



March 2, 2026

Dear Democratic Candidate for the 1st Congressional District:

Due to the vacancy in Congressional District 1, a Special Election has been scheduled for the 1st Congressional District, with the Special Primary Election on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026**, and the Special General Election (**if necessary**) on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

Pursuant to California Democratic Party (CDP) By-Laws and Rules, the CDP Chair is required to call an Endorsing Caucus of 2025-2027 Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Members registered to vote in the 1st Congressional District as of 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Governor's Proclamation of the Special Election on Friday, January 16, 2026. For the purposes of this Special Election, only delegates registered in the pre-Prop 50 1st Congressional District will be eligible to vote.

Accordingly, this Endorsing Caucus shall come to order on **Monday, March 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** I have designated CDP Region 1 Director Joanna Warrens to conduct this meeting. Please plan to arrive early for the meeting to check in.

**CDP Special Election Endorsing Caucus – 1st Congressional District
Virtual Endorsing Caucus**

Join Link: <https://cadem-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/cTgAVRnoTXKC-GIPJqs-FQ>

Monday, March 23, 2026
Zoom Room Open: 4:55 p.m.
Meeting Begins: 5:00 p.m.

Each candidate registered as a Democrat may request to be considered for the California Democratic Party endorsement. To seek the endorsement, a [Candidate Registration Form](#) and a non-refundable \$500 (five hundred dollars) filing fee must be paid prior to the beginning of the Endorsing Caucus. Each candidate will be allowed two minutes to address the Endorsing Caucus. Please fill out the enclosed Candidate Registration Form to be eligible for endorsement.

If we receive your request by **Friday, March 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**, we will send you a list of the DSCC Members eligible to vote at the Monday, March 23, 2026, Endorsing Caucus.

The voter's ballot must be completed and submitted prior to the close of balloting. Proxy voting is not permitted. Ballots are due by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2026.**

If you have any further questions, please contact Unique Wilson at CD01@cadem.org

For more information on the CDP Endorsement process, please visit the CDP Endorsement webpage at www.cadem.org/endorsements.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rusty Hicks", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rusty Hicks, Chair