

## **RULES FOR THE 2018 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION**

1. The Officers of the Convention shall be the Officers of the Democratic State Central Committee.
2. Delegates to the Convention shall be those delegates (Democratic State Central Committee Members) who were duly credentialed to the 2017 California Democratic Party Convention subject to the provisions for replacement and filling of vacancies set forth in the By-Laws, and received by the State Party Sacramento office by 5:00 PM, November 30, 2017. Chartered Clubs/Organizations must submit all required items to the appropriate Regional Director(s) and Chartering Authority by November 2, 2017, or by November 20, 2017 for those Chartered Clubs/Organizations chartered by the Chartering Authority in the nine (9) counties where the Governor has declared a state of emergency due to wildfires (Butte, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Solano, Sonoma, and Yuba), in order to have representation at the pre-endorsing conferences.
3. Seating of the delegates shall be by Assembly District within Region.
4. No one will be admitted to the Convention floor who is not a delegate, or proxyholder, except by special authorization of the State Chair.
5. Credentialing will close at posted times, unless special circumstances exist. At that time, consideration will be given by the Credentials Committee, which can stay open or reopen credentialing.
6. Proxies will be subject to the provision set forth in the By-Laws.
7. In order to vote, and have one's vote counted at this Convention, a member must have timely paid their dues to This Committee (or had them waived), registered for the meeting, obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, and completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued.
8. The Credentials Committee shall issue its final report and place the official voting list of delegates in the hands of the Convention Secretary subsequent to the close of credentialing.
9. Requests to hang signs, banners, and placards must be submitted before the Convention to the Convention Coordinator. A fee may be charged per sign at the determination of the Chair of This Committee.
10. The purpose of this Convention is primarily the adoption of a Party Platform, endorsement of U.S. Senate seat, state constitutional offices, district-level partisan offices, and statewide ballot propositions on the June 2018 ballot. Candidates seeking statewide endorsement must submit a 250-word statement on why they should be eligible to be endorsed. The Chair, in consultation with the Statewide Officers of This Committee, will determine which Democratic candidates for Statewide Offices are viable and eligible to seek our endorsement. The Chair, in consultation with the Rules Committee Lead Chair, may promulgate administrative procedures relating to voter assistance for endorsement balloting as appropriate. All other Party or State matters, reports, etc. will or will not be considered at Convention as determined by the State Chair. Matters not heard at the Convention will be received by the Secretary and held over to the next meeting of the Executive Board. All resolutions submitted will be held over to the next Executive Board meeting.
11. In all cases at this Convention, proxies shall vote in districts where the appointing member resides.
12. The By-Laws and Rules of the California Democratic Party shall govern over these Rules for the 2018 California Democratic Party Convention in the event of a conflict.
13. Any matter not provided for in these rules or the California Democratic Party By-Laws and Rules shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

## **PROCEDURES FOR THE AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE 2018 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM**

### **RULE #14**

The Platform Committee's Draft Report shall be sent to all Convention delegates no later than January 3, 2018.

#### **A. AMENDMENT PROCESSES:**

The Platform is a statement of principles and any amendments must be germane to the Platform. If any delegate wishes to amend the Draft Platform, then the delegate shall follow the process outlined below:

1. Each delegate must submit, in writing, to be received by the CDP Sacramento Office no later than January 24, 2018, at 5 PM, the delegate's written amendments to the Platform Committee's Draft Report. Said written amendments must be signed by five (5) different members of the Democratic State Central Committee or five (5) registered Democrats from five (5) different Assembly Districts and must include their addresses, phone numbers, and the Assembly District in which they reside; one, and only one, of which shall be identified as the sponsor of the amendment.
  - (a) The Platform Committee shall meet or conference call by Friday, February 23, 2018 to consider all written amendments submitted with the five (5) valid signatures. The Platform Committee, at its pleasure, may take any additional testimony it desires and may, by majority vote, adopt an amendment, or any part thereof. Should any amendment or any part thereof be adopted, then said amendment shall become part of the Platform Committee's Draft Report.
  - (b) If said amendment, or part thereof, is not adopted, then said amendment may be brought to the floor of the Convention only if all the submission and certification provisions of Rule 14, Section A, 2 of these Rules are met.
  - (c) All amendments, or any parts thereof, which are adopted by the Platform Committee shall be made available to all delegates at the Convention, promptly after the Friday Platform meeting.
2. An amendment which had been timely submitted by January 24, 2018, at 5 PM, but failing to be adopted in its original form, may be submitted by its sponsor in writing, in whole or part thereof, to the Secretary of the Convention no later than Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 5:00 PM on a form provided by California Democratic Party Platform staff. Said amendment must be signed by no fewer than three hundred (300) credentialed delegates to the Convention (or their qualified credentialed proxies), and must contain the name, phone numbers, Assembly District, and signature of the original sponsor of the amendment.
  - (a) The Secretary of the Convention shall certify each amendment by determining there are no fewer than three hundred (300) delegate signatures are valid.
  - (b) No later than 6:30 PM on Saturday, February 24, 2018, the Platform Committee shall meet to review each amendment certified by the Secretary of the Convention. All sponsors of each amendment must attend this meeting; failure to do so shall void the submission of the amendment, unless excused by majority vote of the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee may, at its pleasure, take any additional testimony it desires and may, by majority vote, adopt said amendment, or any part thereof. Should any amendment, or any part thereof, be adopted, then said amendment shall become part of the Platform Committee's Draft Report.
  - (c) If said amendment is not adopted in its entirety, then the amendment or any part not adopted, shall be introduced to the full Convention for debate and vote.
  - (d) All amendments, or any part thereof, which are adopted by the Platform Committee shall be made available to each delegate at the time that they enter the Convention Hall for Sunday morning session.

- (e) The sponsor of the amendment may, at any time, withdraw the amendment from consideration by the Platform Committee or the Convention delegates.

## **B. ADOPTION PROCESS**

1. On Sunday, February 25, 2018 the Platform Committee shall present its Draft Report to the Convention for its approval. The Convention shall follow the below-listed procedures when considering the Draft Report and amendments thereto:
  - (a) The Draft Platform Report shall be presented by persons chosen by the co-chairs of the Platform Committee.
  - (b) As each report is completed, the co-chairs of the Platform Committee shall call on each sponsor of an amendment to present their amendment and said presentation shall be no longer than four (4) minutes.
  - (c) After each amendment has been presented by its sponsor, then the opponents of the amendments shall have four (4) minutes to present their position. Debate will be automatically closed unless a motion is made to extend debate and adopted by a majority vote. Said extension shall not exceed four (4) minutes equally divided between opponents and proponents to the amendments.
  - (d) Following the debate on the amendment, delegates shall vote on the amendment.
2. Following the presentation of each report and after the amendments have been voted on, then the delegates shall, by majority vote, adopt or reject each report. The final report of the Convention shall be known as the California Democratic Party Platform.
3. The co-chairs of the Platform Committee are authorized to make any punctuation, grammatical, or spelling changes as needed in the Final Report.

**2018 California Democratic Party State Convention  
Tentative Agenda  
February 23-25, 2018  
San Diego**

**Note** – The Caucus meetings will be scheduled soon, after consultation with the Caucus Chairs. Additionally, workshops and other activities will be added to this agenda as presenters and speakers are developed and confirmed. The time frames in the tentative agenda are subject to change.

**Friday, February 23, 2018**

10 AM	Platform Committee
1 PM	Credentials Committee
3 PM – 8:30 PM	Credentialing
2 PM	Rules Committee
5:30 PM	Resolutions Committee ( <i>Statewide Propositions Only</i> )
10:15 PM	Hospitality Suites

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

9 AM – 1 PM	Credentialing*
10 AM – 11:30 AM	General Session
12 PM – 1:30 PM	Luncheon
1:30 PM – 4 PM	General Session
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Legislative Balloting (Endorsing Caucuses)
5 PM – 8 PM	U.S. Senate and Statewide Constitutional Offices Balloting (Endorsement)
5 PM	Platform Committee ( <i>if necessary</i> )
6 PM	Dinner
10:15 PM	Hospitality Suites

**Sunday, February 25, 2018**

9 AM – 10 AM	Credentialing/Registration
10 AM	General Session

\* In order to vote and have one's vote counted, a member must have received their credential prior to the closing of Credentialing (formerly known as "Registration") as well as completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued.