



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Clark Lee and Kasey Walukones  
**Date:** November 2017  
**RE:** 2018 Statewide Pre-Primary Endorsement Information  
(Updated November 20, 2017)

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### Key Points on 2018 Endorsement Process:

Changes to the endorsement process were adopted on November 19, 2017, at the CDP Executive Board Meeting.

**New as of November 2017: Candidates Affirm Reading of CDP Platform:** Candidates seeking CDP endorsement consideration shall affirm in writing that they have read the most current CDP Platform. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (3))

**New as of November 2017: Threshold to Receive CDP Endorsement Recommendation:** All candidates require 60% of valid votes cast by credentialed, present and voting delegates or their qualified proxies to receive the endorsement recommendation. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (8))

**All delegates vote:** All delegates are eligible to vote on matters before the entire State Central Committee. Thus, for statewide races, all delegates are eligible to vote. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c; Art. VIII, Sec. 3 g (5)(a))

**May only seek one office:** Each candidate may only seek the endorsement consideration for one office. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (2))

### Statewide Candidate Endorsement Information:

Below are the details for Statewide candidates seeking CDP endorsement:

#### **Who is eligible for Endorsement?**

Any Democratic candidate entered in the forthcoming primary who has filed for endorsement consideration by Friday, January 19, 2018 and are deemed eligible by our statewide officers will be considered for endorsement. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (2); Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (3))

#### **Where will voting take place?**

Voting for statewide candidate endorsement consideration will take place during the 2018 Democratic State Convention, February 23-25, 2018, at the San Diego Convention Center. Specific date, time, and room are TBD. All votes by DSCC members are public votes per DNC By-Laws and CDP By-Laws. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (1); Art. XIII, Sec. 9)

#### **Who is eligible to vote?**

Only DSCC members or their qualified proxies who are credentialed (registered, dues paid, and checked in) by the voting time period are eligible to vote. No person may exercise more than one vote. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c)

**How many votes does a candidate need to receive endorsement?**

All candidates (regardless of incumbency status) need 60% of valid votes cast by credentialed, present and voting delegates or their qualified proxies to receive the endorsement recommendation. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (8)) For statewide offices, including State Board of Equalization offices, the ratification of the endorsement recommendation is assumed, since the Endorsing Caucus is comprised of all DSCC members. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 d (1))

**Do abstentions count in the total?**

No, we only count valid votes. Valid votes are those cast for an eligible candidate or for “no endorsement”. Once a ballot has been cast it may not be retracted, rescinded, or otherwise changed and shall be counted in the totals. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (5); Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (6))

**What happens if no candidate reaches the voting threshold?**

The Committee shall take the position of “no consensus” for endorsement. (CDP Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec. 3 c (8))

**How is the ballot order determined?**

It will be determined by a random draw that will take place in the CDP office, tentatively scheduled on Monday, January 22, 2018.

**Will there be an orientation?**

We will do an orientation of the voting area, counting area, and procedures prior to the vote. The exact orientation date and time will be determined at a later date. We will meet one representative from each campaign at the San Diego Convention Center. Please email the name of the individual who will meet us for orientation to [kasey@cadem.org](mailto:kasey@cadem.org) and [clark@cadem.org](mailto:clark@cadem.org).

**Will I be able to have an observer during the vote?**

Yes, you will be allowed to have an observer both in the voting area (troubleshoot table) when the polls are open and after the polls close in the counting area. The current plan is to count in the same room as the voting occurs in. In the counting area, there will be no electronics allowed (cell phones, tablets, etc.). Also, once the counting process begins, there will be no in/out privileges.

**Will I get any extra credentials?**

Due to floor space and availability, Campaign Staff Credentials are limited. Viable Democratic candidates in contested endorsement races will receive ten Campaign Staff Credentials for the Convention. Candidates or their designated representatives may pick up their Campaign Staff Credentials at the Campaign/Candidate table at Registration during registration hours. Credentials will be valid for the Convention weekend and will allow campaign staff into all areas except the podium, VIP areas, and Convention Staff Rooms. To reserve your credentials or to designate a campaign representative, please email Kasey Walukones at [kasey@cadem.org](mailto:kasey@cadem.org).

**Will I be able to distribute materials?**

Yes, candidates may distribute campaign materials in public walkways throughout the Convention’s official hotels and the San Diego Convention Center.

- No signs are to be placed on walls, windows or curtains, or stuck on the floor.
- Do not place signs inside the Convention Center or hotels.
- Any damage created by incorrectly placed signs will result in a \$50 minimum charge per sign, to be paid by the candidate or organization(s) mentioned on the sign(s).
- Any damage done by candidate’s or organization(s)’s stickers (or other materials) incorrectly placed (anything other than on a person is considered incorrect) will result in a \$50 minimum charge (per

violation), to be paid by the candidate or organization(s) mentioned on the materials; anything other than on a person is considered incorrect placement.

- If you wish to bring signs (no sticks) into the Convention general session hall, you will need to make arrangements no later than Monday, February 19, 2018, 5 pm by emailing [kasey@cadem.org](mailto:kasey@cadem.org). The California Democratic Party reserves the right to remove, confiscate, and refuse to allow any campaign materials (sign, placard, etc.) in any area under CDP's contract for the Convention.

### **How does appointing a proxy work?**

#### **COUNTY**

A member elected by a County Central Committee (DSCC ID# starts with D4) may only give his/her proxy to another member of the same County Central Committee (on roster) who is **not** already a DSCC member. (CDP Bylaws Art. IV, Sec. 6 a (1))

#### **ADEM**

A member elected through the ADEM Elections (DSCC ID # starts with D7) may only give his/her proxy to another registered Democrat who lives in the same Assembly District who is **not** already a DSCC member. (CDP Bylaws Art. IV, Sec. 6 a (2))

#### **ALL OTHERS**

All other DSCC members may only give his/her proxy to any registered California Democrat who is **not** already a DSCC member. (CDP Bylaws Art. IV, Sec. 6 a)

In all cases, a DSCC member may not also be a proxy holder – no person may exercise more than one vote. Whenever possible, a DSCC member should give his/her proxy to a person of the same sex. In order for a proxy to be credentialed and eligible to vote, the dues and registration of the DSCC member must be paid and the proxy must be credentialed by the close of registration on Saturday, February 24, 2018. (CDP Bylaws Art. IV, Sec. 6)

#### **If we have questions, whom at the CDP do we contact?**

Please feel free to contact Kasey Walukones at (916) 442-5707 / [Kasey@cadem.org](mailto:Kasey@cadem.org) or Clark Lee at [clark@cadem.org](mailto:clark@cadem.org).

## CDP Endorsement Key Dates – Statewide Candidates

### 2017

**November 30 (Thu)**      **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.

**December 4 (Mon)**      **Candidate Filing & Registration for Endorsement Consideration Begins.** Forms and documents will be available on Endorsements webpage: [www.cadem.org/endorsements](http://www.cadem.org/endorsements)

### 2018

**January 19 (Fri)**      5:00 pm deadline for receipt by mail of candidate filing fees & signed 2018 Registration Form to CDP

**February 23-25 (Fri-Sun)**      **State Convention:** Endorsing Caucuses, ratification of endorsements

**March 14 (Wed)**      **Political Party Endorsements:** Deadline to include party endorsements in the official sample ballot

**June 5 (Tues)**      **California Primary**

**The CDP Bylaws supersede any information provided by staff regarding the endorsement process. A current copy can be found on our website at [www.cadem.org](http://www.cadem.org)**

\*This memo may be updated based on amendments made to the bylaws regarding the CDP endorsement process or logistics planning details.