

CHICANO LATINO CAUCUS BYLAWS

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Mission Statement

The Chicano Latino Caucus [hereinafter "'CLC'" or "'the Caucus'"] of the California Democratic Party [hereinafter "'CDP'"] seeks to raise political and civic consciousness by electing Chicanos and Latinos to all levels of government. The CLC will accomplish this by increasing political participation of individuals in all activities of the CDP, in particular, expanding Chicano Latino representation in voter registration, candidate training, activist training, voter education, legislative tracking, outreach to Assembly Districts, County Central Committees, Democratic Clubs, community and civic organizations.

Article I--- Policy and Goals

Section 1

It is the policy of this Caucus, in the execution of all endeavors, to contribute to the growth and influence of the CDP, establish and maintain an inclusive Chicano Latino presence in the party and to support the party candidates for Democratic leadership throughout the state and nation.

Section 2

The Caucus will conduct training to educate and train interested members and Democrats to participate in candidate and activist training, voter registration, outreach, political education, legislative training, research and participation. Student members will be a priority in all trainings and educational opportunities of the Chicano Latino Caucus.

Article II ---Name

The name of this organization shall be the California Democratic Party Chicano Latino Caucus.

Article III--- Purpose

Section 1

It will be the purpose of this caucus to promote and encourage full participation of Chicano Latino Democrats in the CDP and its affairs at all levels. Further, to initiate and support and advocate for party policies and issues which reflects the interest and welfare of the Chicano Latino community and to act as the vehicle for the implementation of these policies in the Chicano Latino community and to give guidance and/or advice regarding the Latino communities' concerns to the Democratic Party structure.

Section 2

This shall include, but not be limited to, participation in the Delegate and Democratic candidates; taking appropriate public stands on issues relevant to our communities; and posing, supporting, and when necessary, opposing legislation relevant to the community.

The Caucus shall establish and implement a division of the Caucus as the Chicano Latino Caucus Young Adults which will serve as a presence for future Caucus leadership. The CLCYA will be established with students from within the Caucus Vice Chair's regional areas. No dues will be established for student membership participation. The Young Adults Division (YAD) Vice Chair shall be elected by CLC members between the ages of 14 and 35 at the biannual CLC Convention and shall serve as a voting member of the CLC Executive Board. The YAD Vice Chair shall have the powers, duties, and stature of a vice chair of the CLC and shall strive to involve youth in the CLC and the Democratic Party. The YAD Vice Chair shall build collegial, friendly, supportive, cooperative, and respectful relationships with other Democratic Party youth groups.

Article IV--- Membership

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a. General Membership----- A voting member is a Chicano Latino Caucus member who has paid their dues, is a registered Democrat or is ineligible to vote (due to non-residency, or other legal impediment), but pledges to register as a Democrat when eligibility is attained; and supports and adheres to the platform and Bylaws of the CDP and and agrees to follow the Bylaws of this Caucus. Caucus dues shall be \$20.00 per calendar year. Foreign nationals without a green card may join the caucus and engage in volunteer activities but may not pay dues. Dues renewals are due beginning January 1 of each calendar year and at the annual convention of the Democratic party. Dues shall not be pro-rated.

b. A waiver of all dues will be provided to students with proper school ID

c. A waiver of all dues will be provided in cases of economic hardship.

d. A \$250.00 life time membership dues is available.

e. A \$500 sponsor annual membership fee is also available.

Section 2 A member is in good standing when his/her application has been accepted and the dues have been paid. If the applicant pays dues by check, and if the check is returned by the banking institution, such that subsequently funds are not able to be credited to the Caucus bank account, the member shall not be entitled to the privileges of membership until the dues are paid by money order or cashier check, in addition a fee of \$15 must be included in the dues payment.

Section 3: Applications for membership shall be on a form adopted by the Chicano Latino Executive Board that provides the essential information necessary to the functioning of the Caucus. The membership form shall be available by internet. The membership application shall request that the Applicant consent to notice by e mail.

Section 4. Candidates for office who wish to speak to the Caucus must pay a \$50.00 honorary membership fee. Honorary members are non voting.

Article V--- Meetings

Section 1: There shall be four (4) meetings of the general membership held prior to or in conjunction with the quarterly meetings of the Executive Board of the CDP.

Section 2: Special and emergency meetings may be called by the Caucus chair; a majority of the Caucus Executive Committee, or by petition of those members in good standing. Petitions must consist of at least ten (10%) percent of the total membership and must be addressed to the Chair and Executive Board of the Caucus.

Section 3: Only E---board members can vote upon motions and make motions at Executive Committee meetings, but the general membership may participate in the discussion.

Section 4: Notice of the date, and locations of all meetings shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of meeting. Notice of said meeting can be through electronic mail, postal mail, or facsimile. Notice is not required for (1) Executive Committee meetings set by these Bylaws for the first Sunday of each month and (2) Executive Committee Meetings for which all members have waived notice in writing.

Section 5: Email Notice: Publication of any notice provided for by these bylaws, may be given by means of e---mail provided that:

- a. Members of this Caucus who have email may receive notice via email in a manner consistent with the CDP Bylaws for the use of email within the Democratic Organizations, including but not limited to, the requirements of the member to consent to notice via email, must have consented, in writing or through email to receive Chicano Latino Caucus notice in this manner.
- b. Members of this Caucus have been advised of their obligation to inform the Secretary of any change in their e—mail address,
- c. Any such notice is denominated ""Official CLC Notice"" in the subject line. Members of this Caucus are given the option in writing or email of maintaining the confidentiality of their email address, or making same public.

Section 6. For matters that can be agreed to by unanimous consensus, the Executive Committee may make decisions through email communications among the members of the Executive Committee through the following procedures:

- (a) If a member of the Executive Committee has an issue that he/she wishes to present as a motion for consideration via email, he/she shall communicate it to the Corresponding Secretary.
- (b) The Corresponding Secretary shall email the proposed motion to all members of the Executive Committee. Each member of the Executive Committee shall acknowledge receipt by email, and may second the motion if he/she desires. Failure to receive acknowledgement of receipt from all members of the Executive Committee shall prevent the motion from being handled via email.
- (c) If the motion is seconded, the Secretary shall announce the opening of discussion. Members of the Executive Committee may send emails to all other members of the Executive Committee to express points of view.
- (d) When he/she deems it appropriate, the Chair shall declare the discussion period closed and call for an email vote. If the vote is unanimous in favor or against, the motion is approved or rejected, as the case may be. If the vote is not unanimous, the motion must be discussed at the next Board meeting, and no action shall be taken on it until then.

At any time during the email discussion period, if any member of the Executive Committee communicates to the other members of the Executive Committee that he/she feels that the issue should be aired at a Board meeting, the formal email discussion period shall end, and the issue shall be calendared for the next Board meeting, with no action to be taken on it until then. Directors shall remain free to exchange points of view on the issue by email, however.

Section 8: Five (5%) percent or twenty five members of the membership in good standing whichever is less and at least five (5) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for conducting the business of the caucus at any meeting of the general membership. Except to the extent modified by these Bylaws or CDP Bylaws, the Caucus shall use Roberts Rules of Order in the conduct of Caucus meetings.

Article VI--- Organization

This Caucus is in accordance with the by---laws of the California State Central Committee of the CDP. The Caucus shall have the following organizational structures:

Section 1: Executive Committee

(a). The Executive Committee of the Chicano Latino Caucus will be comprised of the Chairperson, Vice---Chairpersons, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Corresponding Secretary, the Chair of all Standing Committees, Administrative Coordinators, Sergeant of Arms, and Senior Advisors. The Executive Committee shall exercise all powers on behalf of the Caucus. The Executive Committee shall have primary responsibility for the decision making of the Caucus. The Executive Committee must pre-approve all expenditures above \$100, all Caucus budgets, all endorsements in which the name of the caucus is used, all Caucus meeting agendas, all Caucus sponsorship of events, all selections of persons or entities to be honored or given awards at any Caucus meetings, all speakers at Caucus meetings, all material policy decisions of the Caucus, and all press releases of the Caucus.

(b) The Executive Committee shall meet on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm or at any other date and time to which the Executive Committee shall change said monthly meeting; Executive committee members may attend the meeting in person or by conference call or by video conference or by proxy.

(c) The Executive Committee shall interview all candidates to fill vacancies for all positions on the Executive Committee, and may reject any candidate, and select another person nominated by any officer position by a member of the Executive Committee.

(d) In the event of the resignation or the removal of the Chair, the Executive Committee is mandated to meet within two (2) weeks and select a successor. Such meeting may be accomplished by a conference call or in person. For such a meeting, a quorum shall consist of five (5) of the remaining members of the Executive Board.

(e). The Executive Committee shall create a Statement of Goals that sets forth the activities and objectives of the Caucus for that year. This document will be prepared by the incoming Directors during the 60 days following the election of officers. Copies of the document will be available to the General Membership on the Caucus web site or through the Corresponding Secretary.

Section 2: The Caucus shall be composed of all members in good standing. It shall receive and decide all recommendations from the Standing and Special Committees, in addition to the Executive Committee.

Section 3: There shall be the following Standing Committees:

- (a Voter Registration Committee
- (b) Resolutions Committee
- (c) Latina Advisory Committee
- (d) Appointments Committee

(e) Membership and Events Committee

Section 4: The Chairperson of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Caucus with the concurrence of the Caucus Executive Committee. Chairpersons of Standing Committees are non-voting, ex officio members of the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee may volunteer to be members of any Standing Committee.

Article VII--- Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

Candidates for Chicano Latino Caucus Officer positions must be members in good standing of the Caucus. Officers shall serve without compensation. A member can serve only three consecutive terms in any given officer position. (For purposes of term limits only, "officers" are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.) The term of office for all Officers will be two years. Except as provided herein, the Chair shall not appoint any other officers or Executive Committee members. Every elected officer of the CLC, shall have an alternate. Alternates must be 34 years old or younger if the elected officer is 35 years old or older. Alternates must be 35 years or older if the elected officer is 34 years old or younger. Alternates must also be of the opposite sex of the elected officer. Alternates must serve as the voting member of the CLC E Board for at least two monthly meetings a year. The meetings when the alternate serves as the voting member shall be selected by the elected officer, except that the last two meetings of the year shall be the default months if the elected officer fails to select meetings when the alternate serves.

Section 1: Chair.

The term of the office of Chairperson shall be set at two (2) years. The Chairperson shall be the representative of the Caucus on the CDP Executive Board. The Chair must either participate in voting at the CDP Executive Board or the Chair must appoint an officer to serve as the representative of the Caucus on the CDP Executive Board. The Chairperson shall be the spokesperson for the Caucus. The Chairperson shall preside over all general meetings of the Caucus. The Chairperson shall serve as an Ex-officio member of all committees, with the power to vote in the event of a tie vote, and shall appoint Committee Chairpersons and Ex-officio members to the Executive Committee who must both be confirmed by the Executive Committee. The Chairperson must observe democratic principles of transparency and Executive Committee participation. The Chairperson must recognize that all votes on the Executive Committee are entitled to equal weight. The Chairperson may not operate the Executive Committee without the participation of the Executive Board. The Chair of the Caucus must be a member of the Democratic Party State Central Committee (a delegate to the Democratic Party State Convention).

Section 2: Vice-Chairpersons

There will be eleven Vice-Chairpersons for the following regions:

(1). Northern-Bay Area

Del Norte —Humboldt—Mendocino—Lake—Sonoma—Napa—Solano—Contra Costa—Marin —Alameda—San Mateo—Santa Clara,

(2). Northern—Sacramento Area

Siskiyou—Modoc—Shasta—Lassen—Tehama—Plumas—Butte—Glenn—Colusa—Sierra—Sutter—Nevada—Placer—El Dorado—Alpine—Sacramento—Yolo

(3). Central Coast Region

Monterey—Santa Cruz—San Benito—San Luis Obispo

(4). Central Valley Mariposa—Mono—San Joaquin—Stanislaus—Merced, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa

(5). Santa Barbara/Ventura

(6). Los Angeles

(7). Orange County

(8). Inland Empire—San Bernardino County

(9). Inland Empire—Riverside/Imperial Valley

(10). San Diego

(11) Bakersfield—Tulare County, Kern County, Kings County, Fresno County, Madera County, Inyo County

The Regional Vice—Chairs shall exercise the responsibilities of the Chairperson in his/her areas, and upon request of the Chairperson, act in his/her behalf in chairing general meetings in their regions. Only those members living in the region shall vote for the Vice—Chair of that region. The Vice—chairs shall meet or otherwise communicate at least once a month with all local chapters Liaisons within his/her region, to share information, determine local Chapter activities and needs to assist in developing a strong and effective political base within their region. The Vice—Chair may designate three additional Vice Chair assistants to in each region. In addition, the Vice Chair Assistants should include an additional young adult member from within the region.

There will be one Vice Chair for the CLC Young Adults Division.

There shall be a Vice Chair for Chicano and Latino Studies who must be a current faculty member of Chicano or Latino studies in a California college or university. Only those members who are higher education faculty or retired higher education faculty shall vote for the Vice Chair for Chicano or Latino Studies.

There shall be a Vice Chair for Raza Student Clubs who must be a current student in a California college or university. Only those members who are students in a California college or university and members of a Chicano or Latino Club such as MECHA, Brown Issues, Raza Students, La Raza Law Students, NCHO, or similar organizations may vote for the vice chair for Raza Student Clubs.

Section 3: Recording Secretary

The recording secretary shall serve a term of two (2) years. The recording secretary shall attend and take minutes at all general meetings, online meetings, teleconference meetings and any executive meeting duly called. In addition, the recording secretary shall be responsible for the distribution of the minutes. The Chair may not usurp the authority of the Recording Secretary by requiring the Recording Secretary to submit the minutes to the Chair for censorship or prior approval before presentation to the Executive Committee. The minutes shall not be censored. The minutes shall be presented to the Executive Committee which shall approve or amend the minutes by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 4: Corresponding Secretary

The Corresponding Secretary will issue all required notices of the CLC Caucus, and prepare the official correspondence of the Caucus. The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for the membership list of the Caucus. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for taking minutes if the Recording Secretary is not present. The Corresponding Secretary shall serve a term of two (2) years. The Chair may not usurp

the authority of the Corresponding Secretary by appointing or directing anyone else to perform the duties of the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary may appoint or request a person to assist the Corresponding Secretary. The person appointed to assist the Corresponding Secretary, if any, shall have the title of Assistant Corresponding Secretary but shall not be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee. The Corresponding Secretary shall serve as Editor of a monthly newsletter to be published online at least once per quarter.

Section 5: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall serve a term of two (2) years. Both the Treasurer and the Caucus shall account for all Caucus funds, process Caucus funds according to the rules promulgated by the CDP Finance Committee, follow appropriate bookkeeping procedures, formulate quarterly financial reports to the Caucus Chair and Executive Committee and the Finance Committee, and yearly reports to the general membership. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for developing a yearly budget at the request of the Party Treasurer Controller and to confer with the Caucus Chair and Executive Committee in its preparation. The Treasurer shall in case of a returned check, contact the maker of the check and allow 10 days for funds to be paid in a money order or cashier check. In addition, the maker must include a \$15 NSF fee imposed by the CDP. The Treasurer shall promptly submit all invoices to the CDP Financial office for payment on a designated form issued by the CDP and must include the signature of the Caucus Chair. The Treasurer and the

Caucus can neither raise nor disburse funds other than nominal dues, and disburse only standard or routine costs of regular meetings. The Treasurer will take custody of all funds raised or received by the Caucus after having the same entered into the records by the Recording Secretary.) (The Treasurer's reports must include a description of all expenditures. Expenditures exceeding \$100 require the pre-approval of the Executive Committee. Within ten (10) days of each regular meeting, the Treasurer shall cause a list of the membership in good standing to be sent to the Caucus Chair and the Corresponding Secretary. Each Regional Vice-Chair shall receive a copy of the membership list for their region.

Section 6: Administrative Coordinators

The Chair may also appoint one or two Administrative Coordinators of the Caucus who must be confirmed by the Executive Committee in the manner described in Article VI, section 1. Administrative Coordinators shall assist the Chair and the Executive Committee in implementing the policy of the Caucus as set by the Executive Committee. Administrative Coordinators' terms shall be for two years, but may be appointed to consecutive terms without limitation. Administrative Coordinators shall not usurp the power of the Chair or the Executive Committee. Administrative Coordinators are non-voting ex officio members of the Executive Committee. Executive Directors may participate in all phases of the Executive Committee actions, including making and seconding motions, except that Administrative Coordinators do not vote.

Section 7. Senior Advisors.

The Chair may also appoint one or two Senior Advisors to the Caucus who must be confirmed by the Executive Committee in the manner described in Article VI, section 1. Senior Advisors must be former Caucus Chairs. Senior Advisors shall assist the Chair and the Executive Committee with their knowledge and experience in making the policy of the Caucus to be set by the Executive Committee. Senior

Advisors terms shall be for two years, Senior Advisors shall not usurp the power of the Chair or the Executive Committee. Senior Advisors are non-voting ex officio members of the Executive Committee. Senior Advisers may participate in all phases of the Executive Committee actions, including making and seconding motions, except that Senior Advisers do not vote.

Section 8: The Office of the Parliamentarian will be filled by appointment of the Chairperson and confirmed by the Executive Committee in the manner described in Article VI , section 1. The Parliamentarian will respond to all inquires made to him/her by the Chairperson concerning the interpretation of the by-laws of the Caucus and Roberts" Rules of Order. The interpretation and ruling of the Parliamentarian on the By-Laws or Roberts" Rule of Orders during any meeting shall be binding upon the Chairperson and all members at which such interpretation or ruling is made. Any appeal must be made to two thirds of a quorum of the Executive Committee, the Chairperson of the Central Committee of the CDP or the Chairperson of the Rules Committee of the State Central Committee of the California Democratic Party. The Parliamentarian shall be a non-voting ex officio members of the Executive Committee.

Section 9 Sergeant at Arms. The Sergeant at Arms will be appointed by the Chairperson and confirmed by the Executive Committee in the manner described in Article VI , section 1. The Sergeant at Arms shall maintain order. the Sergeant at Arms shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 10. Latino Democratic Clubs. The CLC Chair may award banners to a Latino Democratic Club in recognition of outstanding participation of a Latino Democratic Club in CLC remote phone banking efforts or CLC high school voter registration efforts. Latino Democratic Clubs that are eligible for banners are as follows: Sacramento Latino Democratic Club, Placer County Latino Democratic Club, Los Angeles County Latino Democratic Club, Dolores Huerta Northern California Latino Democratic Club, San Francisco Latino Democratic Club, Santa Rosa Latino Democratic Club, and Orange County Latino Democratic Club. Any Latino Democratic Club that receives a banner from the CLC is entitled to display that banner at any CLC meeting. Any Latino Democratic Club that receives a banner from the CLC may appoint a representative to the Chicano Latino Caucus who shall be a voting member of the Chicano Latino Caucus Executive Committee for one year. All appointments to the Executive Committee are subject to Executive Committee interview confirmation or rejection. Banners may be successively awarded to a Latino Democratic Club. Successive banner awards shall be placed on the original banner with the small symbol of a black huelga eagle bearing the date of the subsequent award.

Section 11: Caucus Officer Accountability/Removal The first absence of a Caucus officer from a quarterly meeting without a valid excuse may subject that officer to removal by a majority vote of the members in good standing in attendance during quarterly meetings. Three (3) consecutive absences without an excuse shall result in automatic removal. Any officer may also be removed for cause by the Executive Committee for failing to perform the duties of the office. Such removal shall be effective immediately. Improper misconduct and dereliction of duties which may cause intention to discredit or embarrass the officers and membership of the Caucus will be deemed good cause for removal from office. At the next regular meeting of the general membership, the reason for the removal shall be stated and a motion to confirm the removal shall be presented to the general membership. The vote of the general membership

shall be the final decision on removal of an officer.

Section 12: Officer Vacancy

Vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment by the Chair and confirmed by the Executive Committee in the manner described in Article VI , section 1.

Section 13: Executive Committee Meeting Quorum

A quorum of the Caucus Executive Committee members shall consist of a majority of the current members of the Executive Committee.

Article VIII-- Elections

The election of officers shall occur every two (2) years during the CDP's Biennial Election Convention. If the elections are to be held at a time and place different from the Biennial Convention, the site and date must be approved by at least two---thirds (2/3) of those present and voting at the last general membership meeting held before the meeting for the election of officers.

Section 1: Election Procedures/Rules

At the last Caucus general membership meeting held in conjunction with the State Executive Board meeting, prior to the Biennial Election Convention, an elections Committee will be appointed by the Chairperson with the confirmation of the Executive Committee. This Committee is made up of a Chair and a maximum of four (4) members and will be responsible for the running of the election. No members of this Committee may be a candidate for any office in the Caucus. The Caucus Board Committee shall establish the rules for the election including the nomination and method of selection of candidates and voting.

Section 2: Any person wishing to have a vote in the Caucus election must have submitted their membership application and paid their dues for the term for which the officers are running or be in line to do so, no later than the commencement of the meeting at which the elections will take place being called to order. Members must vote by a visible proof of membership.

Section 3: To the extent possible, the Treasurer will provide a list of eligible voters to both the Chairperson and the Election Committee chair prior to the balloting.

Section 4: The Committee will prepare, or cause to be prepared, enough printed ballots for the eligible voters. It is recommended that these ballots be numbered as a further safeguard.

Section 5: To the extent possible, the Caucus will meet at or before ten (10) AM on the Saturday, the second (2nd) day of the Biennial Election Convention. Date and time will be decided at the last meeting prior to the election.

Section 6: The Election Committee will be responsible for the picking a site that is accessible to all members,

Section 7: The Chair will appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms with the confirmation of the Executive Committee to keep order during the election. The Sergeant-at-Arms is a non-voting, ex officio member of the Executive Committee.

Section 8: The Chair will designate a visitor's area. No one without proof of membership will be allowed into the meeting area. Anyone attempting to cause disruption from the visitor's area will be removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 9: The Chair of the Election Committee will chair this meeting. Except as modified herein, Robert's Rules of Order will be strictly adhered to and enforced. Any member not willing to abide by these rules will be removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 10: Voting will be by secret ballot. Only officially printed ballots will be counted. The Elections committee shall count the ballots immediately after the election. A representative designated by any candidate may observe the counting of ballots. Ballots shall be subject to recount if the election for any office is decided by a margin of 2% or less of the ballots cast, and a recount is requested by the affected candidate. The affected candidate must request a recount immediately after election results are announced or a recount is waived.

Section 11: In the case of a tie, a new vote will be taken immediately. The Caucus meeting may not be adjourned until the final tally is announced and certified by the Election Committee.

Section 12: The election for each office shall be won by the candidate who receives the most votes cast for that office.

Section 13. The Election Committee will retain ballots for a period of not less fifteen (15) days after ballots are counted and certified by the Election Committee. Members may inspect the ballots in the presence of the Committee. Voting results are open to the knowledge of the general membership.

Article IX--- General Policies:

- a. The Chicano Latino Caucus specifically recognizes its obligations to adhere to the General Provisions of the CDP Bylaws.
- b. All public Caucus meetings shall be open to all members of the CDP regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, and sexual orientation, persons with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 or economic status.
- c. The Caucus shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, and sexual orientation, persons with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 or economic status.

Article X – Endorsements

The Chicano/Latino Caucus, as a body constituted within the California Democratic Party and subject to its by-laws, shall make no endorsement of any candidate for partisan or non-partisan public office unless

that candidate has been endorsed by the California Democratic Party through its endorsement process, except that in local elections, the Chicano Latino Caucus shall have the same discretion to endorse as the local county central committee permits to clubs in that County where the endorsement is pending..

This shall not bind any member of the Chicano/Latino Caucus from making an individual public endorsement of any candidate whether endorsed or not endorsed by the Party. However an Officer making an individual endorsement may not use their Caucus title unless the candidate to be endorsed has been endorsed by the Caucus Executive Committee, or the title is followed by an asterisk indicating that the CLC title is used for identification purposes only. The general membership may review the Endorsements of the Executive Committee. This Caucus reserves the right, under the Federal and State Constitutional guarantees of free speech, to provide a hearing to any Democratic Candidate for public office whether endorsed or not endorsed by the California Democratic Party. The Chicano/Latino Caucus reserves the right under the Federal and State Constitutional guarantees of free speech, to publish and disseminate views and opinions on all Democratic Candidates, whether endorsed or not endorsed, especially of those issues of particular interest to the Chicano/Latino Caucus and the Latino community.

Article XI Amendments to the ByLaws

Section 1: The Chairperson and Executive Committee may select one (1) or more persons from the Caucus membership to periodically review and update the By-laws and make recommendations for needed amendments.

Section 2: Whenever practical, the membership should receive proposed changes to these By-Laws, in writing, at least two (2) weeks before the meeting at which time they are considered.

Section 3: The Executive Committee may recommend changes to the Bylaws to the general membership. A change in the By-Laws may be approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those voting at a properly called quarterly meeting at which a quorum is known to be present.

Section 4: Effective Date of Amended By--Laws These amended by--laws will go into effect and become applicable immediately upon their adoption by the Chicano/Latino Caucus of the California Democratic State Central Committee and a copy to be filed with the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party.

Amended and Adopted February 26, 2016 by the Chicano/Latino Caucus.

Amended and Adopted May 16, 2015 by the Chicano/Latino Caucus.

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