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2026 Interim CADEM Second Vice Chair (OSIF) Special Election

VOTING THRESHOLDS AND DECISIONS:

If a candidate receives over 50% of the votes cast (50% + 1) in an Officer Election, the candidate is elected. If no candidate receives over 50% of the votes cast (50% +1) in an Officer Election, the top two vote-getters will proceed to a runoff election.

Interim CADEM Second Vice Chair (OSIF)		
	Votes	**%**
Mark Ramos	224	73.68%
Jevon Price	7	2.30%
Jeff Koertzen	58	19.08%
Andrés Ramos	15	4.93%
Total	304	
Decision:	**Mark Ramos**	

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			CODE(S) 2=Debate/passed as amended	

Resolution 26.07.026
Support Solutions for Transboundary Water Pollution Flows in Southern California
WHEREAS, Southern California faces two serious environmental crises which have created adverse consequences on large swaths of the region for years: the Salton Sea toxic dust crisis and the Tijuana River sewage, industrial waste and trash crisis, each of which plague communities across Southern California; and
WHEREAS, both disasters involve polluted rivers that flow into the United States from Mexico, with the Rio Nuevo (New River) feeding into the Salton Sea and the Tijuana River flowing into the Pacific Ocean, each carrying a toxic mix of untreated municipal sewage, agricultural runoff, trash, and industrial waste which pollute the waterways, land, and air; and
WHEREAS, the frequent exposure to toxic air and water devastate habitat for many endangered and threatened species, and cause economic harm and a wide variety of illnesses impacting residents, students, workers, business owners, visitors, beach-goers and U.S. military service members training in tainted ocean water;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports efforts to clean-up hazardous waste from toxic cross-boundary water flows to reduce health risks, environmental disaster, disruption of learning, diminished quality of life, and economic loss in Southern California; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports efforts to work across municipal, county, state, and federal jurisdictions for permanent solutions that restore healthful living environments across the region.

Resolution 26.07.048L
End the War in Lebanon
WHEREAS respect for international humanitarian law, the protection of civilians, national sovereignty, and the peaceful resolution of conflicts is essential, and the ongoing conflict involving Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon has caused severe human suffering, displacement of civilians, and destruction, while ceasefire terms agreed to by the parties have not been observed; and
WHEREAS United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006) called for full cessation of hostilities, full Israeli withdrawal to the international border between Israel and Lebanon, the disarmament of armed groups operating outside the authority of the Lebanese state, and the prevention of the transfer of arms to such groups, while reaffirming the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon; and
WHEREAS, violations of international humanitarian law by any party, including attacks directed at civilians, indiscriminate attacks, hostage-taking, the use of civilian areas for military purposes, and the provision of financial, military, or logistical support enabling such conduct, undermine prospects for peace and threaten regional stability;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support for diplomatic efforts to resolve conflict and build regional stability, through an immediate and durable peace and an end to the war in Lebanon, protection of civilians on all sides, and restoration of conditions necessary for a lasting peace between Lebanon and Israel; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party affirms that peace, security, and human dignity depend on the equal application of international law to all actors, without exception, and on accountability through lawful mechanisms for all parties responsible for violations of international humanitarian law.

California Democratic Party Rules Committee Report
Friday, November 20, 2026, 4:30 PM

FULL PACKET CAN BE FOUND HERE:
https://cadem.org/standing-committee/rules-committee/

I. The Committee was called to order at 4:34pm. A roll call established a quorum with 20 members present. 2 members joined the meeting in progress.
II. M/S/P Adoption of Meeting Agenda
III. Review of Bylaws amendments before the Executive Board
    A. Amend CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(d)(7)
    B. Amend CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(g)(11)
    C. Amend CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(g)(12)
    D. Amend CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(h)(2)
    E. Amend CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(h)(3)
    F. Amend CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(i)
    G. Amend CDP Bylaws Article VI, Section 1(j)

Article VIII, Section 3(d)(7)
An incumbent who has been automatically placed on the consent calendar of This Committee's endorsing convention by operation of Section 3g(12) of this Article shall be removed from the consent calendar for separate vote by the convention if by 8 PM on the day prior to the date of the vote on the consent calendar by the endorsing convention there is filed a petition with the Secretary of This Committee that provides that it is in the best interest of the California Democratic Party that such removal from the consent calendar occur, and that the petition be signed by two-thirds of the following: 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. An original signature must be used when signing which may include a signature by hand on paper or via a tool (e.g., finger or stylus) on an electronic screen. Electronically generated signatures (e.g., Docusign) will not be accepted. Vacancies shall not be counted in the percentages but proxies may vote in place of their principal according to rules otherwise provided in these bylaws.

Article VIII, Section 3(g)(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 on a form prescribed by the Secretary to include the incumbent in the endorsement process otherwise indicated in this Section.

Article VIII, Section 3(g)(12)
The name of a non-incumbent or of an incumbent subject to Section 3.g.(11)(a) or Section 3.g.(11)(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 on a form prescribed by the Secretary with the State Chair no later than ten (10) days prior to the State Endorsing Convention. An original signature must be used when signing which may include a signature by hand on paper or via a tool (e.g., finger or stylus) on an electronic screen. Electronically generated signatures (e.g., Docusign) will not be accepted. If a name is removed from the consent calendar, the By-Laws of This Committee regarding endorsements shall apply.

Article VIII, Section 3(h)(2)
If there is only one Democrat who advances from the primary, and that candidate had previously (but unsuccessfully) sought the endorsement of the California Democratic Party and complied with the procedures set out in Article VIII, section 3.c.(3) of these By-Laws, that candidate will become the endorsed candidate. Twenty percent (20%) of the members of This Committee resident in the district in question may file a Letter of Objection to cause the endorsement to be considered by the Election Appeals Committee via the process below. An original signature must be used when signing which may include a signature by hand on paper or via a tool (e.g., finger or stylus) on an electronic screen. Electronically generated signatures (e.g., Docusign) will not be accepted.

Article VIII, Section 3(h)(3)
If there is only one Democrat who advances from the primary, but said candidate had not previously sought the endorsement of the California Democratic Party for this office in this election cycle, said candidate, upon timely petition with the Secretary of the Party and accompanied by the appropriate filing fee, shall become the endorsed candidate fifteen (15) days after Secretary of State certification of the Primary Election unless a Letter of Objection is filed with the Secretary of This Committee and sustained by majority vote of the Election Appeals Committee. An original signature must be used when signing which may include a signature by hand on paper or via a tool (e.g., finger or stylus) on an electronic screen. Electronically generated signatures (e.g., Docusign) will not be accepted. The deadline for filing the petition and paying the filing fee is within two days of the Secretary of State's certification of the primary results. Once the filing period for submission of a Letter of Objections has passed without the submitted Letter of Objection, or if such Letter is received but the Election Appeals Committee fails to sustain the Letter of Objection, then such candidate shall become the endorsed candidate.

Article VIII, Section 3(i)
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. An original signature must be used when signing which may include a signature by hand on paper or via a tool (e.g., finger or stylus) on an electronic screen. Electronically generated signatures (e.g., Docusign) will not be accepted.

Article VI, Section 1(j)
(1) An Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board shall be chosen at each Assembly District Election Meeting as follows: after the results are finalized, the highest vote-getting candidate from among those who both won a seat as a delegate and had indicated their willingness to serve as the Executive Board representative at the time of the filing of their candidate application (for the purpose of this ~~paragraph~~ subsection, "E-Board Candidates") shall be provided the opportunity to serve as Executive Board Representative if that person so chooses. If that person declines to serve as Executive Board Representative, then the opportunity shall be offered to each E-Board Candidate in the order of votes received. Any ties shall be resolved by methods provided in the ADEM Procedures. If all E-Board Candidates decline the opportunity, then the opportunity shall be offered to each elected Assembly District delegate starting with the highest vote getter and proceeding down the count. If all of them decline, the statewide officers plus the appropriate Regional Director shall appoint a representative from among those members of This Committee resident in the Assembly District (except those elected by a county committee pursuant to Article II, section 4)

(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.

IV. M/S/P to Adopt Convention Rules and Tentative Agenda for 2027 May Convention as amended

Rules for the 2027 May California Democratic Party Convention

1. The primary purpose of this biennial Convention (the Convention) is to organize the newly-elected constituted Democratic State Central Committee (This Committee) the election of Regional Directors to two-year terms, and if necessary, any election(s) to fill the remaining term of statewide officers. Matters not heard at the Convention will be received by the Secretary and held over to the next meeting of the Executive Board.
2. The Chair of This Committee shall be the Chair of the Convention and the Secretary of This Committee shall be the 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 whose appointment/election has been transmitted to the State Party no later than Monday, March 22, 2027, 60 days prior to the Convention, shall be the members of the Democratic State Central Committee, or their qualified proxies as specified in the Bylaws.
4. Delegates shall be seated according to their California Democratic Party Region based on the Assembly District in which they reside.
5. No one will be admitted to any General Session of the Convention who is not a delegate or proxy holder, except by special authorization of the State Chair.
6. Credentialing will close at the scheduled times, unless special circumstances arise, in which case the Credentials Committee has the authority to extend or reopen credentialing. In order to vote, and have one's vote counted, at this Convention, a member must have timely paid their annual Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) dues and registration fee (or had them waived, at the request of the DSCC delegate member, in writing ONLY), registered for the meeting, obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, and completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued prior to the close of the balloting period..
7. Following the close of credentialing/registration each day of the Convention, the Credentials Committee shall issue its final report of the official voting list of delegates or their authorized proxies and confirm this list with the Convention Secretary.
8. Election of Statewide Officers and Regional Directors.
    a. Statewide Officers shall be elected by the entire membership of This Committee eligible to participate in the election.
    b. Regional Directors shall be elected by all Democratic State Central Committee delegates resident in the respective CDP regions and who are confirmed eligible to participate in their own region's election.

c. The election of all Statewide Officers and Regional Directors shall take place via an electronic voting platform. Credentialed Delegates or their authorized proxies will have their voting credentials emailed to them to vote on their own devices, or they may vote in person in a designated room using computers supplied by CDP. Ballots will include any Statewide Officer contests, where at least two candidates have filed, and the Regional Director contests for the region in which they reside, where at least two candidates have filed.

d. A Regional Caucus shall be included in the Agenda for the Convention, and the Convener must ensure that the Caucus site is available and open by the time called for in the Convention Agenda. To afford all candidates for Regional Director an opportunity to address the Regional Caucus, the Convener shall commence candidate presentations as close to ten minutes after the time for the opening of registration set forth in the Convention Agenda as is practical under the circumstances.

e. Voting for all races will commence 30 minutes after the start of the Regional Director Candidate forum, and will be open for 2 hours. All ballots must be submitted prior to the end of voting. Voters using the CDP voting room must be in line prior to the close of voting to have the opportunity to cast their ballot before the close of the electronic voting period.

f. In the event that no candidate receives a majority vote in a Statewide Officer or Regional Director Election, a run off election will be held Sunday Morning at 8:00 AM, following the procedures outlined above. The run off election will close at 9:30 AM, unless no Statewide Officer Contest is on the ballot, in which case the election will close at 9:00 AM.

g. Registration for candidates for Statewide Officer or Regional Director positions and the administration of those elections shall be governed by the provisions set forth in Article III, Section 3 and 4 of the Bylaws.

9. The Resolutions adopted by the members of This Committee and the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party are expressions of philosophical beliefs and principles that the Party wishes to declare. Any resolution involving a local issue will be referred to the appropriate local Democratic Party entity. The procedures below are abridged; please see the Procedural Rules of the California Democratic Party Resolutions Committee for further details.

RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

a. Formatting and Submitting a Resolution

(1) All resolutions must:

A. Be typed.

B. When submitted, must fit on a single 8 ½" x 11" page;

C. Format: Must NOT be written in sentence format (see Resolutions page for previously posted resolutions for proper formatting).

D. Clauses: Contain no more than three "inducement" or "whereas" clauses and no more than two "resolve" clauses; and the whereas clauses must contain facts and allegations that build a logical case to

and are directly connected to the solutions contained in the principles being proposed in the resolved clauses;

E. Length: Shall be no longer than 400 words, including the title

F. Be authored by members of This Committee, and;

G. Sponsors: Be sponsored by members of This Committee; all resolutions presented to the Committee for passage at any meeting of This Committee must either previously have been adopted by one of the following, as described in Article III, Section 4d of the CDP Bylaws: a Democratic Central Committee, a Chartered Democratic Organization, twenty-five (25) Democratic State Central Committee members, majority of the voting DSCC members in attendance at a Regional meeting.When a resolution is sponsored by one or more DSCC members, the sponsors and their respective assembly districts must appear at the bottom of the text of the resolution. NOTE: Only as many sponsors as fit on the single 8 ½ X 11 page below the resolution will be listed.

H. Contact: The following information about a single contact and alternate (if any) must appear at the bottom of every resolution: name, AD#, email and phone. ONLY the sponsor contact or if the contact is not able, then the alternate will be considered to have full authorization to negotiate with a lead chair of the Committee or his/her appointee regarding changes to or disposition of the resolution. The Committee will only negotiate and hear testimony from the designated contact or alternate contact (one only).

I. Submission: Resolutions may ONLY be submitted two (2) ways: via online submission form (preferred & recommended method) or mailed to the CDP Sacramento office at 1830 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Online submission is the safest way to ensure your submission is received. Resolutions submitted via email will not be accepted.

J. Submission Deadline: Submission deadline will be thirty (30) days, at noon (12 pm) on the day the Committee is set to meet for its 1st Resolution meeting at a Convention or Executive Board Meeting of This Committee.

K. California Democratic Party: All resolutions submitted for passage by the Committee must ONLY refer to the California Democratic Party.

(2) Form of Resolutions:

A. Statements of Principles: Resolve clauses must be statements of principles and may not mandate or condition support or action, or be subject to consideration by virtue of Article VIII, Section 5 of the Bylaws of the California Democratic Party. The resolution title should accurately reflect the subject matter of the resolution and should be a single subject.

B. All information, references, numbers or statistics should be verifiable and reasonably accurate.

C. Any resolution calling for a change in the CDP Bylaws or platform, mandating or restricting the spending of money by the CDP, or stating the endorsement of, support of a candidate for public office, or opposition to a candidate who is a registered Democrat, shall not be heard by the Committee and therefore may not be brought to the floor under any circumstances.

D. Resolutions shall not be highly technical, contain or endorse complex legal concepts (broad unqualified endorsements of existing legal documents, treaties/conventions) or contain detailed policy recommendations.

E. Resolutions should not contain falsehoods, be defamatory or contain hate speech targeting race, religion, ethnic identity, gender identity, family status or national origin.

F. Resolutions should generally not reference specific bill numbers, legislation, or legislative acts. A resolution that references any of these will normally be returned to the contact to be rewritten as a statement of principle or be referred to the Legislative Committee.

G. The Committee will, at any annual CDP Convention or Executive Board meeting that immediately precedes an election, consider and recommend to the floor a CDP position on each ballot measure certified by the Secretary of State for the upcoming election. No resolution supporting, opposing, or recommending a neutral position on a ballot measure is necessary and none will be considered. Democratic entities wishing to communicate their position on a ballot measure should do so at the meeting of the Committee.

H. No resolution shall contradict or call for a change in the CDP Bylaws or platform; nor state the endorsement of, support of a candidate for public office, nor opposition to a candidate who is a registered Democrat; nor mandate or restrict the spending of money by the CDP.

b. Timely Resolutions

(1) For a resolution to be considered timely it must be received via online submission form (preferred & recommended method) or mailed to the CDP Sacramento office at 1830 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 no later than noon (12 pm) 30 calendar days prior to convening of the Committee at a CDP Convention, or no later than noon (12 pm) 30 calendar days prior to convening the Committee at an Executive Board meeting. The cutoff time shall be posted on the CDP Resolutions page. Resolutions submitted via email will not be accepted.

(2) Resolutions may be presented to the Committee for passage at any Executive Board meeting or at an annual CDP Convention that will take place in an odd numbered year. Resolutions are not considered by This Committee at

"Platform Conventions," which occur in even numbered years; provided nothing herein shall prevent the Resolutions Committee from meeting at “Platform Conventions” to consider resolutions in committee, or consider resolutions as may be allowed by the Rules of Convention. Should the Committee meet during a “Platform Convention”the report of all work done by the Committee will be held over to the Executive Board meeting immediately following the “Platform Convention” meeting.

c. Late Resolutions

(1) Resolutions not complying with the above time limits, for either Executive Board meetings or annual CDP Conventions, will be termed "late resolutions."

(2) At Virtual Meetings of This Committee, no late resolutions will be accepted.

(3) Late Resolutions at in person meetings of This Committee. A late resolution may be considered for passage;

A. the late resolutions shall only address issues that were unknown before the resolution submission deadline

B. the sponsor of the resolution shall provide the CDP staff with 35 printed copies of the resolution for use by the Committee members no later than noon (12 pm) before the announced Committee meeting date and time.

C. each late resolution will be put to the Committee one by one and require an affirmative vote to be heard by two-thirds (⅔) of those members present and voting, the vote taking place at the beginning of the meeting with those resolutions gaining

D. two-thirds (⅔) approval required to be heard will be handled as described in item 1d.

E. to give the “approved late resolutions” the same consideration as all resolutions on the consent calendar, the following will be the procedure: Committee members will receive the resolution from Staff and Lead Chairs will assign Co-Chairs and the break period during which the language will be reviewed, Contact will need to be available by phone if needed for clarification or rewrite.

F. any resolutions not qualifying to be heard must be submitted for the next Convention or Executive Board:Resolutions can be submitted one of two ways in addition to supplying printed copies ; via online submission form (preferred and recommended method); or mailed to the CDP Sacramento office located at 1830 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

d. Floor Resolutions

(1) Some resolutions will not be sent to the floor of a General Session by the Committee, or will not be sent to the floor as originally submitted. The sponsor of a timely resolution that was defeated, or tabled shall have the right to gather signatures to directly present the resolution to the floor according to the procedures described in this section.

(2) Article IV, Section 8c (2) and Article VII, Section 7d of the CDP Bylaws prohibit certain types of resolutions being brought to the floor of any General Session.

(3) To bring a timely resolution, that was defeated or tabled, to the floor of an annual CDP Convention, the sponsor of the resolution must obtain the signatures of 300 credentialed DSCC delegates on official forms that will be provided by the Committee after it has taken final action on the resolution. Those signatures must be submitted to the CDP staff no later than 5:00 pm on the day before the resolution is to be brought to the floor of a General Session. If 300 signatures are verified, the sponsor of the resolution will, prior to the beginning of the General Session at which the resolution is to be brought to the floor, provide the Secretary of the Convention with sufficient printed copies of the resolution for each DSCC delegate in attendance.

e. Non-Prioritized Resolutions

(1) Any resolution passed by the Committee at an annual CDP Convention that was not prioritized or successfully brought to the floor as described above, or any prioritized resolution not acted upon by the delegates to an annual CDP Convention, will automatically be heard by the Committee at the next Executive Board meeting.

10. Requests to hang signs, banners, and placards must be submitted before the Convention to the Convention Coordinator. A small fee may be charged per sign. No large signs or large quantities of materials will be allowed in the General Session Hall. The only large quantities of materials or large signs allowed in the hall are those that are official CDP materials or have been pre-approved by the CDP and have already been placed in the hall.
11. PROXIES: Proxies will be subject to the provision set forth in the By-Laws. In order to vote, and have one's vote counted, at this Convention, a member must have timely paid their annual Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) dues and registration fee (or had them waived, at the by request of the DSCC delegate member, in writing ONLY), from the DSCC Member) to This Committee, registered for the meeting, obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, and completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued, and agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, prior to the close of the balloting period. The provisions of Article IV, Section 6, subsections a-e shall apply to such authorizations. In all cases at This Convention, proxies vote in districts where the appointing member resides as required by This Committee's By-Laws.
12. The By-Laws and Rules of the California Democratic Party shall govern over these Rules for the 2027 California Democratic Party Convention in the event of a conflict.
13. Any matter not provided for in these rules or the California Democratic Party By-Laws and Rules shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
14. 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. These rules may be suspended by a motion to amend these limits on debate,

but such a motion shall not be debatable and may only apply to the specific motion before the body.

15. All attendees will abide by the CDP Code of Conduct. Any violations of the Code of Conduct or disruptions during the Convention may result in expulsion from this and future CDP Events.

Rules for 2027 California Democratic Party Convention

2027 CDP State Convention Tentative Agenda

May 21 – May 23, 2027

NOTE – Workshops, trainings, caucus meetings, regional director elections, and other activities will be added to this agenda as date, time, presenters and speakers are developed and confirmed.

<u>Friday, May 21, 2027</u>

11AM	Credentials Committee
2PM	Rules Committee
3PM – 8:30PM	Credentialing / Registration *
4:30PM	Resolutions Committee
6PM	Welcome Reception
10PM	Hospitality Suites

<u>Saturday, May 22, 2027</u>

9AM – 1PM	Credentialing / Registration *
10:00AM – 11:30AM	General Session
Noon – 1:30PM	Convention Luncheon
1:30 – 4:00PM	General Session
5:00 – 7:00PM	Regional Director and other Elections as necessary
5:00PM	Resolutions Committee (Prioritization)
6:00PM	Convention Dinner
10PM	Hospitality Suites

<u>Sunday, May 23, 2027</u>

8AM – 9:30AM	Run Off Elections (If Necessary)
9AM – 10AM	Credentialing / Registration *
10AM	General Session - Ratification of RD Elections - Regional DirectorVolunteer Awards - Standing Committee reports - Adoption of resolutions

** In order to vote, and have one's vote counted, at this Convention, a member must have timely paid their annual Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) dues and registration fee (or had them waived, at the by request of the DSCC delegate member, in writing ONLY), from the DSCC Member) to This Committee, registered for the meeting, obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, and completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued, and agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, prior to the close of the balloting period..*

***The Chair may change the timing of agenda items to accommodate scheduling as required.*

V. Subcommittee Reports

A. M/S/P to adopt the Report from the Subcommittee on ADEMs with amendments:

1. M/S/P to adopt the **2027 ADEM Procedures**, the revisions were identified through additional staff review and feedback from Regional Director Lee Miller. The revisions addressed inconsistencies, procedural errors, and areas requiring clarification, including alignment with the party bylaws.
   The proposed changes were generally non-substantive and did not alter the fundamental structure or operation of the 2027 ADEMs process that was previously approved by the Rules Committee.
   M/S/P to adopt the following additional amendments to the ADEM Procedures:
   Page 18:
   Location Selection
   All locations should be open for 4 hours, opening to the public no earlier than 10am but no later than 2pm. Upon the request of a Regional Director and upon a showing of good cause, the CADEM Chair may adjust the hours at one or more locations in that Region.
   Page 20:
   Operating Procedures
   The primary purposes of an ADEM site is the distribution of ballots and collection of ballots. All locations will be open for 4 hours, opening to the public no earlier than 10am but no later than 2pm. Upon the request of a Regional Director and upon a showing of good cause, the CADEM Chair may adjust the hours at one or more locations in that Region. As soon as a location opens, ballots should begin to be distributed. No speeches will be allowed in the voting room.
2. The Committee notes that the bulk of the 2027 ADEM Procedures were voted on at the 2026 July EBoard and largely kept the 2025 system while making a few improvements**,** including allowing certain participants to receive ballot credentials via email, voter verification improvements, and procedures to address challenges created by the California bill AB 1392.

B. 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.

1. The subcommittee recommended approval of the following: Butte, Lassen, Mendocino, San Diego, Yolo and the following attestations: Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Stanislaus
2. The following are a list of counties whose bylaws were approved in 2025 to date: Contra Costa County, Orange County, Santa Barbara County, El Dorado County, Riverside County, Santa Cruz County, Imperial County, Sacramento County, Solano County, Lake County, San Benito County, Sonoma County, Los Angeles County, San Bernardino

County, Stanislaus County, Mono County, San Joaquin County, Ventura County, Nevada County, San Mateo County

C. Chartered Organizations Subcommittee
   1. The Committee adopted the Subcommittee report with the following changes:
   a) Rejecting the changes proposed to Appendix C
   b) Receiving and filing the memorandum responding to a request from the Compliance Review Commission

VI. M/S/P to refer the Iranian American Democrats of California Endorsement Violation to the Subcommittee on Statewide Chartered Organization

VII. M/S/P to receive and file the following Compliance Review Commission (CRC) Decisions:
   A. Ojai Valley Democratic Club (OVDC) against the Ventura County Democratic Central Committee's (VCDCC)
   B. Terance Frazier against the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC).
   C. Efraín Becerra against the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee (TCDCC)

VIII. M/S/P to adjourn 6:45pm

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
GENERAL SESSION – San Diego, California
SUNDAY, August 2, 2026

CADEM Chair, Rusty Hicks: Called the meeting to order, welcomed all the California Democrats and thanked the Team of CADEM for all their hard work and gave us a great experience.

CADEM, Interns & Fellows: Jahnvi Khannan & Zephyr Levy, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Land Acknowledgement, given by Erica Pinto, Chairwoman of Jamul Indian Village of California, Kumeyaay Nation. The chairwoman stated that we pay our respects and recognize their legacy with this land acknowledgement.

San Diego County Democratic Party Chair Will Rodriguez-Kennedy, gave a welcome to all to San Diego. He stated that he represents 821,000 democrats and they are larger than the state parties of 20 states and they have a lot of races to work and they share CD 48 with Chair Joy Silver from the Riverside County Dem Party. Party Chair Rodriguez-Kennedy stated the goal is to flip 2 cities and CADEM is partnering with the San Diego County Party to open a coordinated office in Escondido that is scheduled to open next week. The chair also recognized his board members and thanked them.

CADEM Chair, Rusty Hicks, went over the Agenda Overview flow expected for today.

CADEM Credentials Committee, Co-Chairs: Tim Allison and Jane Wishon. Jane acknowledge the committee and CADEM staff and gave a special thank you to Emma Harper, Director of Operations. Tim gave a credentials report of 316 E-board members credentialed for this meeting, hearing no objections. M**/S/P**

CADEM Coby King, Parliamentarian, walked the members through the meeting rules for debate, floor discussion procedure and voting for adoption. These rules are the same as they have been for all of our meetings.
Limits for debate--If there is anything that is to be debated please come to one of the microphones and state your purpose for rising. If there is something that requires debate we will take 3 speakers on each side including the maker of any motion, 1 minute each. At the conclusion of 6 speakers or less depending on how many speakers there, we will then move immediately to a vote. We will start with voice vote and if that is not conclusive, then a show of pink cards. Motion to approve, **M/S/P**

CADEM Parliamentarian Coby King, asked for approval of the minutes for the October 26, 2025 Executive Board Meeting (Pages 24-33) of the packet as presented**, M/S/P**

Paused for the In Memoriam video

CADEM Chair, Rusty Hicks, read the results for the Statewide Constitutional endorsement election for Insurance Commissioner. There were 96% E-board members that participated in votes that were cast. Chair Hicks read out the results into the record. 295 votes were cast. The threshold is 60%. The votes cast were 2 for No Endorsement, 114 for Jane Kim and 179 for Ben Allen with 60.68% of the vote, therefore Ben Allen is CADEM's endorsed candidate.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislation Committee, Co-chair Margaret Granado (Margie), thanked the committee and CADEM staff. Margie stated that 25% of the meeting was dedicated to public comments. There were 81 support positions and 1 opposed. **MOTION** to adopt the report: **M/S/P**

CADEM Co-Chairs Agi Kessler and Kenneth Armstrong, Resolutions Committee:
Agi thanked committee members, staff and gave recognition to the authors. Agi then turned the mic over to Kenneth to discuss the consent calendar.

Kenneth stated on page 3 of the packet are the committee's recommendations for the resolutions and they are in the form of a consent calendar and each with a recommended coding of #2. Kenneth asked if anyone wanted to pull a resolution off the consent calendar. There were no members seeking to be recognized to pull a resolution off the consent calendar and a motion to approve was in order to pass the consent calendar. **M/S/P**

Agi took back the mic to discuss what took place on Saturday's session at the Resolutions Committee meeting. At this meeting the ballot measures were discussed. The consent calendar was presented.

Kenneth walked us through the consent calendar on Page 10-11 of the packet. Kenneth asked if anyone wanted to pull a ballot measure off the consent calendar. (Prop 1,- Michael Duran AD 41), (Prop 40-Chris Snyder-AD 12), (Prop 44-AD 56, Gabe Montoya), (Prop 45-DSCC Member-AD 30), were pulled from the consent calendar. The committee recommendation was to pass the remainder of the consent calendar. **M/S/P**

CADEM Chair Rusty Hicks, walked the members through the rules for the pulled items 1, 40, 44 and 45. **The first motion** will be a consideration to affirm or to uphold the recommendation from the committee. **The voting threshold is 60% of those present and voting.** If that motion passes there will be no more voting. If it fails then we will go to the individual that pulled the Proposition for a new motion and per the meeting rules and guidelines already adopted for 1 minute, there will be 3 speakers in favor and 3 in opposition.

1st Motion to support **Prop 1, Yes** committee recommendation
Voice Vote, Motion carries per Chair Rusty Hicks

1st Motion to support **Prop 40**, **Yes** committee recommendation-—Chair Hicks stated that for the sake of efficiency ahead of this meeting, we have already coordinated with the proponents and opponents of this measure to ensure that we bring forward their designed speakers.
3 Speakers In Favor/Against
Vote will be a card count---There were 233 votes cast, 138 support, 95 opposed, 59.2% Motion Fails
Next step ---puller of the motion gets the opportunity to make a second motion. The motion is now **for a No position** of the CADEM Party which requires a 50% + 1 threshold-**M/S**
3 Speakers in Support/Against of a No Position
Vote will be a card count-- 236 votes cast, 107 support, 129 opposed
Motion Fails

Chair Hicks stated an option Motion: To reconsider of the 1st motion to support Prop 40 and the only person that can make that motion is someone on the prevailing side, which is someone that voted No. Needs a 50% + 1 threshold
Connie Sullivan-AD 66 moved to reconsider
Jerilyn Stapleton, 2nd the motion
3 Speakers in Support/Against
Vote will be a card count-- 240 votes cast, 151 support, 89 opposed
Motion Passed for reconsideration

Next Vote—Reconsidered Motion of the original-support recommendation from the committee to Support Prop 40
Chair Hicks stated that given the level of debate that we have already had, without objection, Chair Hicks is going to make the assumption that no additional debate is needed and we are going directly to a vote---requires 60%
235 votes cast, 145 Yes, 90 No –Total 61.7%
Motion Passed—The delegates erupted in hearty applause

Prop 44
Chair Hicks stated that the committee's recommendation was to oppose Prop 44. Threshold is 60% and for the sake of efficiency the speakers have been agreed upon already and coordinated with the proponents and opponents.
3 speakers in Support/Against
Voice Vote/by show of raised cards (visual)—Chair Hicks announced the Motion clearly passes to support the recommendation to oppose Prop 44.

Prop 45

Chair Hicks stated that the committee's recommendation was to oppose Prop 45.

3 speakers in Support/Against

Voice Vote—Opinion of Chair Hicks the motion carried to support the committee's recommendation to oppose Prop 45.

The resolutions committee report has concluded.

CADEM Rules Committee Co-chairs, Coby King and Valeria Hernandez:

Coby, recognized the members of the rules committee and thanked staff. Coby presented the bylaw amendments adopted by the rules committee in October 2025..

California Democratic Council (CDC) has been chartered since 1952 and operated independently and had special status and there were only 2 chartered organizations back then CDC and CYD and since then other charted organization have been added. Changes to the CDC, amendment to Article X, section 3(a)(5) and changes to appendix C—if adopted the CDC status will be that this organization will now be recognized as on the same level playing field as the other 10 charted organizations that we currently have in CADEM. CDC council will have no special privileges going forward.

Voice Vote--Opinion of Coby King--Motion passed by 2/3 vote as required by the bylaws to pass amendments.

Coby reported that The Rules Committee adopted the rules for the 2027 ADEM's, largely keeping the 2025 system in place while making a few improvements, including allowing certain participants to receive ballot credentials via email, voter verification improvements and procedures to address challenges created by California AB 1392 which shields certain voter information from our vendor PDI that CADEM needs to verify voters. The Rules committee also has some amendment recommendations to Article VI that will be presented to the Executive Board at the next meeting, Section 1 J that will improve the process for filling subsequent vacancies in the office of Assembly District E-Board representatives, currently we have a Caucus process. Proposed changes are as follows: the highest vote-getting candidate and their willingness to serve shall be provided the opportunity to serve as Executive Board Representative, then the opportunity shall be offered to each E-Board Candidate in the order of votes received. If all decline the offer then it goes to each elected AD delegate starting with the highest vote getter and proceeding down the count. If all of them decline then the statewide officers plus the appropriate Regional Director shall appoint a representative from among those members of the Committee resident in the AD (except those elected by a county committee pursuant to Article II. Section 4). **No Motion or vote needed, these amendments will come before the E-board at our next meeting.**

Valeria reported that all 19 caucuses successfully completed the annual reporting process required under the CADEM caucus certification guidelines. The Committee recommended the approval of the Chicano Latino Caucus's request to change their name to the Latino Chicano Caucus; adopt revised by-laws and they are now in full compliance and change their membership dues levels from $750 to $800. The subcommittees announced plans to gather information for discussion and cleanup before the next E-board in November for recertification and other topics including- What is a proper signature, Rank Choice Voting, and other topics…….and invited delegates to attend.

Next, the subcommittee recommended approval of the bylaws for the following County Central Committees: Mono, Nevada, San Bernardino, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Sonoma and Ventura.
The following County Central Committees did not meet the requirements for bylaw approval: Napa, San Diego, Sierra and Yolo.
County Central Committees not reviewed due to all materials were not received to complete the process were: Amador and Lassen.

Committee on Endorsements took up a series of endorsements (not stated) which will be taken up at the next E-board meeting.

The Rules Committee voted to reject the appeal from the California Democratic Council (CDC) and sustain the Compliance Review Commission (CRC) decision regarding the challenge from the Riverside County Democratic Party. The Rules Committee upheld the CRC decision.
M/S/P to adopt the Rules Committee report

CADEM Controller and Finance Committee Co-Chair, Carolyn Fowler, recognized CADEM Finance team and staff members Camille and Katie in addition to committee members and monthly donors for their efforts in trying to raise monies for CADEM. Carolyn mentioned that because of the monthly donors CADEM is able to have a field office available early in San Diego to support our endorsed candidates.

Co-chair Fowler stated that the committee met on July 31 and discussed the Eric Bradley Grant which was very successful, which normally the committee receives 10 applications. This time 40 proposals were received that were brilliant and the committee is also looking for mentors for our Young Dem clubs. Carolyn stated that at this time only half of the applications received can be supported, however the committee will be reaching out to get members involved and seek more support for the Young Dems.

Carolyn also reported that on Saturday the leadership team had a meeting to discuss where the monies goes and how it takes money to WIN the ground and the game and we need to be together on this issue. Co-Chair Fowler ended her report by asking and stating that in the future the committee is thinking about having some contests for the monthly donors.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:

Democratic National Committee (DNC), Laurence Zakson and Christine Pelosi:
Christine, acknowledged the California DNC delegation by asking them to stand. Christine stated that she would be reporting on the election part of the report and Laurence would report out on the mechanics that they will be voting on next month in Austin, Texas. She continued by asking if anyone had any questions, comments or concerns about the Presidential calendar; Rank Choice voting; ways in which to accomplish our diversify goals to make sure that we get ready for 2028, if so, to reach out to your delegation. Christine stated on a personal privilege that she wanted to share a thank you from Nancy Pelosi who posted a thank you for a resolution that we all passed honoring her and she specifically wanted to shout out the grassroots VIP who made all the legislative work possible, this is where it matters. She talked about how Donald Trump is treating to take billions of dollars away from California when it comes to jobs, healthcare….. Christine continued by stating that the DNC members will be travelling to Austin, Texas and we must win the senate and the house and the DNC members will be recruiting from other states and doing everything to make sure we win all the seats and all of our voices are heard when the DNC members go to Austin, Texas. Christine ended by saying we are a Big Tent and a Long Table Party and it is important for us as we honor other states that have everybody from the Squads to the Mods, the Blue and Yellow Dogs, everybody together…. it is going to take everyone to win and we need to respect the voters who nominated each and every one of our democratic nominees for Congress to make sure they get over the finish line.

Laurence, gave an RVC report about one of the main things that the DNC members will be voting one in Austin, Texas will be to set the calendar for the early states for 2028, those are South Carolina on January 22; Nevada on February 1; New Hampshire on February 8; New Mexico on February 15; Michigan on February 22; and Virginia on February 29.
Laurence stated that our California delegation deserves a great deal of credit for the fact that we are going to have 2 Western states in those early states and that is a very big accomplishment on something that we have not seen before and then gave some very important status about those early states, in addition to the fact that we have 2 key

battle states, Michigan and Nevada. We also have some early states that are very small markets which will make it much easier for candidates who don't necessarily have the most money to be able to get ahead. Those states have 4.6 million Black voters and that is an increase of 2.8M; Latino voters-4.2 million an increase of 2.4M; Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Americans-an increase of 1.4M, and that is an increase of 900,000 from 500,000 and that is an increase of almost over 1 ½ million. Native American voters increased from less than 100,000 to 370,000 which is very impressive and they have 14M Americans in the early window that do not have a college degree which is going to be very different from what we have seen in the past. Laurence thanked the members of the RVC for all their work and for him to serve as a representative to the DNC.

CADEM, Veterans Caucus Chair, Dr. Felicia Banks, reported on the 19 Caucuses and thanked members and asked caucus chair's to pop up and pop down. Dr. Banks asked members to join a caucus if you are not a member which is less than a subway sandwich cost, why because we energize, strategize and, mobilize for the California Democratic Party. Dr. Bank acknowledged caucus members, staff and officers. The report highlighted the:

Arab American Caucus -passed a resolution regarding the tragic mosque shooting at an Islamic San Diego center and had successful legislation submission and registered voters for the primary and held ballot parties.--**Rural Caucus** discussed ways to learn, organize, and have rural coalitions learning about wild fires, rural water, wild life, your cattle and the price of beef. **Children Caucus**, has lots of legislation and are doing many great things for the State of California. **Veterans Caucus**, worked alongside the Governor, Senator Bob Archuleta and Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo for SB 694 which is a bill that penalizes claim sharks and protects veterans during the benefit claim process. Also, the Veterans Caucus held the month of the Military Child and they went to high schools because many are first time voters and invited them to join and had free coffee pop-ups at Starbucks and had both Republicans and Democrats attend and they won some Republicans over. Chair Banks said that's how you Win. **Women's Caucus Chair Monica Wilson** attended the Woman's Federation for Democratic Woman and she is doing a great job.

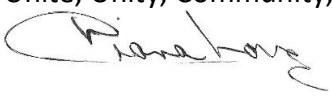
Dr. Banks ended the report by stating that they phoned banked and door knocked and we are the greatest grass rooter's in this nation and reminded us again to Join Your Caucus Today.

CADEM California Young Dems (CYD) President, Maiya De La Rosa: Maiya received a hearty welcome. She thanked everyone for still be in the room after a long session. President De La Rosa stated that the Young Democrats were busy taken positions on a number of propositions, Yes on 40, No on 45, No on Voter ID laws and an early endorsement for Xavier Becerra for Governor. Maiya stated that the chapters have increased since her last report from 80 to as of yesterday 103 charted chapters across the state and counting and this is the largest delegation they have ever had and the largest delegation in the country. In addition to students are organizing on their campuses and they have an election plan to walk up and down the state eg. CD 1, 6, 22 and 13. CYD is hard at work fundraising, paying for member's gas, lodging and covering a partial of their meals. By doing this is helping to lower the barrier so that young dems can go where they need to go so we can win. Maiya talked about how proud she is of the many young democrats that have come before them and mentored them. She called out and spoke about how former CYD President and former Communication Director of CADEM John Vigna who mentored her and said that CYD is launching a memorial grant in his honor because he is someone who stood up for them and had their backs no matter what and they are looking for monthly donors and all the monies raised will go back to the chapters. President De La Rosa said that they will be launching small micro grants to ensure that chapters who are new and have difficulty booking fundraisers will be able to book venues, gets meals…..and look out for each other. If you want to join their monthly donors program….Go to actblue.com/donate/cyd/aaa

CADEM Chair Rusty Hicks: Chair Hicks said that we have had a great meeting here in San Diego and that here has been a lot of important work that we have done and connecting with one another and now let's get back to the business of the work back in various parts of California, so let's get out there and Win.

Motion to adjourn. M/S/P

Unite, Unity, Community,



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