MEMORANDUM

TO: California Democratic Party (CADEM) Executive Board
FROM: CDP Rules Committee
DATE: November 9, 2026
RE: Notice of CADEM Bylaws Amendments Recommended by CADEM Rules Committee to CADEM Executive Board for Consideration at the 2026 November Executive Board Meeting

This memorandum provides official notice under the Bylaws that the following recommended bylaws amendments will be presented to the Executive Board for review and consideration at its upcoming meeting later this month.

Bylaw Amendments for Consideration :

Proposed modifications outlining requirements for signatures on petitions and forms within the endorsement procedure, as well as recommendations to the Executive Board regarding Amendments to Article VI, Sec 1 (j) to improve the process for filling subsequent vacancies in the office of Assembly District E-Board representative, are as follows:

1. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(d)(7) P. 1
2. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(g)(11) P. 1
3. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(g)(12) P. 2
4. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(h)(2) P. 2
5. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(h)(3) P. 2
6. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3(i) P. 3
7. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article VI, Section 1(j) P. 3

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.