MEMORANDUM

To: Chartered Clubs and Organizations (CCOs)
Cc: Democratic County Central Committees
From: Kasey Walukones
Date: March 1, 2019
RE: 2019 Endorsement Information

As in past years, Chartered Clubs and Organizations (CCOs) have the right to representation at the first step in the California Democratic Party’s endorsement process, which takes place at the CDP Pre-Endorsing Conferences.

Below is a review of the rules pertaining to Chartered Clubs and Organizations (CCOs)

1. CCOs must define the phrase “member in good standing” in their rules and/or bylaws by May 1, 2019.

2. CCOs must have a provision that only “members in good standing” as of May 1, 2019 shall be included on the roster.

3. Chartered Clubs and Organizations (CCOs) must submit a roster of “members in good standing” to both their Chartering Authority and the appropriate Regional Director(s) by May 15, 2019.

4. The CCO’s President, Secretary or Treasurer must certify the status of the “members in good standing.”

5. CCOs must have a process in their rules and/or bylaws that governs the selection of potential representatives (ensuring that only members in good standing can participate), or must select them at a duly noticed meeting affirmed by a vote of those members who are in good standing.

6. CCO potential representatives must be submitted to both the Chartering Authority and the appropriate Regional Director(s) by July 9, 2019.

Process for Determining Number of Representatives

Eligible voters for the Pre-Endorsing Conferences include Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Members with full voting rights, regular County Central Committee Members, and Designated Representatives of Chartered Clubs or Chartered Organizations (1 per 20 Democrats in each Assembly District).

The number of AD Representatives for a Chartered Club or Organization within each AD, is calculated as one Representative per 20 members (in good standing), who must be registered to vote in the district based on the AD boundaries. All eligible voters will vote in the districts based on where they are registered.
CDP Endorsement Key Dates

2019

May 1 (Wed)  Deadline by which members of a Chartered Club/Organization (CCO) must be “in good standing” in order for them to be included on the roster submitted to the Chartering Authority and appropriate Regional Director

May 15 (Wed)  Deadline for Chartered Clubs/Organizations to submit roster of “members in good standing” to Chartering Authority and appropriate Regional Director

July 9 (Tue)  Deadline for CCO potential representatives to be submitted to both the Chartering Authority and the appropriate Regional Director

August 19 (Mon)  DSCC Delegate Deadline: Close of all additions or changes to delegate /endorsement voter lists. The roster of eligible voters will be available approximately two weeks later

August 23-25 (Fri-Sun)  CDP Summer Executive Board Meeting – San Jose, CA

September 25/26. (Wed/Thur)  5:00pm deadline (10 days prior to Pre-Endorsing Conferences) to file a challenge with CDP to object to the automatic placement of an incumbent officeholder seeking re-election on the consent calendar of the State Convention

October 2 (Wed)  5:00pm deadline for receipt by mail of candidate filing fees & signed 2018 Registration Form to CDP. Checks and registration forms may be hand delivered to the Pre-Endorsing Conference.

October 5/6 (Sat-Sun)  Pre-Endorsing Conferences: Participating candidates’ filing fee & 2020 registration forms due to the Regional Convener at the conference before voting begins for that particular office

November 5 (Tue)  Deadline (10 days prior to State Convention) to file a challenge with CDP to remove an endorsement recommendation from consent calendar

November 15-17 (Fri-Sun)  State Convention: Endorsing Caucuses as necessary, ratification of endorsements

December 11 (Wed)  Political Party Endorsements: Deadline to include party endorsements in the official sample ballot

2020

March 3 (Tues)  California Primary

Note: The CDP Bylaws supercede any distributed information regarding the CDP Endorsement Process. A current copy can be found at cadem.org/our-party/by-laws.