draft language does not address the proposed amendment.

(a) The Platform Committee shall meet in person or virtually by Monday, February 9, 2026, to consider all written amendments submitted in compliance with the previous paragraph. The Platform Committee, at its discretion, may take any additional testimony it desires and may, by majority vote, adopt an amendment or any part thereof. Should any amendment or any part thereof be adopted, then said amendment shall become part of the Platform Committee's Draft Report.

(b) If said amendment, or part thereof, is not adopted, then said amendment may be brought to the floor of the Convention only if all the submission and certification provisions of Rule 17, Section A.2. of these Rules are met.

(c) All amendments, or any parts thereof, which are adopted by the Platform Committee shall be made available to all delegates at the Convention, promptly after the Saturday Platform meeting.

2. An amendment which had been timely submitted by January 8, 2026, at 5 PM, but failing to be adopted in its original form, may be submitted by its sponsor in writing, in whole or part thereof, to the Secretary of the Convention no later than Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 5 PM on a form provided by California Democratic Party Platform staff. Said amendment must be signed by no fewer than five hundred (500) credentialed delegates to the Convention (or their qualified credentialed proxies) whose signatures shall be collected after the Saturday Platform meeting of the Convention and must contain the name, phone numbers, Assembly District, and signature of the original sponsor of the amendment. Any amendment must additionally contain the following: 1a) whether the delegate submitted the proposed amendment or an amendment with substantially similar language during the open written testimony period ending on November 14, 2025, at 5 PM; 1b) if not, why not; and, 2) why the current Platform draft language does not address the proposed amendment.

(a) The Secretary of the Convention shall certify each amendment by determining that no fewer than five hundred (500) delegate signatures are valid.

(b) No later than 6:30 PM on Saturday, February 21, 2026, the Platform Committee shall meet to review each amendment certified by the Secretary of the Convention. All sponsors of each amendment must attend this meeting; failure to do so shall void the submission of the amendment unless excused by a majority vote of the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee may, at its discretion, take any additional testimony it desires and may, by majority vote, adopt said amendment, or any part thereof. Should any amendment, or any part thereof, be adopted, then said amendment shall become part of the Platform Committee's Draft Report.

(c) If said amendment is not adopted in its entirety, then the amendment or any part not adopted shall be introduced to the full Convention for debate and vote. However, the

sponsor of the amendment may, at any time, withdraw the amendment from consideration by the Platform Committee or the Convention delegates.

(d) All amendments, or any part thereof, which are adopted by the Platform Committee shall be made available to each delegate at the time that they enter the Convention Hall for Sunday morning session.

B. ADOPTION PROCESS

1. On Sunday, February 22, 2026 the Platform Committee shall present its Draft Report to the Convention for its approval. The Convention shall follow the below-listed procedures when considering the Draft Report and amendments thereto:

(a) The Draft Platform Report shall be presented by the Co-Chairs of the Platform Committee or their designees.

(b) As each report is completed, the Co-Chairs of the Platform Committee or their designees shall call on each sponsor of an amendment to present their amendment and said presentation shall be no longer than three (3) minutes.

(c) After each amendment has been presented by its sponsor, opponents of the amendments shall have three (3) minutes to present their position. Debate will be automatically closed unless a motion is made to extend debate and adopted by a majority vote. Said extension shall not exceed three (3) minutes equally divided between opponents and proponents to the amendments.

(d) Following the debate on the amendment, delegates shall vote on the amendment. Amendments may only be adopted by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote.

2. Following the presentation of each report and after the amendments have been voted on, then the delegates shall, by majority vote, adopt or reject each report. The final report of the Convention shall be known as the California Democratic Party Platform.

3. The co-chairs of the Platform Committee are authorized to make any punctuation, grammatical, or spelling changes as needed in the Final Report.

2026 California Democratic Party State Convention

Tentative Agenda Items

February 20 – 22, 2026

San Francisco, CA

- Saturday General Sessions with Statewide Candidate Speeches
- Sunday General Session to Ratify Legislative Endorsements and Adopt the CADEM 2026 Party Platform
- Statewide and Necessary Legislative Endorsing Caucus Voting
- CADEM Committee Meetings
- CADEM Special Group Caucus Meetings
- All other meetings, activities, or proceedings as deemed necessary or required by the CADEM Bylaws.

V. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Received oral report from Subcommittee on ADEMs. Online Testimony Submission Accepted here
<https://fs3.formsite.com/CADEM2011/RulesTestimony/index>
- a. The subcommittee reports the active submission of testimony for the 2025 ADEM process and suggested changes for the 2027 ADEMs cycle.
 - b. The subcommittee plans to schedule a subcommittee meeting prior to the 2026 February Convention to discuss the initial draft of the 2027 ADEMs proposed procedures for a final adoption during the Summer EBoard. Date TBD.
- B. M/S/P to adopt the following Chartered Organizations Subcommittee report:
- a. Receive and file withdrawal by applicant on September 20, 2025, of United Avance California Democratic Federation Application.
 - b. M/S/P to approve as amended proposal submitted by Emilie Gatfield regarding the California Democratic Council to amend Article II, Sec 1 (a)(8); Article X, Section 3(a)(5) and (contingent upon the adoption of the amendment Article X, Section 3(a)(5)) sections of Appendix C Chartering of Organizations, as shown below:

Article II, Section 1.a.8.

~~Four (4) officers of the California Democratic Council. These shall consist of the State President and three (3) other officers, as determined by the California Democratic Council.~~

Article VII, Section 2.f.

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

Article X, Section 3.a.5.

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Contingent upon the adoption of the amendment to Article X, Section 3(a)(5) above, amend Appendix C (Chartering of Organizations) as follows:

Appendix C

Guidelines re: Chartering of Organizations Section 3.E.1.

~~This Committee acknowledges the Charter previously granted to the California Democratic Council in 1952, which organization shall be exempted from these guidelines, except with regard to those pertaining to revocation of charter;~~

Appendix C

Guidelines re: Chartering of Organizations Section 4.B.5.

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 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 Democratic Council is specifically exempted from this possible grounds for revocation of Charter),~~

- c. M/S/P to refer to Rules Subcommittee on Caucuses

Proposal submitted by Glenn Glazer to strike Appendix C (Chartering of Organizations), Section C:

- ~~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.~~

- C. County Bylaws Subcommittee

The California Democratic Party (CDP) Bylaws state that a Democratic candidate for nonpartisan office who have 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.

- a. M/S/P to adopt the report of the Subcommittee on County Bylaws to recommend approval of the Orange County Democratic Party Bylaws.
- b. The subcommittee notes the following list of counties have their bylaws approved as of 2025; Contra Costa County, El Dorado County, San Benito County, and Solano County.
- c. The Committee also notes that County Committees may endorse in partisan races as long as such endorsements are consistent with the endorsement of the California Democratic Party. For nonpartisan races County Committees may endorse Democratic candidates within their county following their bylaws but if they want their endorsement to be considered the endorsement of the California Democratic Party, their Bylaws must be approved by the CADEM Rules Committee.

VI. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- A. M/S/P to refer to the ADEMs Subcommittee a proposal submitted by Steve Chessin to use proportional ranked choice voting (PRCV) to amend: Article II Section 10(b)(3) and Article VI

VII.M/S/P to Adjourn 3:39pm

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1 **Resolution 25.10.010**

2 **ESTABLISH THE KW'TSAN NATIONAL MONUMENT TO PROTECT THE CULTURAL AND**
3 **ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE QUECHAN INDIAN TRIBE'S LANDS**

4 WHEREAS, 390,000 acres of the Lower Colorado River Valley of Imperial County, California,
5 encompass the ancestral homelands of the federally-recognized Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe,
6 these lands hold immense and irreplaceable cultural, environmental and historical significance. These
7 lands are vital to the identity and heritage of the Quechan Indian people, who have proposed
8 establishing the region as a national monument to safeguard crucial water and natural resources,
9 unique geological features as well as to protect the tribe's ability to preserve its cultural values, belief
10 systems and traditional practices; and

11 WHEREAS, harmful activities including mining claims and large industrial development presently
12 threaten the sacredness and ecological importance of these lands and its water which are essential
13 for the health of the overall ecosystem. With the combined pressures of climate change, extreme
14 drought and unsustainable water extraction jeopardizing the health of the region, protecting these
15 lands will reduce threats to fragile water resources and endangered species which are in dire need of
16 more robust protections; and

17 WHEREAS, these lands are an integral part of a greater cultural landscape including the Chuckwalla
18 National Monument and Spirit Mountain in Avi Kwa Ame National Monument which already receive
19 protection as national monuments; and the Quechan Indian Tribe has worked closely with federal
20 agencies including the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of the Interior to create an
21 inter-governmental stewardship agreement to help prevent the encroachment of damaging
22 commercial activities and protect this culturally significant and ecologically important landscape; and
23 the establishment of this region as a national monument will provide essential protections for natural
24 resources, wildlife, cultural places, sacred sites and public recreation; and will permanently safeguard
25 these lands for future generations;

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports establishing the Kw'tsan
27 National Monument to protect and preserve the cultural, historical, and natural resources of the
28 ancestral homelands of the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe, safeguarding these lands for future
29 generations.

30 **Resolution 25.10.015**

31 **AFFIRMING THE BALLOT AS A JUST PATHWAY TO SHERIFF OVERSIGHT**

32 **WHEREAS**, in 2020 California state law gave counties and voters the authority to establish
33 independent oversight of sheriffs — including civilian boards and inspector general offices — in
34 response to systemic failures, more than 1,000 in-custody deaths across the state, and decades of
35 organizing, yet in the years since, more than 500 additional deaths have occurred, underscoring that
36 unless all counties act, the law's protections remain unrealized, and in recognition of this continued
37 crisis, the California Democratic Party has twice affirmed oversight as a core principle — framing it
38 not only as a legal option, but as a moral and policy imperative; and

39 **WHEREAS**, many California counties — including Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo,
40 Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sacramento, Sonoma, Marin, Alameda, Orange, and San Joaquin — and
41 cities such as Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside, Oakland, Berkeley, Long Beach, and San José have
42 established oversight through civilian boards and/or inspectors general, however, other counties —
43 such as Contra Costa, Monterey, Riverside, and Santa Barbara — remain without oversight, despite
44 being represented by supervisors who are registered Democrats — all of whom have had
45 opportunities to act, including in counties where they held the majority, making their inaction even
46 more inexcusable; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in counties where independent sheriff oversight has not been established, the failure of
2 supervisors who are registered Democrats to take action — including, but not limited to, declining to
3 agendize oversight proposals, failing to second motions, failing to vote in favor, or otherwise
4 withholding their support — even in the face of organized community demands and support from
5 local Democratic organizations — places entire communities at risk, particularly in unincorporated
6 areas and contract cities where sheriffs serve as the primary law enforcement agency, and allows
7 systemic abuses to persist unchecked; and

8 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party recognizes that oversight of
9 County sheriffs is important for the communities they serve, and when public input fails to bring
10 about needed change, citizens should look to their County Supervisors to take action to remedy their
11 concerns, but when County Supervisors will not take action, the public is encouraged to use the ballot
12 initiative process to win reform and also to hold their elected supervisors accountable at the ballot
13 box.

14 **Resolution 25.10.016**

15 **Support California Research, Defend Academia, Protect Jobs**

16 **WHEREAS** science is fundamental to the advancement of our civilization and thousands of workers
17 and organizations within California benefit from government funded research programs; and

18 **WHEREAS** the Trump Administration has made drastic cuts to science research grants and funding
19 that directly reduces the resources available to universities, research institutions, laboratories, and
20 Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, thereby resulting in the loss of the United
21 States' scientific and academic preeminence internationally, as well as the termination of thousands
22 of academic, research, biomedical, and unionized jobs throughout California, including research and
23 academic Principal Investigators, scientists, teachers, engineers, postdoctoral fellows, graduate
24 students, logistics and support staff, and technicians; and

25 **WHEREAS** the State of California has existing state-operated research institutions and commitment
26 to programs that advance our civilization, grow our economy, safeguard our state's resources, and
27 protect academic, research, biomedical, and union jobs;

28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party opposes President Trump's
29 attacks on scientific research, and supports reversing the denial of funding at the federal level for
30 peer-reviewed scientific work; and

31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports scientific research and
32 the development and expansion of state-funded research institutions and grant programs to fund and
33 sustain scientific research in the great state of California.

34 **Resolution 25.10.023**

35 **Supporting a CPUC Free from Conflict of Interest**

36 **WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to protect the
37 public from rate abuses by utility companies as well as outright criminal negligence, destruction of
38 property and wildlands, clear cutting of both private and public property, and grave injury and even
39 deaths of Californians; and

40 **WHEREAS** trust in the CPUC's commitment to serve the public interest is weakened by a revolving
41 door of appointees who come from the industry they are supposed to regulate or who find
42 employment with companies they regulated as commissioners shortly after their term ends; and

43 **WHEREAS** when California Public Utilities commissioners routinely vote in favor of utility
44 corporations over the interests of the communities they serve, the public deserves to know these
45 commissioners are free from conflicts of interest created by financial influence before or following
46 their service on the CPUC;

1 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports a position that the
2 CPUC members should be free of conflicts of interest; and
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports the use of common
4 methods of enforcing an absence of conflict of interest, such as term limits for board members and
5 prohibitions on board members working in the industry they are supposed to be governing for
6 appropriate periods before and after their tenure as board members.

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The California Democratic Party's Legislation Committee report:

The Legislation Committee convened at 2:00PM on Saturday, October 25th.

The Chairs reviewed the subcommittees for the committee: Meeting Day Logistics, Note taking/Minutes, Legislation Submission, Meeting Day Logistics and Post-Endorsement Advocacy. The subcommittee goals are to promote inclusion, diversity and representation as well as advocate for the California Democratic Party's legislative priorities.

The Chairs also reviewed the process for submitting legislation and general committee responsibilities. Committee members signed up for their subcommittee choices.

It has been the pleasure of this committee to help further the California Democratic Party's legislation advocacy efforts. Thank you!

In Solidarity,

Chairs Margie Granado, A.J. Thomas