MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Compliance Review Commission (CRC)

DATE: January 7, 2018

RE: ADDENDUM TO DECISION OF THE COMPLIANCE REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC) RELATING TO THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION:

On January 4, 2018, the Compliance Review Commission issued a decision on a challenge submitted on December 14, 2017 by Carol Robb regarding a meeting held by Ron Cohen on December 7, 2017.

In its decision, the CRC found and ordered in part:

Therefore, the CRC finds the meeting of December 7, 2017 was not an official meeting of the County Committee and therefore any purported actions taken at that meeting, along with any subsequent actions, including but not limited to those taken at the meeting held on December 28, 2017, are null and void and have no legal effect.

DOCUMENTS INITIALLY RECEIVED AND REVIEWED:

The CRC was subsequently sent and reviewed:


The press release stated in part:

On December 28, 2017, Mr. Ron Cohen effectively resigned his position as Second Vice-Chair of the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee in another unsuccessful bid to become the Chair of the SBCDCC. Although, his bid was disavowed by the CDP, his resignation was immediately accepted by Chair Chris Robles.

JURISDICTION, TIMELINESS AND STANDING:

In its January 4th decision, the CRC stated in part:

Accordingly, this decision is so ordered, and is in effect, unless, and until, a successful appeal is made, decided, and contrary orders made whether by the CRC, or by the Rules Committee. CRC shall retain jurisdiction up until the time of an appeal, if any, is heard by the Rules Committee.

The CRC concludes that the issues raised by the actions summarized in the January press release are inextricably linked to the CRC’s original decision, and no appeal has yet been filed to that decision, that the CRC therefore retains jurisdiction over those issues.
Further the CRC finds that as the issues raised do not constitute a new challenge but
rather a question of interpretation of the prior decision, that determinations of timeliness
and standing remain the same as described in its original decision.

**FINDINGS AND ORDER:**

Based upon the above facts and the Bylaws of the CDP and the SBCDCC, the CRC
makes the following Findings and Orders:

1) In its prior decision, the CRC held that the cancellation of the SBCDCC
December 2017 meeting by the SBCDCC Executive Committee on November 10,
2017, was valid, thereby invalidating the subsequent actions taken under the color
of the SBCDCC, including but not limited to the meetings held and actions taken

2) The CRC prior finding that any subsequent actions, including but not limited to
those taken at the meeting held on December 28, 2017, were null and void and
have no legal effect, includes the claimed resignation of Mr. Cohen as second vice-chair. The CRC continues to recognize the duly elected leadership of the SBCDCC including Ron Cohen as Second Vice-Chair.

3) The CRC reiterates its prior finding that allegations of inappropriate behavior by
the body are disturbing and again encourages all members to act in a courteous
and respectful manner in accordance with our core democratic values and hopes
and expects people conduct themselves appropriately at all Democratic Party
meetings. The CRC notes that repeated attempts by both factions to ignore,
obfuscate, twist, and/or deliberately misrepresent decisions of the CRC because a
certain, desired outcome wasn’t achieved, do not meet the aforementioned
standards.

This addendum does not change the previous stated deadline of January 16, 2018 to
appeal the decision. All other findings of the prior decision remain in effect.

Accordingly, this decision is so ordered, and is in effect, unless, and until, a successful
appeal is made, decided, and contrary orders made whether by the CRC, or by the Rules
Committee. CRC shall retain jurisdiction up until the time of an appeal, if any, is heard
by the Rules Committee.

Respectfully submitted by a 6-0 vote of the members of the CRC,

Kathy Bowler, Co-Chair, Rules Committee
Coby King, Co-Chair, Rules Committee
Lara Larramendi, Co-Lead Chair, Credentials Committee
Garry S. Shay, Lead Chair, Rules Committee
Keith Umemoto, Co-Chair, Credentials Committee
Michael Wagaman, Lead Chair, Credentials Committee