



California Democratic Party 2020 Delegate Selection Overview

The California Delegation will send a total of 495 delegates and 35 alternates to the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The total delegation will be comprised of 416 Pledged Delegates, 35 Alternates, and 79 Unpledged Delegates. Each state must have a delegation that is equally split between male and female (within 1%), and must have a Delegate Selection Plan that includes Affirmative Action Goals.

Who can be a Delegate? – Only Registered (Party Preference) Democrats can participate.

How are Presidential Candidates allocated Pledged Delegates? – Candidates are allocated **District-Level Delegates** in each Congressional District in which they receive 15% or more of the primary vote. Candidates who receive 15% or more of the statewide vote are allocated **PLEO and At-Large Delegates**. If Candidate A receives 50% of the statewide vote, then Candidate A gets 50% of the 90 At-Large Delegates and 50% of the 54 PLEO Delegates.

Delegate types broken down

DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATES (Pledged) – 272 and 25 alternates

District-Level Delegates are one of the “Pledged” groups of delegates because they will be a guaranteed vote for (or pledged to) a particular candidate before the National Convention. Each of the 53 Congressional Districts (CDs) are allocated a certain number of delegates based on population and presidential voting from 2012 & 2016 elections. Using the same criteria, 35 of the 53 CDs are also allocated 1 Alternate each.

AT-LARGE (i.e. STATEWIDE) DELEGATES – 90 delegates and 10 alternates

Any registered Democrat who is committed to a Presidential Candidate can apply to be an At-Large Delegate. At-Large Delegates are confirmed by a vote of the 272 District-Level Delegates at the Statewide Delegation Meeting.

PLEDGED PARTY LEADERS AND ELECTED OFFICIAL (PLEO) DELEGATES – 54 Total

A PLEO is a registered Democrat from a particular category (see below) who has pledged their support for a particular Presidential Candidate. To be considered, the PLEO candidate must fill out the appropriate form and be pledged to a candidate who received at least 15% of the statewide primary vote. This group is also confirmed by the 272 District-Level Delegates at the Statewide Delegation Meeting. Those who are eligible to file as a PLEO are those from the following groups:

- Big City Mayors
- Statewide Elected Officials
- State Legislative Leaders
- State Legislators
- Other State, County, and Local Elected Officials
- California Democratic Party Leaders

UNPLEDGED DELEGATES – 79 Total

Unpledged Delegates are all automatic delegates based on their status. These delegates are “Unpledged” to a particular candidate. Unpledged Delegates cannot vote in the first round of balloting: They include:

- California Members of the DNC
- California Members of Congress
- US Senators
- Governor Newsom
- Distinguished party leaders such as CDP Party Chair, Standing Committee Chairs, etc.

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JULY 13-16 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

California's Delegation to the 2020 Democratic National Convention			
District-Level Delegates:	272	Alternates:	25
At-Large Delegates:	90	Alternates:	10
PLEO Delegates:	54		
Unpledged Delegates:	79		
Total Number of Delegates	495		35

In order to be a California delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention you must be a registered Democrat and be selected as one of the three types of delegates: District-Level, At-Large or PLEO.

Type	Form	Filing Period	Selection	Date
District Level	Form A	(TBD)	Congressional District Caucuses	(TBD)
At-Large	Form B	(TBD)	Statewide Delegate Meeting	(TBD)
PLEO	Form C	(TBD)	Statewide Delegate Meeting	(TBD)

District-Level: Each of California's 53 congressional districts (CDs) are allocated a number of district-level delegates and alternates, based upon population and presidential voting from the 2012 & 2016 elections. Potential candidates for district-level delegates must submit **Form A**, pledging their support to a presidential candidate, during the filing period of **(TBD)**. Caucuses will be held **(TBD)** in each CD where Democrats registered in the CD will be able to vote to elect District-level delegates based on the results of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

At-Large: At-large delegates are selected from a statewide pool and offer another way for Democrats to participate in the national convention. Potential candidates for at-large delegate must submit **Form B**, pledging their support to a presidential candidate, within the filing period of **(TBD)**. Selection of at-large delegates will be confirmed at the **(TBD)** Statewide Delegation Meeting.

PLEO: Party Leaders and Elected Official (PLEO) are Democrats from one of the following categories: big-city mayors and statewide elected officials; state legislative leaders and state legislators; other state county and local elected officials; California Democratic Party leaders. PLEO candidates must submit **Form C**, pledging their support to a presidential candidate, during the filing period of **(TBD)**. Selection of PLEO delegates will be confirmed at the **(TBD)** Statewide Delegation Meeting.