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HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO GET TO PHILADELPHIA?

Delegates are obligated to attend the 2016 Democratic National Convention (**July 25-28 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**). While there are no fees or dues required to become a delegate, there are costs associated with travel and accommodation for the national convention. Please note, these costs are not meant to preclude anyone from running as a delegate – in fact, the Democratic Party strictly prohibits discrimination on the basis of status. However, the California Democratic Party does not furnish flights or hotels for the national convention nor does it provide financial assistance to offset the costs of attending. The cost of attending are estimated below:

Airfare to Philadelphia*	\$400-\$900
Hotel for 5 nights*	\$3,250
Food and Incidentals	\$450
Statewide Delegate Meeting	\$150
Total Cost	\$4,250-\$4,750

Airfare: Most major airlines, including JetBlue, United, and Southwest fly to Philadelphia. Be aware that direct flights to Philadelphia are difficult to find and more expensive than non-direct flights.

Hotels: The CDP will receive a hotel block from the Democratic National Convention Committee (DNCC). This hotel is chosen by the DNCC without consultation from the State Party. The estimated price per room night is \$650 (including taxes). Delegates are free to seek alternative accommodations although the choices will be limited. If a delegate chooses an alternative arrangement, the cost of a room can range from \$300 to \$700 per night depending on the vicinity of the hotel to the Arena and other costs (transportation, etc.) must be considered.

Food and Incidentals: In addition to travel costs, plan to spend at least \$50 on food and \$25 a day on incidentals like cab fare. The convention schedule will likely keep you at the arena, where food will be expensive. Getting away from the crowd requires transportation.

Statewide Delegation Meeting: District-level delegates must attend the June 19, 2016 meeting to confirm the at-large and PLEO delegates and elect the convention chair. This meeting will add roughly \$150 to the travel cost for district-level delegates.

Book in Advance: We understand that these are significant costs and because of this, we recommend that you book your flight and hotel room as soon as possible to ensure that you get the best price possible. Delegates will be confirmed no later than the Statewide Delegation Meeting on June 19, 2016 – a date that provides adequate time to book travel plans.

Financing Your Trip: If you are concerned about the costs associated with attending the convention, please don't let the price hold you back from attending. Many Democratic clubs and organizations facilitate members attending the convention by providing financial assistance through scholarships. Delegates are also encouraged to hold fundraisers to raise the necessary funds to attend.

*Travel costs were estimated for a 5 night stay covering entirety of the Convention events. Cost and availability can vary greatly.

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