November 9, 2026

TO: Executive Board Members and Candidates
FROM: Emma Harper, Director of Operations, and Nichole Trujillo Rice, Political Director
SUBJECT: Official Timeline & Process Memo: Special Election for Interim Second Vice Chair (OSIF)

Overview

Due to the October 20, 2026 resignation of David Campos, CADEM will hold a special election on November 20, 2026, during the virtual 2026 Fall Executive Board Meeting (Nov 20-21, 2026) to elect an Interim California Democratic Party Second Vice Chair (Other Than Self-Identified Female, or OSIF). The candidate filing deadline closed on November 5, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

The Interim CADEM Second Vice Chair (OSIF) will serve until the 2027 Organizing Convention, when an election will be held to fill the remainder of the current term through 2029.

Interim CADEM Second Vice Chair (OSIF):
Article III, Section 5 of the CADEM Bylaws states:

> *"In the event that any statewide office shall become vacant, the vacancy shall be filled on a temporary basis by the Executive Board of This Committee and a new election for that office shall be held at the next State Convention of This Committee."*

As is the case for all elections for Statewide officers, the election for Interim CADEM Second Vice Chair (OSIF) by the California Democratic Party Executive Board requires a candidate to receive a majority vote of the Credentialed Executive Board Members voting. If a majority is not reached on the first vote, a runoff election will be held with the two top-performing candidates. To be eligible, candidates must be a current delegate of the Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) in good standing and identify as other than self-identified female (OSIF).

Who can vote?

Credentialed Executive Board Members or their Proxies are eligible to vote in this election.

Voting in the Special Election for Interim Second Vice Chair (OSIF)

The election of the Statewide Officer will be conducted via an electronic voting platform. Credentialed Executive Board Delegates will receive their electronic voting ballot via email, allowing them to vote on their own computer or mobile device.

Candidate Speeches and Ballot Order

Candidates will have the opportunity to address the Executive Board and deliver a speech during the virtual Candidate Forum, scheduled on Friday, November 20th at 10:00AM. The order in which candidates speak and ballot order will be determined by their filing date.

Candidate Filing & Verification

- **Wednesday, October 21, 2026 (10:00 AM):** Notice of Special Election at November 2026 Executive Board Meeting and candidate filing application officially opens for Interim CADEM Second Vice Chair (OSIF).
- **Thursday, November 5, 2026 (5:00 PM):** Candidate filing deadline. All submitted candidates were verified for DSCC eligibility and in good standing and provided with the credentialed Executive Board voting list.

Voter Registration & Credentials

- **Friday, November 13, 2026 at 5 PM:** Final deadline for Executive Board members and proxies to register for the meeting to be eligible to vote in the special election.
- **Monday, November 16, 2026:** EBoard Orientation and General Session Floor Voting process review.
- **Thursday, November 19, 2026 (6:30 PM – 8:00 PM):** Credentials Committee meeting, which is the deadline to finalize approved credentialed EBoard members and proxies for balloting.

Election Day Schedule (Friday, November 20, 2026)

- **8:00 AM – 6:00 PM:** ElectionBuddy balloting for Interim CADEM Second Vice Chair (OSIF) opens via ElectionBuddy and is emailed to credentialed Executive Board Members or their designated proxy.
- **10:00 AM – 11:00 AM:** Candidate Forum via Zoom (includes candidate announcements and 5-minute speeches) for CADEM Special Election for Interim CADEM Second Vice Chair (OSIF)
  Candidate Forum Zoom Link: https://cadem-org.zoom.us/j/89171466961
  Zoom Room Opens: 9:55 AM
  Forum Begins: 10:00 AM
  Forum Ends: 11:00 AM

- **6:00 PM:** ElectionBuddy Balloting for Interim CADEM Second Vice Chair (OSIF) closes
- **8:00 PM – 10:00 PM:** Runoff balloting window (held only if no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot).

Results & Next Steps

- **Saturday, November 21, 2026:** Election results will be announced during the Virtual Executive Board General Session and published on cadem.org/officer-elections

For more details and a list of candidates who have filed, please visit: cadem.org/officer-elections

Please direct any questions to elections@cadem.org.