

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** California Democratic Party (CDP) Executive Board

**FROM:** CDP Rules Committee

**RE:** CDP Bylaw Amendments Recommended by CDP Rules Committee to CDP Executive Board for Consideration

**DATE:** October 11, 2017

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A number of Bylaw amendments were passed by the Rules Committee at the August 2017 Executive Board Meeting and recommended for adoption at the November 2017 Executive Board Meeting.

These amendments fall under the following categories:

**Endorsements** – A proposal from the Endorsements Subcommittee ensuring that candidates seeking CDP endorsement consideration affirm that they have read the latest CDP Platform

**Endorsements** – A proposal from the Endorsements Subcommittee to change the threshold for receiving CDP candidate endorsement recommendation at Endorsing Caucuses the same for all candidates, regardless of incumbency status

**Endorsements** – A proposal by Margaret Okuzumi to make a minor technical change relating to deadline for Chartered Clubs and Organizations to submit roster for pre-endorsing conference participation

**Standing Committees** – A proposal by Ruthee Goldkorn to correct the terminology relating to diversity in the duties and responsibilities description of the Affirmative Action Committee

### **Bylaw Amendments for Consideration**

#### **Ensuring Candidates Seeking CDP Endorsement Consideration Affirm Reading of Platform**

In Article VIII, §3c(3):

Each candidate seeking the endorsement of the California Democratic Party shall be mailed, or provided via email, a link to a copy of This Committee's most recently adopted Platform, at least ten (10) days prior to the pre-endorsing conference, or in the case of a Special Election the endorsing conference, in the relevant district and shall submit to This Committee a non-reimbursable filing fee in advance of the first level of the process in which his/her name is considered. The filing fee shall be set by the Finance Committee and duly adopted by the Executive Board at least six months prior to the ratification date for endorsement. All candidates

seeking the endorsement of This Committee under Article VIII, Section 3 should\* affirm in writing that they have read the most current Party Platform before they are eligible for consideration to be endorsed.

*\*In the August 2017 Rules Committee Report adopted by the Executive Board, item V. B. 1. of the Rules Committee Report erroneously recorded that the word “shall” was stricken and replaced with “should” in the Bylaw amendment proposal pertaining to candidates seeking CDP endorsement consideration affirm that they have read the latest CDP Platform. A second memo correcting this error is included in this packet.*

### **Threshold for Candidate Endorsement Recommendation at Endorsing Caucuses**

In Article VIII, §3c(8):

~~Endorsement of an incumbent candidate seeking reelection shall require a vote of simple majority of the caucus members present and voting; provided, however, that should more than one incumbent be seeking the endorsement of the same caucus, Any endorsement shall require sixty percent (60%) vote of those caucus members present and voting. Endorsement of all nonincumbent candidates shall require sixty percent (60%) vote of those caucus members present and voting. In the event This Committee fails to endorse on the first ballot, no further votes shall be taken and the position of This-Committee in that race shall be “NO CONSENSUS.” A candidate shall be considered an incumbent for the purposes of this section only if the candidate is seeking reelection to the same body in which that candidate currently serves and that candidate currently represents a district within the State of California.~~

### **Technical Change Clarifying CCO Roster Submission Deadline**

In Article VIII, §3g(6):

Nothing in this section relieves a Democratic Club of its obligation to submit its roster to the Regional Director by July ~~15~~ of the year preceding the pre-endorsing conference, as provided hereinabove.

### **Correct Terminology Relating to Diversity**

In Article V, §5(f):

The Democratic Party has a commitment to diversity and openness in participation. To ensure that commitment, the Affirmative Action Committee shall advise all persons with power of appointment and all electing bodies of the demographics of California Democrats so they may make informed choices in the selection and election of delegates, committee members and staff who are representative of the diversity of the Democratic Party ~~in~~ with respect to gender, ethnicity, creed, age, sexual orientation, economic status, persons with disabilities as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ~~physical ability~~, and area of residence.