

To: CDP Executive Board
From: CDP Rules Committee
Re: Rules Committee Report for November 18, 2017 Meeting

- I. Roll Call – with 15 members present, a quorum was present. Member Gale joined during the meeting.
- II. M/S/P Adopt amended meeting agenda moving Veteran Caucus Appeal to the beginning of the agenda.
- III. M/S/P Adopt Convention Rules and Tentative Agenda for 2018 CDP State Convention, as amended.

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 the 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.

- IV. Compliance Review Commission (CRC)
 - A. CDP Veterans Caucus Challenge Appeal.

1. M/S/F To sustain the CRC decision on the voter eligibility for the Veterans Caucus officer elections.
2. M/S/P To sustain the appeal by Ron Cohen regarding the election of Veterans Caucus officers. Those elections shall be conducted in which all members in good standing, in accordance with CDP Veterans Caucus Bylaws, are eligible to vote in the elections of officers to be conducted at the November 18, 2017 CDP Veterans Caucus Meeting.

V. Reviewed of Bylaw amendments recommended for adoption at 2017 August Executive Board Meeting. Bylaw amendments appear at the end of this report.
M/S/F motion to delay the effective date of the Bylaw amendment on endorsement recommendation threshold at Endorsing Caucuses until March 1, 2018. (Vote: 8-10)

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. ADEM Subcommittee

M/S/P Approve the amended Subcommittee Report with the changes in Bylaw amendments and other changes as detailed below:

Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.g. be amended as follows:

~~The Convener shall forward a~~ The Convener shall forward a list of names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and phones of all persons attending the Election Meeting as ~~the Convener shall forward~~ participants to the Chair of This Committee within three days after the Election Meeting is held.

Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.k.(1).

An Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board shall be chosen at each Assembly District Election Meeting from among those persons who will be delegates (resident in the respective Assembly District) to the forthcoming biennial convention of This Committee by virtue of being a member of This Committee pursuant to Article II, Section 2b, 2d, 2e; Article II, Section 3; or Article II, Section 5.

- a) In the event that no qualified candidate is elected at an Assembly District Election Meeting, then the highest vote-getting candidate who participated in the ADEM will be provided the opportunity to serve as Executive Board Representative if that person so chooses.

Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.a. (5) be amended as follows:

The Convener of the Election Meeting may request a variance from the date, time, and registration period duration and time of the Election Meeting as set out in Article VI, section 1.a.(1) to another date and time during the second weekend in January in odd-numbered years, or to allow for the holding of the Election Meeting simultaneously at more than one site in the Assembly District, or to modify the duration of the registration period, by filing an application with the State Chair by November 1, or next business day if the date falls on a state holiday or weekend, of the year preceding the holding of the Election Meeting showing good cause for such a variance. "Good cause" may include the necessity of traveling very long distances, traveling in heavy traffic through dense population centers, or traveling in hazardous weather conditions. The State Chair must reply by November 10, or next business day if the date falls on a state holiday or weekend.

Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.f. be deleted and to renumber the clauses following the deletion:

~~A registration fee for all voting participants, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Election Meeting, shall be collected. Such fee shall not exceed five dollars (\$5.00). The registration fee shall be waived for those participants who claim economic hardship.~~

Bylaws Article VI, Section 1.k.(1) be amended as follows:

An Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board shall be chosen at each Assembly District Election Meeting from among those persons who will be delegates (resident in the respective Assembly District) to the forthcoming biennial convention of This Committee by virtue of being a member of This Committee pursuant to Article II, Section 2b, 2d, 2e; Article II, Section 3; or Article II, Section 5. In the event that no qualified candidate is elected at an Assembly District Election Meeting, then the highest vote-getting candidate for Assembly District representative be provided the opportunity to serve as Executive Board Representative if that person so chooses. If that persons declines to serve as Executive Board Representative, then a caucus of those members of This Committee from the Assembly District as described above, shall meet at the next meeting of This Committee to elect an Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board, who must be qualified under the same criteria as used for direct election at the Assembly District Election Meeting,

ADEM Candidate Fee: The Committee recommends increasing the ADEM candidate fee set by Article VI, section 1.i. (currently \$20) by \$10 to \$30, in part to offset the elimination of the \$5 registration fee.

Splitting ADEMs to Two Weekends: The Committee recommends that each of the 20 CDP Regions would hold ADEMs over two weekends by splitting the ADs within each Region between the two weekends. The two weekends would be the weekend immediately prior to the weekend containing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and the weekend following the King holiday weekend. Conforming changes will be made to Article VI, section 1.a.(1).

Ballot Processing Procedures: The Committee recommends that a standardized balloting procedure for ADEMs on voting, ballot processing, and ballot counting and tabulation be promulgated as part of the ADEM Procedures and used for ADEMs statewide. This will be included in the forthcoming ADEM Procedures.

B. Caucuses Subcommittee

1. M/S/P Report from Subcommittee which will engage the CDP Caucuses and update language to the Guidelines for Certification, Recertification and Decertification of Caucuses and the Application for Caucus Certification/Recertification to approve at the next Rules Committee meeting.

C. Election of Officers Subcommittee

1. M/S/P Report from Subcommittee

D. Endorsement Subcommittee

1. M/S/P Report from Subcommittee

E. Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee

1. M/S/P Report from Subcommittee on various proposals and changes to the CDP's Open Meeting Policy, including the production of FAQ Sheets. The Bylaw amendments adopted are below:

Bylaws Article XIII, Section 1, be amended as follows:

All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, persons with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or economic status. ~~Accordingly Further~~, the scheduling and location of public meetings and other public affairs of the Democratic Party ~~at all levels shall consider the presence of~~ must take into account the ability to fully and fairly participate with reasonable accommodations, where appropriate, of persons with disabilities as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The scheduling and location of such public meetings and other public affairs must also into account the ability to fully and fairly participate with reasonable accommodations, where appropriate, of any religious minorities of significant numbers of concentration whose level of participation would be affected.

M/S/P Appoint a Subcommittee: Chair Zakson, Members Chiu and Bowler, invite Disabilities Caucus Chair, staff, and Federation of DCC members to give input on Open Meeting FAQ Sheets.

2. M/S/P Proposal to increase Standing Committee membership by five (5) persons.

Bylaws, Article V be amended as follows:

Section 3. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES

Except as set forth herein below, The Chair of This Committee shall appoint from fifteen to ~~twenty-five~~ thirty members of This Committee to each of the Standing Committees mentioned herein.

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Section 5. STANDING COMMITTEE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Credentials Committee:

The Credentials Committee shall be comprised of ~~25-40~~ 45 members.

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e. Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee shall be comprised of ~~25-30~~ 35 members.

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h. Voter Services Committee:

The Voter Services Committee shall be ~~composed of between 50 and 75~~ comprised of 50-80 members.

- VII. M/S/P Approve appointment of Subcommittees to review Caucus Bylaws for recertification as follows:
- A. Irish, Women's, Filipino American, and LGBT Caucuses:
Chair: Charu Khopkar; Members: Sandra Andrews, Jay Hansen, and Karen Wingard
 - B. Disabilities, Environmental, Progressive, and Senior Caucuses:
Chair: Kathy Bowler; Members: Hillary Blackerby, Stephen Gale, William Wong
 - C. African American, Business and Professions, Veteran's, and Rural Caucuses:
Chair: Laurence Zakson; Members: Ryan Hurd, Mary Strobridge, Melina Woods, and Lynne Summers
 - D. Chicano/Latino, Arab American, Computer and Internet, and Labor Caucuses:
Chair: Peter Chiu; Members: Dorothy Kim, Valeria Hernandez, Ralph Miller, and Jennifer Root
 - E. Asian Pacific Islander, Children's, and Native American Caucuses:
Chair: Jose Alcalá; Members: Coby King, Janet Meredith, Melahat Rafiei, and Helen Rouvier

VIII. Other Bylaw Amendments

- A. Proposals
 - 1. M/S/P Proposal to update the duties and responsibilities of the Rules Committee.

Bylaws, Article V, Section 5(b), be amended as follows:

It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to keep the By-Laws and Rules of This Committee consistent with the aims and policies of This Committee, to propose changes in the rules and By-Laws and special rules when necessary to promulgate forms for quarterly financial disclosure statements for the Statewide Officers, promulgate rules for the filling of vacancies in Regional Directorships, adopt guidelines for the Legislation Committee, promulgate rules for the conduct of Assembly District Election Meetings, to adopt guidelines upon recommendation of the Organizational Development Committee for the Chartering of Organizations under Article X of these bylaws, to advise the Secretary of This Committee as to what information is needed on the Application for Charter, approve or reject proposed Caucus Statements of Purpose and Intended Activity, promulgate Guidelines for Certification, Re-Certification, and Decertification of Caucuses, to advise the Secretary of This Committee as to what information is needed on the Application for Certification of Caucuses, certify and decertify caucuses, promulgate procedural rules for the operation of the Compliance Review Commission, to hear certain appeals from decisions of the Compliance Review Commission as specified in Article XII, and to interpret the rules and By-Laws when called upon by the Chair of This Committee or the Executive Board.

- 2. M/S/P Proposal to clarify threshold to place the name of a candidate on the consent calendar of This Committee's endorsing convention as clarification of existing practice.

Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3.g.(13), be amended as follows:

The name of a non-incumbent or of an incumbent subject to Section 3.g.(12)(a) or Section 3.g.(12)(b) may be placed on the consent calendar of This Committee's endorsing convention upon receiving at least seventy percent (70%) vote, of those valid votes cast, at a pre-endorsing conference. The consent calendar shall be approved by a simple majority vote of This Committee. Upon approval of the consent calendar the candidate shall become the endorsed candidate of the Democratic Party. A name may be removed from the consent calendar by at least twenty percent (20%) of the members of This Committee resident and qualified by a date selected by the Chair of This Committee and publicized on the Party's website that is between sixty (60) and ninety (90) days prior to the State Endorsing Convention in the District in question or by at least twenty percent (20%) of the members of This Committee by filing a letter of objection with the State Chair no later than ten (10) days prior to the State Endorsing Convention. If a name is removed from the consent calendar, the By-Laws of This Committee regarding endorsements shall apply.

- 3. M/S/P Proposal on language pertaining to endorsement of candidate for the President of the United States.

Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, be amended as follows:

- d. Endorsement Post-Democratic National Convention:
The nominees of the Democratic Party of the United States, for President and Vice-President of the United States, shall be the endorsed candidates of the California Democratic Party for said offices.

- 4. M/S/P Proposals on endorsement-related technical cleanup.

Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3.e.(1).(b), be amended as follows:

members who were eligible but have since the appointing deadline died, moved, changed their registration to a district other than the district the Special Election is occurring, or resigned may be replaced by the appropriate ~~appointing~~ authority. Such Special Election Endorsing Caucus shall otherwise proceed in accordance with the relevant procedures provided for in subsection (c) above and its decision shall become the endorsement of This Committee unless, within two (2) days a majority of the statewide officers of This Committee or 20 percent of the members of the Special Election Endorsing Caucus object in writing to the State Chair. No proxy voting shall be allowed - each eligible member shall be sent a vote-by-mail ballot, which shall be read off as though it were a roll call vote. Once received by the designated convenor of the caucus, a ballot may not be retracted, rescinded, or otherwise changed and shall be counted in the totals. Lost ballots may be replaced at the caucus prior to the close of balloting.

Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3.h.(1).(b)., be amended as follows:

members who were eligible as of the date of eligibility for the immediate preceding Meeting of This Committee but have since the appointing deadline died, moved, changed their registration to a district other than the district the election is occurring, or resigned may be replaced by the appropriate ~~appointing~~ authority or in the case of a Statewide race, will put the endorsement before the next Executive Board. Such endorsement proceedings shall otherwise be conducted similar to a Special Election as provided under Article VIII, Section 3.e.

5. M/S/P Proposals on gender language technical cleanup.

Bylaws Article II. Section 3.c., to be amended as follows:

c. The following officials shall each be entitled to appoint an additional thirty (30) members, ~~at least fifteen (15) whom shall be the opposite sex;~~ Equal Division shall be adhered to in all appointments under this section:

- (1) The Speaker of the California Assembly, if a Democrat, or the Minority Leader of the California Assembly, if a Democrat.
- (2) The President Pro Tempore of the California Senate, if a Democrat, or the Minority Leader of the California Senate, if a Democrat.
- (3) The leader of the California Democratic delegation to the United States House of Representatives, as determined by the delegation, and designated in writing to the Secretary of This Committee.
- (4) The Statewide Officers identified in Article III, section 1a, to be equally divided from among them, and for each such statewide officers, at least three of the appointed members shall be of the ~~opposite sex gender other than the self-identified gender~~ of the appointing officer.

Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3.g.(5).(c).1.(a).iv., to be amended as follows:

The Club's representatives to any particular pre-endorsing conference be from the list described above and that the overall list of representatives to all conferences ~~be equally apportioned between men and women~~ adhere to the Equal Division Rule, to the extent possible.

Bylaws Article IX. Section 4., to be amended as follows:

The name of any individual registered to vote as Party Preference: Democratic in the State of California may be placed in nomination by a member of the Executive Board. ~~One half (1/2) of the delegation shall be male and one half (1/2) shall be female~~ The delegation shall adhere to the Equal Division Rule, unless an odd number of members is to be elected, in which case a variation of one shall be permitted. In the event of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by lot.

Bylaws Article IX. Section 6., to be amended as follows:

Vacancies in the delegation shall be filled by election in the same manner as specified herein above. Only persons of the same gender as the person whose vacancy is being filled may be a candidate for membership of the Democratic National Committee. In the filling of vacancies, it is the intent of these By-Laws to maintain equal division of the delegation by gender ~~between males & females~~ except as allowed by Section 4 above.

B. M/S/P Motion to refer to Subcommittees as recommended below:

1. Referral of proposal by staff on defining vacancy of ADEM delegates to ADEM Subcommittee
2. Referral of proposal by staff clarifying the procedure on filling vacancy of ADEM delegates to ADEM Subcommittee

3. Referral of concept by Committee Lead Chair on rule regarding 2020 endorsement process to confirm with primary election date change per SB 568 (Sen. Lara) to Endorsements Subcommittee
 4. Referral of proposal by Vincent Casalaina on post-primary endorsing caucus eligible voters to Endorsements Subcommittee
 5. Referral of proposal by staff on defining “regular member” of County Central Committee for the purpose of participating in the endorsement process to Endorsements Subcommittee
 6. Referral of proposal by staff on updating special election endorsement process relating to post-primary endorsement process to Endorsements Subcommittee
 7. Referral of proposal by Andrew Lachman on Standing Committee reform pertaining to Voter Services Committee and Organizational Development Committee to Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee
 8. Referral of proposal concept by Committee Lead Chair on timing of election of Executive Board Representatives from County Central Committees to Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee
 9. Referral of proposal by Hene Kelly on Executive Board membership to Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee
- IX. M/S/P Approval of form produced by staff for quarterly financial disclosures statements for Statewide Officers required by Article II, Section 12 on Conflict of Interest Disclosure, as amended. Personal contact information will be redacted from the form prior to posting online.
- X. Compliance Review Commission (CRC)
- A. San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee Decision Appeal.
M/S/P to uphold the CRC Decision regarding the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee.
 - B. M/S/P receive and filed CRC Decision regarding the Kern County Democratic Central Committee.
 - C. M/S/P receive and filed CRC Decision regarding the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee.
- XI. Other Business
- A. M/S/P to receive and file the decision of the Special Election Appeals Committee decision in AD51.
- XII. M/S/P Adjournment

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

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.

MEMORANDUM

TO: California Democratic Party (CDP) Executive Board

FROM: CDP Rules Committee

RE: Amendment to August 2017 CDP Rules Committee Report Adopted by the CDP Executive Board

DATE: October 11, 2017

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.

The Rules Committee recommends amending item V. B. 1. of the August 2017 Rules Committee Report to correct the record as follows:

Consideration of proposal to ensure all candidates that seek the endorsement the endorsement affirm that they have read the most current version of the CDP Platform. M/S/P to amend and accept proposal as follows: ~~striking “shall” and insert “should” in sentence 1;~~ capitalize “T” in “This Committee” in sentence 1; insert “under Article VIII, Section 3” after “Committee” in sentence 1; and strike sentences 2, 3, and 4, as follows:

CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3 c.(3) is amended to read: 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~~ shall affirm in writing that they have read the most current party platform before they are eligible for consideration to be endorsed.